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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . .

The Dayton Hamvention, from personal observation and from comments I have heard on the air, was a huge success in all respects. Unofficial attendance figure was in excess of 10,000. DARA had its usual efficient organization in high gear. The Midcars Meeting at 2 P.M. Saturday opened to a standing-room-only crowd which overflowed the large room. Prose Walker of the FCC had informed me earlier by phone from Washington and again just before the meeting that he did not have a prepared address but would make a few remarks and then take questions from the audience. Instead, he spoke extemporaneously for about 40 minutes, covering many aspects of amateur radio and dealing at length with interference problems to nets and the upcoming international radio frequency allocations. His talk was most informative and we all left with a better understanding of FCC's official position in many matters. He covered publicly several facets of interference problems which he had previously communicated to me privately but which I was not at liberty to divulge, thereby answering a number of questions as to what happened to the petition sent to him by Midcars. Had we known his talk would take the form it did we would have taped it and printed it in a future issue of the Watch. Frank, W8LRO, gave a most interesting talk and demonstration of laser communication.

The Midcars hospitality room at Imperial House North was, to use the vernacular, something else. It was opened Friday afternoon and we finally closed it at 4:45 A.M. Saturday. Yours truly got 3 hours sleep Saturday A.M. We opened again after the Midcars meeting and closed again at 1:30 A.M. Sunday. Large numbers of hams stopped by to chat and partake of refreshments. It was super.

Bob, K9APH, made a special turn-around trip from Indianapolis to deliver a large quantity of soft drinks which he donated to the hospitality room. Our sincere thanks to Bob. Time and space do not permit mention of everyone who assisted but we are grateful to all. Special thanks to Frank, W8LRO, Lyle, W9JEB and Derl, WA9TWZ, who bore the brunt of the work.

Kirby, WA9CMY, did his usual good job. Vic, WA2K00/8 and Jeff, W8HST, faithfully helped in the hospitality room throughout the long sessions.

If a personal note can be pardoned, my thanks to my wife, Lucy, who purchased or prepared all the edibles and acted as hostess for many hours. It was a hectic week-end but those who didn't attend missed a mighty good time.

73, Bill, K4DLA

1975 MWARS PICNIC

Circle your calendar. July 5th is the big day. Midcars annual picnic will be held at Otter Creek Park, located 20 miles southwest of Louisville, Ky. It's only a hoot-n-holler from Colonel John's, WB4VIK QTH - so hope to see you all there. Full details on time, exact location, etc., will appear in the June issue.

JOINT OPERATIONS OF MIDCARS WITH EASTCARS

Until further notice, when long skip conditions are hampering operations of the Service, Service Control stations are encouraged to contact the Eastcars Controller and to operate a joint Service. The Eastcars Controller may be contacting us with the same request. Any clear frequency between 7252 and 7260 may be used. The Midcars and Eastcars Service Control stations should take turns monitoring, and indicate that you will take check-ins for Midcars and Eastcars. Members and friends of both Services are encouraged to be patient and to check-in with the Service Controller you hear best. We **are not** combining Eastcars and Midcars, but are operating jointly to further the Service during the low point of the sun spot cycle. During times when skip conditions are favorable, Service Controllers should split the Service and operate independently.

SILENT KEYS

With deep regret we report the recent passing of two regular participants in the Service: WA9PSA, Don Morris of Thomson, Ill., and WA80GJ, Herb of Grand Blanc, Mich. They will be missed by all. Our condolences to their families.

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE

Past-due notices and SAEs were sent with the April Radio Watch to a number of members. Inevitably, a few members who had already paid their dues received these notices, due to the time lag between receipt of dues and up-date of the information on the IBM punch cards for the current address label print-out. Our apology to those who, through error, received notices. We're sure you will understand. Regrettably, the over-all response to the reminders was not up to expectations. Prompt payment of dues will, of course, eliminate the need for past-due reminders. As soon as possible, the Secretary will begin enclosing a notice in the Watch one month in advance of membership expiration date to help us remember when our dues should be sent.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check for \$5. Despite all the harrassment from those who would like to destroy our Service, \$5 is still a bargain for the service rendered.

73 and CUL Gordon, WBØDKK

BAND CONDITIONS #? '-!#, BUT WILL IMPROVE

On-the-air participation in Midcars has dropped sharply, due to 40 meter band conditions, which have been terrible for many weeks, as we all know. Hopefully, with the coming of Spring, things will improve and we can once again hear each other. Let's all stick in there and keep trying. Everyone's support of the Service, financial and on-the-air participation, in times like these is vital to our continued operation.

MULTIPLE RELAYS HANDLE HIGHWAY EMERGENCY

Under poor band conditions, at approximately 1940 GMT on April 18, K3FEC in Kensington, Md., assisting K4DLA as Service Control on Midcars, picked up an emergency call from WØRUK/mobile in Wisconsin. An American Sightseeing Co. bus out of Chicago, with 50 persons aboard, was broken down on Hwy. 12 near the Illinois state line. K4DLA copied the information and asked W4WHP in Memphis to put out a call for Chicago. He was answered by W9KGJ in Elgin, Ill. W9KGJ got the information through relay and phoned long distance to the headquarters of the sightseeing company in Chicago so that a substitute bus could be sent to the scene.

WIN A BIG PRIZE

Call Letter Puzzle • Fill In The Blanks

WB4--K	Rank Above Private	<u>1st Prize</u>
W9-W-	From Lincoln Country	Hy-Gain Phone Patch
W-J-L	Early Riser	
K-D--	Do-Re-Mi-Fa-So	<u>2nd Prize</u>
W9--U	Soft Hoosier Voice	1975 Cadillac
WB8-F-	Michigander	
WØ--J	Man Of The Road	<u>3rd Prize</u>
W9I--	Katy	50% Interest In
W8L--	Miami	Standard Oil Co.
WA-CM-	Rare QSL	

Opinion of the Judges Will Be Final.

Tnx to Ken, WA8VCH for the Call Letter Puzzle and the great list of prizes. Ken, if you need any help in judging, give ye ol' Editor a call. Ken also suggests-for a musical CW, try "Delaware" or "Caracas", and would like to know if anyone's got a better one. Contact Ken at 131 Williams Dr., Battle Creek, Mich. 49015

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EDITORIAL

I had just written a long (interesting?) editorial, but Marcia, the gal who does all the work around here, tells me I have no space left. So here's the condensed version. Ham-vention - great. Make your plans for Annual Picnic. Joint operation with Eastcars smart idea. I need articles for future issues. Keep your dues up. T-T-That's All Folks!

73, Bob, K8IKT

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