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Come to the meeting and vote!!!

February 1984

Meeting Notice

by Art Kunst, W3WM

Program for QCARC Meeting

February 17, 1984

The February meeting of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club will be held on Friday, February 17, 1984 at the Unilec Building, near the DuBois Sheraton Inn, Route 255 and I-80, north of DuBois. On the agenda:

1984 ELECTIONS

MARS - Military Amateur Radio System

is the program for this month's meeting. Guest speakers will be Luther Bissey, WA3IFC/AFA1DC; Paul Cowen, K3VQI/AAR3JC; and Joyce Dover from Mountoursville. They will talk about the MARS system for the Air Force, Army, and Navy, respectively. We will have a film, and some brochures for you.

Most of us know a little bit about the MARS system, and the name is also very descriptive. Several of our members have indicated an interest in the MARS system because they are traffic handlers, or as a source of free equipment. I believe we have one or two hams in the area served by the club who are members of the MARS system. This program will give all of us a good opportunity to become better acquainted with the Military Amateur Radio System. Perhaps, the program will motivate you to affiliate and gain your special military call sign.

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Newcomers' Night at QCARC Meeting

by Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK

In addition to the Military Affiliate Radio System program, we have invited local hams who do not belong to our club to attend our meeting and see what they have been missing. Let's plan on being there and giving these hams a warm welcome!!!

Minutes for January 1984

by Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

The regular meeting of the QCARC was called to order January 20, 1984 by past President WA3IHK, in the absence of all other officers except the secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following additions: W3WM added to the roll, and a poll was taken which showed the majority in attendance were there for the program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Newsletter was doing well, six newsletters have been out before the meeting date. All those contributing articles for the newsletter are asked to comply with the following deadlines for submitting them to the editor. Handwritten articles (ones that have to be typed or retyped), the first Friday of the month. Typed, ready for copying or articles on a preformatted disk the second Friday of the month. This schedule will greatly facilitate publication of the newsletter from beginning to end.

Suggestion that the goals arrived at by the steering committee, be published in the newsletter.

Code Classes will be over soon.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS Question was raised about a book memorial, for K3BFO, to be placed in the appropriate library. A hardbound title will be chosen by the Club officers and placed in the appropriate library.

Nominations for the club remained open, further nominations; Exec Committee: W3WM, N3DEO, WA3IHK. WA3UFN and K3PS were recinded due to their tentative positions. KA3DWR declined all offices he was nominated for. Motion by WB3IQE seconded by WA3GQU that due to the low attendance, elections be postponed until the February meeting, carried.

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COMMENTS The newsletter was outstanding and those who helped are to be commended. Punxy's Special Event Groundhog Day station will operate Jan. 29 on 20 & 40 Meters.

Motion to adjourn by WB3IQE

Due to a technical problem (unable to obtain a VCR) the OSCAR presentation was not shown -- a brief summary was given by W3WM.

ATTENDANCE WA3UFN, WA3IHK, W3WM, WA3GNS, WA3GQU, WB3IQE, WA3JOI and several "hams-to-be"

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LOCALS IN PA QSO PARTY

by K3PS

The 1983 Pennsylvania QSO Party is now history. It's a fairly old QSO party as QSO parties go. I remember working it in the mid-1960's. It was fun even though most people know I don't like contests. I'd recommend it to anyone to try at least once. You might get hooked.

The Quad-County area was represented although some of our counties had no locals on. Cameron County was logged in by WB3IQJ mobile (he lives in Juniata County). Many of you have heard Don on the 39 repeater when he was working in our area a year or two ago.

Clearfield County mustered one local, W3GNR and the prolific mobile, WB3IQJ once again.

Elk County had 3 single operator stations and 1 multi-operator entry. I don't recognize any of the calls as locals, however. They were KB3A/3, WA3QNT mobile, WB3IQJ mobile, and multi-op N3CHL (with KC3AF, WB3FYL, KA3BMO, N3CIX, WB3FPA).

Jefferson County was also represented by 4 stations: W3FJY, K3WGA, K3TJM/3, and WA3QNT mobile. The first two are locals but I don't recognize the last two calls.

That totals to 3 local stations in the four county area. All three locals had quite respectable scores, too. Next year give some thought to participating in the Pa. QSO Party. It's fun (at least it was for me a long time ago) and it's a good way to show pride in your state and local area. (The calls were reported in the February issue of the NARC Newsette)

How to Decode Your Newsletter Mailing Label or What're These Funny Numbers Doing on My Newsletter???

Deja-Vu

by K3PS

Again in this month's issue, the newsletter mailing label will show you your membership status and the last year you paid club dues. Look in the upper right hand corner above your call and you will see something like F-1983 or A-1984. The letter is your membership status in the club:

F=Full voting member -- you must be a licensed ham and live in Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, or Jefferson County -- annual dues are \$6.00.

A=Associate member -- you must be unlicensed OR live outside the above four counties -- annual dues are \$3.00.

C=Complimentary copy of newsletter -- you are the newsletter editor for another club, etc. -- no annual charge for clubs that exchange newsletters with QCARC.

The number is the last year you paid club dues:

1984=this year

1983=last year

1982=dues last paid in 1982 or longer ago.

Many of you have already sent in your 1984 dues in response to last month's renewal notice. Many of you haven't yet. The club mailing list for the newsletter must be brought up to date soon. Names will begin to be dropped from the list in March before the club roster is published. Pay your dues now for 1984 and be included in the club roster.

Please remember that the dues I am talking about above are for the club ONLY! Repeater dues are separate and are \$10.00 per year. No reminders will be sent for repeater dues. In the very, very near future, there will be some expansion of the repeater's capabilities (This is no baloney. I have the equipment at my house.) that will be available only to paid up members. Pay your repeater dues now so you don't get caught short.

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HELLO?? IS ANYBODY OUT THERE??

by Paul Silinsky, K3PS

Do you like the Sunday night net on the repeater? Does it make you feel good inside and out? Well, whatever it does for you, I'll bet you wouldn't like to see it go away. The net needs net control stations. It always has. For its entire life, there have only been a handful of different net control stations. To those of you who have taken over the net from time to time, many thanks. To those of you who have never run the net, "Hello?? Is anybody out there??"

Take the load off a few people. Volunteer (remember that word?) to run the net one Sunday every other month! It really won't hurt. The net procedure was published in the newsletter late last year. Ad lib the net, but take your turn at running it!!

WA3UFN is standing by with pencil in hand to write down the deluge of calls of volunteers. Volunteer now before there isn't any room left for you on the schedule. Wouldn't that be a pip?

The net is NOT the DuBois net, nor the Punxsutawney net, nor any other than the Quad County net intended to cover the entire four county area. It's yours--no one else's.

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BANQUET!!!

by Paul Silinsky, K3PS

Mark a circle around April 14, 1984 for the best ever QCARC Banquet. This year we will have a REAL guest speaker and a great door-prize. We expect the banquet to be buffet-style with all the great goodies the Lithuanian Club puts out for a buffet. The price will be comparable to last year.

Don't miss it!! This is ample warning that that much fun may be hazardous to your disposition. Plan now to come to the most splendiferous QCARC Banquet ever to be held. It's April 14, 1984 at the Lithuanian Club, DuBois.

W5LFL QSL'S

by WA3UFN

If you heard W5LFL or had a "two-way" contact, you can obtain a QSL card from the ARRL. The League is serving as the QSL manager for the historic event. To get your QSL send an s.a.s.e. and your QSL card filled out in the normal fashion. On the envelope to the ARRL, indicate whether your QSL is for: a one-way reception report, or a two-way QSO. According to the publication I recieved from the ARRL, all QSL's will be answered.

ARRL address:

American Radio Relay League

225 Main St.

Newington, CT 06111

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Just how current is the information in the Parasitic Emission? Well, do you remember the article in the Jan. issue, by WA3UFN, about the no code ham license being dropped? If so and you also read the Feb. issue of QST you will notice that on pages 9 and 57 are articles on the same subject. How's that for scooping a news story of importance? Just remember you saw it first in the Parasitic Emission!

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FOR SALE: Sloped top 19" equipment console with desk front. Commercially made. Two tone grey. Main pedestal about 24" square. \$75.00 Call John at 371-8386

Steering Committee Report
by WA3IHK

The meeting of the steering committee was held Sunday, December 4, 1983 at the residence of George McKnight, WA3GNS. In attendance were: Art Kunst, W3WM; Joe Shupienis, WA3IHK; George McKnight, WA3GNS; and Ev Boden, N3DEO.

An agenda was handed out by WA3IHK. The members present discussed the items on the agenda, and made recommendations to the club.

In regards to membership decline, the club is directed to create the position of membership chairman, to be responsible for recruiting and retention of regional amateurs. The club must take steps to ensure the quality and quantity of the newsletter, programs, and meetings.

After discussion, it was decided that the QCARC constitution should be amended to remove all references to chapter organizations. It was felt that the complicated passages of the constitution regarding chapter affiliation were no longer necessary.

Support was given to the current emphasis on programs for club meetings. Many favorable remarks were made, and the committee encourages the club to keep going in this direction.

The choice of meeting night and location were discussed. It is important for the club to have a regularly scheduled meeting time and place.

An analysis of the club's direction in the recent past was made. The entire group strongly felt that many of the club's problems have been caused by the lack of a "focal point" for the membership. The importance of the newsletter in giving timely meeting notices was recognized. The club should devote time to finding projects that will give the members reason to participate.

The need for strong leadership appears to be our most important concern at this time. The need for polling the membership to find their wants and needs has been made obvious.

The following QCARC members were suggested by the committee for nomination to the following offices:

President: Pete Carr, WB3BQO; Dick Hockman, K3LIX

Vice President: John Aloï, WB3HPE; Jim Domitrovich, K3WVR; Doug Rowles, KA3DWR

Secretary: Bryan Simanic, WA3UFN

Treasurer: Paul Silinsky, K3PS

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