

Dear Editor: Reading the August/September WATCH prompted me to write a short note. I recently sold the amateur gear in my auto to buy a National NCX-3 and related accessories including a 40 meter resonator which is cut to 7258 kilocycles to go in it's place. The gear sold was my two meter FM equipment.

Contrary to your editorial, I feel you can beat two meter FM for local mobile operation. Had I wanted two meter FM in the car I would have left my gear in. But I wanted ham radio, again.

I, for one, have rediscovered that the ionosphere is a terrific repeater.

73, Vern, WA9VLK/WA4BBO

EDITORIAL: What with my job keeping me away from the home QTH and the usual summer activities keeping me outdoors when I am home (plus lousy band conditions), ye 'ol editor just hasn't checked into '58' lately. I suspect when the band does open and the winter's woodbin is filled, I'll get the bucket of bolts fired up again. In the meantime my only contact with the members has been with the occasional mail received and editing the Watch once a month. As usual, I can't emphasize often enough that the Watch is your publication and I want to hear from you. What are you doing? Got a complaint? Want to sound off about something? Just jot it down and send it to me.

In case you haven't heard, there's a special box number at Gettysburg to permit amateur applications to be sped up. Addressing Box 1020, Gettysburg, Pa., will bypass the zillions of CB applications which are clogging the works. Speaking of CB - two national publications, Wall Street Journal and U.S. News, recently gave them a lot of ink. Both articles were well thought out and presented both sides of the CB problem. With the boredom found on 2M you might find some of the hams giving CB a try.

Wayne Green, editor of 73, pointed out in his October editorial many of the problems with 2M operation. Occasionally Wayne does write something worth reading. I wish he would more often.

73, Bob, K8IKT

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

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HEARD ON THE PARTY LINE By Charley Vorderberg, WØCCT - From ARNS

We tried carrying on an important QSO the other day and the YF brought our lunch to us so we did not have to QRT. We found that it is bad enough to talk with our mouthful but worse yet with our head empty.

Some OM's are like steamboats - they toot louder when they are in a fog.

Radio Amateurs, remember that a hobby is hard work you wouldn't dream of doing for a living.

We heard a net the other day that should have been called the sour grape vine.

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