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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . .

Well, here it is 1975! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year will be a happy and productive one for all. We look forward to a banner year for Midcars. With the help of all concerned, it can be our best year ever.

The new Board of Directors had a meeting in early November, with all Board members present. They traveled an aggregate distance of more than 2200 miles, at their own expense for transportation, food and lodging and at no cost to the Service. We have a group of dedicated amateurs who are determined to do all within their power, with your help, to advance the cause of the Service in 1975. Bob Gotshall, K8IKT, who did such an outstanding job of editing the Radio Watch in 1973, has agreed to again serve as editor. For that we are very thankful.

We want each and every member to feel that he has a voice in decisions affecting the Service. To that end, you will find an insert in this issue asking for your opinion on matters discussed at the Board meeting. Please return it promptly. One important thing we can all do is to encourage the large numbers of non-members who check into Midcars to become members. We could easily triple our membership this year, which would be to the advantage of everyone. Our Service Controllers should occasionally give out the name and address of the Secretary for the benefit of those who may wish to join. Good luck to all.

73, Bill, K4DLA

SEE YOU IN DAYTON

Coming to the Dayton Hamvention this year? Requests for room reservations should be made, at the earliest possible time, to George Shearer, 521 Kenwood, Dayton, Ohio 45406. Telephone (513) 277-1325.

Don't delay in making reservations - rooms are going fast! This is an excellent time to meet the Midcars' officers and members.

IMPORTANT! After checking into Midcars in the usual manner, the following procedure should be followed: Upon completion of your transmission, if you are signing clear or even if you are QRU and intend to continue to monitor the frequency you must, according to FCC regulations, give the call sign of the Service Control station, followed by your call sign. Alternatively, it is legal to say "Midcars", (the official net designator) then your call sign.

QUIPS FROM THE MAIL BAG

WBØLAG I have enjoyed Midcars and think it is too bad we have such a vocal minority trying to disrupt the Service.

WB9DAY I heartily endorse the Service and look forward to hooking up with some old friends on the Service again soon.

W9IOS/4 Enclosed is my check for the annual dues to Midcars. It is with great pleasure that I submit this as my application for membership. Of the many Services and Nets we have been associated with, Midcars has demonstrated more purpose and meaning than all the others.

...from the shack



EDITORIAL

Midcars is the finest group of hams on the bands. And January 23rd begins our 7th year of operation. I'm happy to report the Service is alive and well.

This year the Radio Watch is starting out in a newsletter form with plans of making improvements as we go along. An attempt will be made to get an issue out to you the 5th of each month. No promises, but if the inflation-recession cycle doesn't do us in - we'll be there. Hi.

We currently have a solid group of members, and with your help, we can double or triple our membership. This will enable the officers to make improvements in the Service (and me to do likewise with the Watch).

Since the Watch reflects its members - please send me an article or two. Technical or personal. A QSL. Any gripe, compliment or comment you have about the Service. How about a picture, drawing or cartoon? Whatever it is, send it to me.

Two final thoughts. Renew your membership when it's due. In the near future (maybe the February issue) your address label will show your expiration month. And I hope to meet you at the Dayton Hamvention starting April 25th. Make reservations now. Midcars will have a hospitality suite and meeting that you won't want to miss.

73, Bob, K8IKT

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MIDCARS OPINION POLL

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The Board of Directors values your opinion on all matters pertaining to Midcars operation. At a recent meeting, attended by the full Board, a number of topics were discussed and several questions were raised. Your response to these questions will help us to formulate future policy. Any other comments or suggestions you wish to make will be welcomed and carefully considered. A separate sheet may be used for additional comments if you so desire. Please mail your reply no later than one week after you receive this to: Frank D. Adams, W8LRO, 925 Tammy Circle, Dayton, Ohio 45415. Frank will tabulate the returns and report the results to the Board.

1. Many members have requested that we resume operation on 75 meters. They apparently work during the day and 40 meters is about gone when they get home. Would you like Midcars to again begin operation on 75 meters in the evening? If the consensus is affirmative, a suitable frequency will be chosen.
2. Do you approve of a complete membership roster being made available to members? The roster would include name, call and address but not membership expiration date. The roster would be made available to members upon request at a small charge for printing and postage.
3. Would you like to have a one-hour technical session once a week on 75 if operation is resumed on that band?
4. What is your opinion of a change in the By-Laws to make a family membership available? One member of the family would pay the regular dues, but additional Midcars members in the same family would pay at a reduced rate. This change, of course, could be made only by a secret ballot vote of the membership, as is the case in all By-Laws changes.
5. A special fund to aid handicapped amateurs has been proposed. This fund would come from voluntary contributions, separate and apart from dues. Any member knowing of a specific need would contact Glen M. Cook, K9MKM, Midcars Vice-President, who would investigate and report his findings to the Board of Directors. The Board would administer the fund. We'd like your comments.

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