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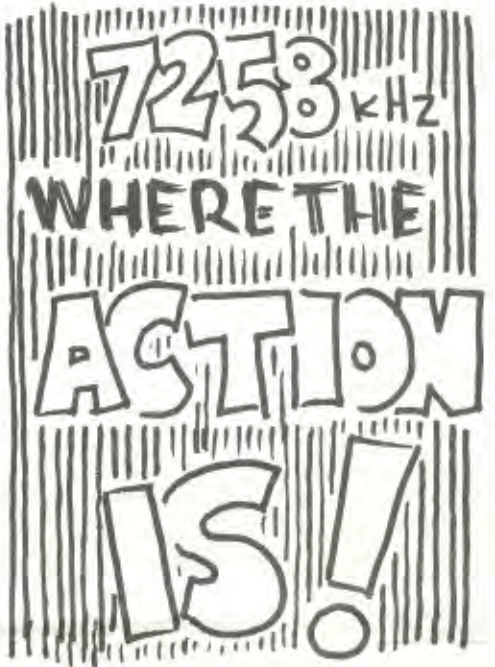
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . .

The joint ECARS-MIDCARS operation, detailed in the May Radio Watch, is having very limited success at best, due to extremely poor band conditions on 40. Service Controllers are urged to attempt joint operation with ECARS when conditions are poor, first making sure that the two Services are not also operating independently at the same time. Much confusion could result if ECARS and MIDCARS are operating separately at the same time a joint operation is being conducted on another frequency. Under semi-normal conditions the two Services should, of course, operate separately on their customary frequencies. A lot of listening, coupled with everyone's cooperation, will make the system work until the band finally returns to normal.

THE PICNIC - As announced previously, the 1975 MIDCARS picnic site will ^{be} Otter Creek Park, 25 miles south of Louisville, Ky., off US31W on Rt. 1638 near Fort Knox. It is located in a beautiful scenic area. Pine Grove Pavilion in the park has been reserved for MIDCARS for July 5 from 9 AM until dark. Pine Grove has full facilities: Picnic tables, charcoal grills, toilets, a large covered pavilion. Our area will accommodate more than 500 persons, so we won't be crowded! Numerous hiking trails and overlooks are in the park. Trailers permitted. Facilities also available for overnight parking of 40 trailers. Advance reservations advised. Fee is \$4 per night. Contact me and I'll make reservations for you. A public swimming pool is nearby, adults 75¢, children 50¢. A private pool is available for \$12 an hour, plus \$3 an hour for lifeguard. Advance reservation for the private pool and guard should be made through me at once if this facility is desired. This will be the first time ever that John, WB4VIK, will be able to attend a MIDCARS picnic. This fact weighed heavily in the site selection. Additional factors were the beautiful location (the park is administered by the City of Louisville and reminds one of a National Park) and its easy access via Interstate from all points of the compass. Directions for reaching the park from Louisville appear elsewhere in this issue, along with some motel suggestions. Y'all come and let's make this the biggest and best picnic ever!



NEW MWARS MEMBERS

WB8JGU, Bill MacCracken
Hudson, Ohio

WB9MCW, Bill Wadsworth
Barrington, Ill.

K8WLA, Henry Bobek
Rochester, Mich.

WA8VIR, Oliver Pienkowski
Cincinnati, Ohio

W9MJB, Leonard Holmes
Little Chute, Wisc.

WB8MNH, Norm Scott
Farmington Hills, Mich.

WB8PLK, Vern Leroy
Miami, Florida

WA9BIG, Roy Meilner
South Bend, Ind.

W0TSY, Allen Stephenson
Wichita, Kan.

Welcome to Midcars! You'll enjoy operating with the greatest group of hams on the band.

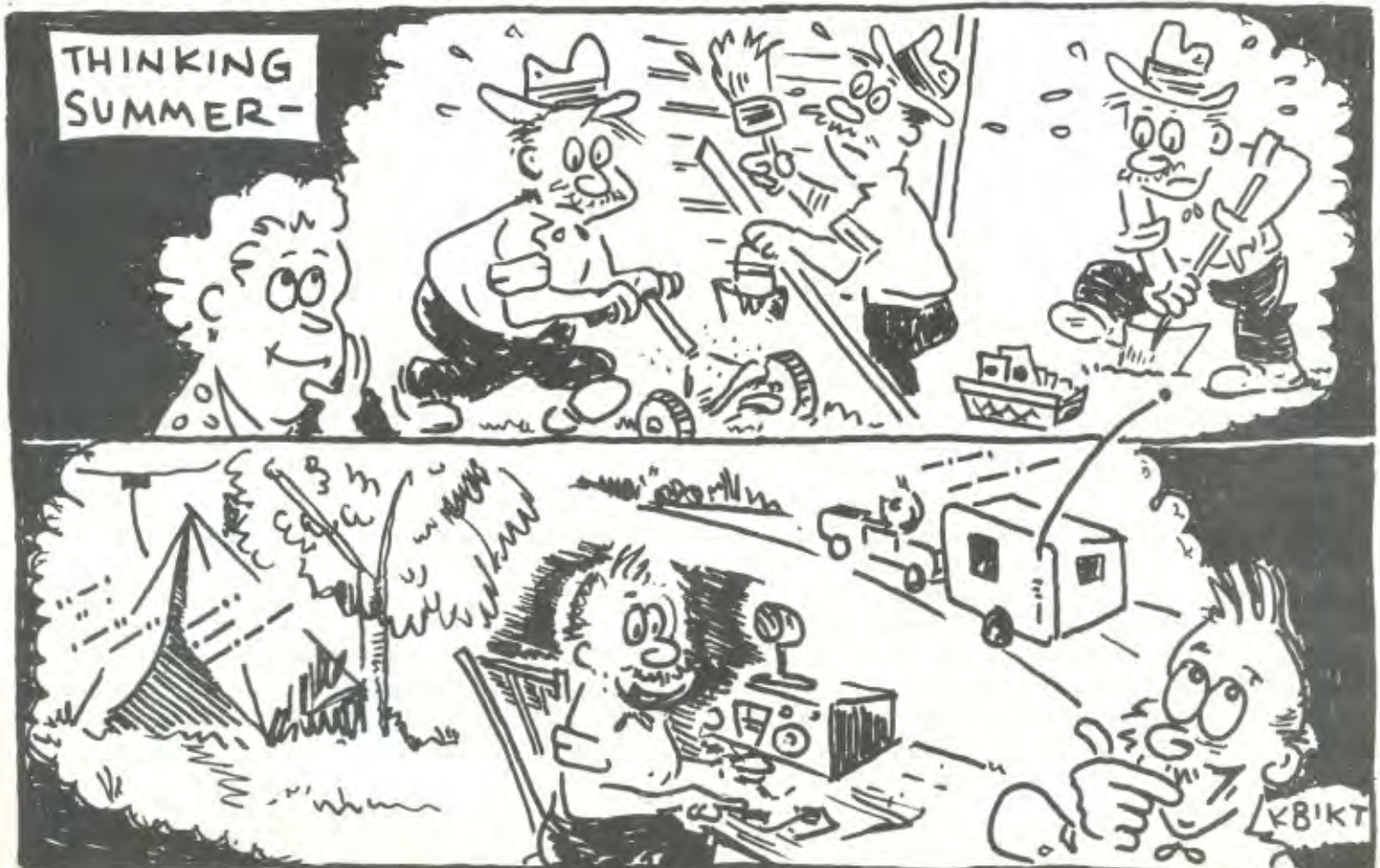
1976 NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

The nominating committee for the selection of MIDCARS officer candidates for 1976 has been appointed. They are: George Mangus, WB4UIW, Chairman - John Johnston, WB4VIK and Mike Riley, WA4BKB. Got any suggestions or want to get involved yourself - get in touch with a committee member.

FOR SALE: Honeywell Pentax Spotmatic camera, 55mm f1.8 Takumar lens, soft leather eveready case, Ghostless UV filter, lens hoods, accessory clip. Shutter speeds 1 sec. to 1/000 sec., built-in self-timer, behind-the-lens metering, full synch for strobe or bulbs. Plus 135mm Super Multicoated Takumar telephoto with integral lenshood in leather case. All in brand-new condition and fully guaranteed. Retail value \$513. First certified check or M.O. for \$250 will ship UPS prepaid, insured. W.G. Blankenship, Jr., K4DLA (address on Page 1 of Watch) Phone (502) 896-9859.

EDITORIAL

Your editor has nothing but pleasant thoughts on his mind these days. See you at Midcars' annual picnic - July 5th - 73, Bob, K8IKT

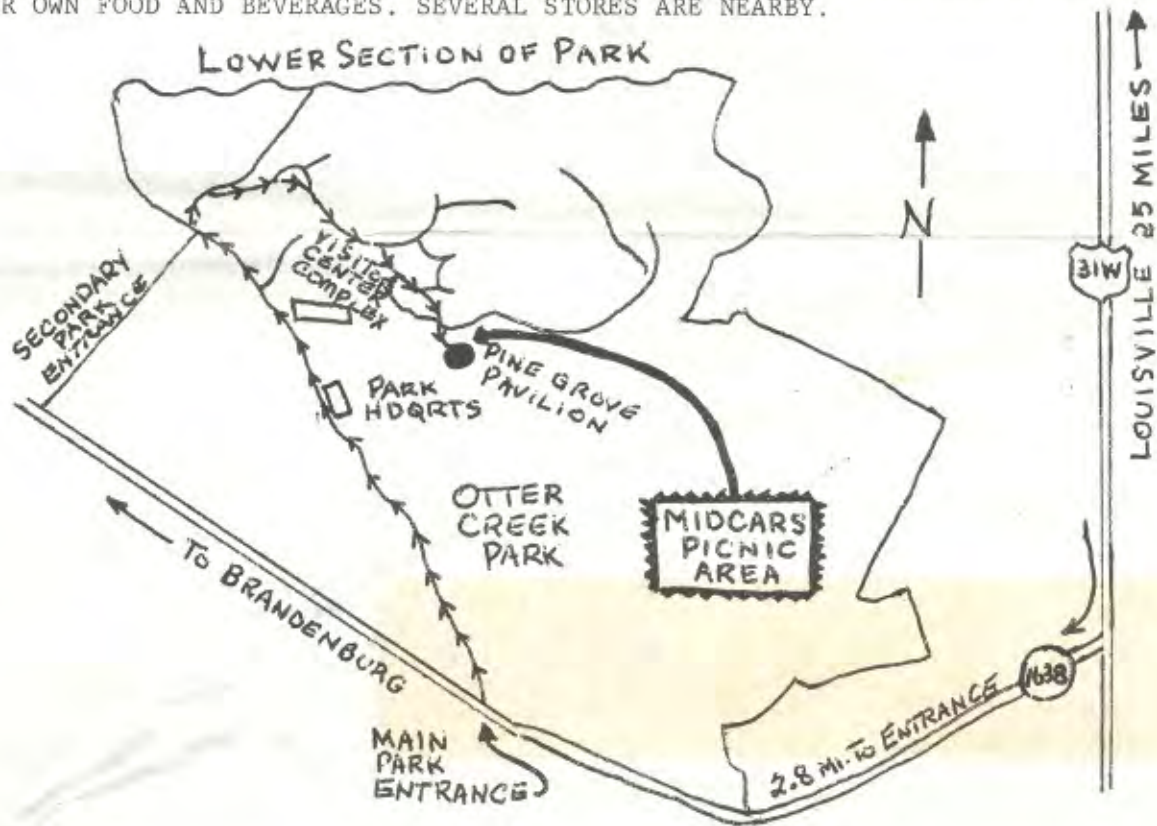


THE PICNIC

COMMON 2 METER SIMPLEX FREQUENCY IS 52-52. LOUISVILLE 2 METER REPEATERS ON 34-94 AND 28-88. THE 34-94 MACHINE COVERS THE PARK AREA AND BEYOND.

ENTERING LOUISVILLE FROM THE NORTH ON I-65, EXIT AT WATTERSON EXPRESSWAY (264) WEST. FOLLOW WATTERSON TO US31W. FOLLOW "FORT KNOX" MARKERS AT THIS INTERSECTION. TAKE 31W SOUTH TO STATE RD. 1638. TURN RIGHT ON 1638, 2.8 MI. TO PARK ENTRANCE, FROM THE EAST AND NORTHEAST ON I-71, AS YOU APPROACH LOUISVILLE, TAKE LEFT FORK WHICH IS SIGNED "WATTERSON EXPRESSWAY". FOLLOW WATTERSON TO 31W AS ABOVE. FROM THE SOUTH ON I-65, EXIT AT ELIZABETHTOWN AND FOLLOW 31W NORTH PAST US 60 TO 1638. TURN LEFT ON 1638 TO PARK. FROM THE WEST ON US60, TURN LEFT AT 31W (NORTH) THEN LEFT AT 1638 TO PARK. 31W IS WELL-SIGNED FOR THE PARK, INCLUDING A LARGE SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF 31W AND 1638.

OTTER CREEK PARK COVERS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 3,000 ACRES, BOUNDED BY THE FORT KNOX MILITARY RESERVATION. AS MENTIONED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE OF THE WATCH, IT HAS COMPLETE FACILITIES, INCLUDING SWIMMING POOLS, HIKING TRAILS, OVERLOOKS, ETC. NO CONCESSIONS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE PARK, SO IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ARRANGE FOR YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES. SEVERAL STORES ARE NEARBY.



TO PINE GROVE PAVILION: ENTER PARK AT MAIN ENTRANCE. FOLLOW ARROWED LINE. TAKE FIRST RIGHT AFTER VISITOR CENTER COMPLEX.

MOTELS: SEVERAL MOTELS ON 31W NEAR 1638 INTERSECTION. MOTEL AT IRVINGTON ON US60 PAST WB4VIK'S QTH. LARGEST MOTELS: HOLIDAY INN SOUTHWEST, JUST NORTH OF WATTERSON EXPRESSWAY ON 31W ON OUTSKIRTS OF LOUISVILLE. CHURCHILL INN, ON 31W SOUTH OF WATTERSON EXPRESSWAY INTERSECTION.



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