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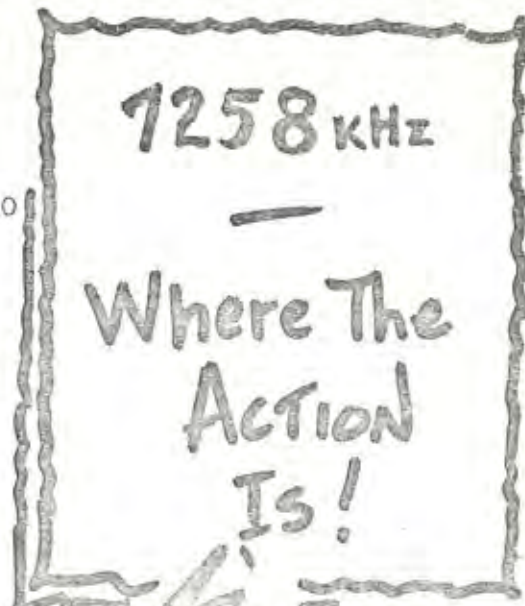
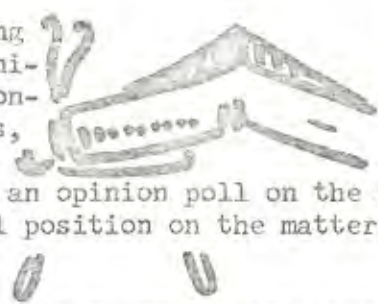
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . .

The FCC's proposed restructuring of the Amateur Radio Service is a principal topic of conversation on the air these days. Many different opinions are being expressed. A considerable amount of monitoring by this writer has led to the conclusion that there is no real consensus, because the opinions expressed are so divergent. It was earlier thought that an opinion poll on the subject, sent to all members, would allow MIDCARS to take an official position on the matter, with the required original and fourteen copies sent to the FCC.



This now seems impractical, for a number of reasons. Most importantly, the only way such a survey could be made would be to prepare a list of all the proposed changes and have the members vote yes or no on each one. The consensus thus obtained would mean little to the FCC, since a simple yes or no, without a carefully considered, responsible reason stated for the concurrence or objection to any one of the proposals, would receive scant, if any, attention by the FCC. Recent history has shown, also, that a well-prepared petition from an individual apparently carries as much weight with the FCC as those from organizations representing thousands of amateurs. It is my opinion that our best course of action is the preparation of individual petitions, with mature, logical reasons supporting our stand, sent to the FCC with the required original and fourteen copies before the filing deadline of June 16, 1975. We may thus voice a stronger opinion individually, at least in this case, than we could collectively.

Speaking of opinion polls, the results of the one sent out with the January Watch are now in and have been tabulated. The results appear elsewhere in this issue. It can be seen that a large majority of those voting favor implementation of each of the proposals. The vote was surprisingly small when compared with similar instances where the membership was asked to express opinions on matters affecting the Service. Are we becoming apathetic?



<u>QUESTIONS</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>NO OPINION</u>
Should Midcars resume operation on 75M?	40	4	3
Should a printed membership roster be made available to members?	38	5	4
Should Midcars have an hour technical session each week on 75M?	37	7	3
Should By-Laws be amended to include a family membership?	30	4	13
Should a special fund be established to aid handicapped members?	39	3	5

Tabulated by Frank D. Adams, W8LRO

EDITORIAL

These are the times that try men's souls, as the saying goes. It's not enough we are all personally being racked by the inflation, the recession and the energy crisis, but now 58 has got to contend with the misfits on the ham bands.

But, on occasion, haven't we always had to put up with the emotionally disturbed hams? Ones who abhor organization and anything that smacks of a service to its fellow hams. Every net and Service in the history of amateur radio has been a target of these individuals. Singularly, they are not welcomed any place, but do occasionally band together (two or more of them) and move in and attempt to destroy anything worthwhile. They are never successful! Annoying? Yes! Infuriating? Yes! But successful, no!

I just swung up and down the 40M band. Stopped and read the mail on a QSO or two and was pleased to hear a normal QSO going on. When I stop on 58 and hear the "trash", as they say, going on, I have a tendency to lose faith in our fraternity.

Last month I attempted to analyze the interference problem - at least to my satisfaction. I hoped it would go away, and it will. But, it still persists. Now what! Let me again say, it will pass. That I guarantee! However, no way are you or I going to speed them on their way. But they will lose interest, decide to harass someone else - or maybe, just maybe the FCC will grind the mill and handle this deliberate interference. Now is the time for Midcars members to support the organization. Stick in there!

Wayne Green, editor of 73, has had his editorial ups and downs over the years. I get tired of his tirades toward the IRS and ARRL. Occasionally, OK, but editorial after editorial on the same two subjects?

Mr. Green's specialty has been to side in with the X-percent of any group that's anti the main stream. Oh well, we've all got to make a living. However, maybe we're all mellowing. Two things Mr. Green has done lately bear commendation. His Hotline publication, published every other Friday gives amateurs up-to-the minute information. And smartly, he exchanges his Hotline publication with ham club paper editors around the country. Gives him additional exposure, and helps the ham publication editors. Thanks!

Also I recommend your reading his editorial in the March issue of 73. Not once did he mention ARRL and at the same time he wrote a meaty, interesting editorial. I recommend he do more of this positive, upbeat type writing as it will help amateur radio in general, and 73 in particular.

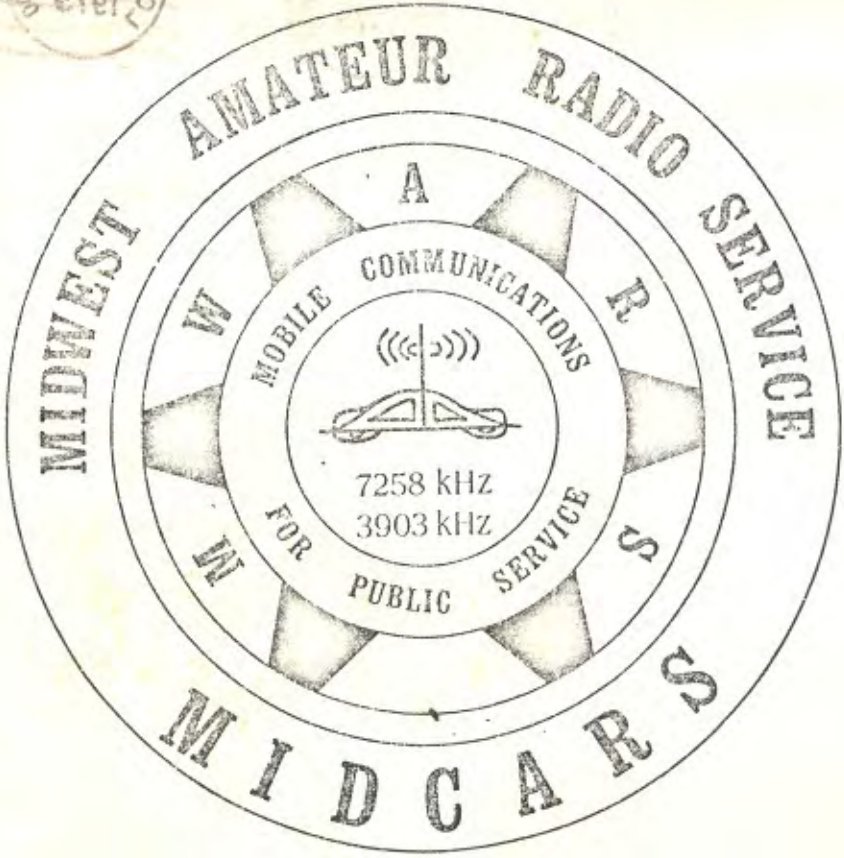
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