

1982 DUES (Cont.)

Last year saw an unprecedented growth in Club membership which we hope will continue in 1982. And to start off, we hope we will have an equally unprecedented renewal of memberships. As of this writing about 35% of those on the 1981 Roster have paid their 1982 dues, which is a good start.

If you can't come to either of the January or February membership meetings, please send your check for the 1982 dues of \$5.00 to Club Treasurer Harold Parker KC5HZ, 1915 Spillers, Houston TX 77043.

The 1982 Roster will be dated as of March 1, 1982.

NEW B-VARC NETS

For the benefit of those Club members who don't have 2-meter capability, a phone net meets on Wednesdays at 8 PM on 28.735 MHz. It and the 2-meter net on Mondays will complement each other with respect to Club news, but the 10-meter meeting will also include a roundtable segment for whatever of interest might develop.

The two CW nets will meet simultaneously, the slow speed one ranging from 7½ wpm to 10 wpm, and the fast group going at 15 - 18 wpm. Participation in each is open to all amateurs and should result in good practice on CW.

Ed note -- Wade Eilers WN5TEN suggests the following will be of historical interest to Club members -----

T H E T E L E G R A P H

Joe Rice W4RHZ

Since the dawn of civilization it was learned that there was a need for communications. In early times the movement of a hand or an arm could tell someone to approach or to go to the right or the left.

These, of course, were limited to line of sight. Then the secret of fire was discovered and thus a whole realm of light-signalling was born.

In 429 B.C. the Greeks had developed a crude system of communication by arranging these signal fires over long distances. They also found out their brightly-polished shields blazed with a glare which could be seen for miles.

There were countless other forms -- the huge mirror heliograph on the Island of Capri by which the Emperor Tiberius governed Rome in the last years of his life; the unique voice-telegraph of Julius Caesar where an endless

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relay of sentinels shouted messages to each other, extending for miles.

Think of our own United States, with the elaborate smoke signal code of the Indian, the smoke caught into a blanket and sent into the air in puffs; their tom-toms; and the unique method by which the news of the opening of the Erie Canal was sent from Buffalo to New York City in eighty minutes by a line of booming cannon located within hearing distance of each other.

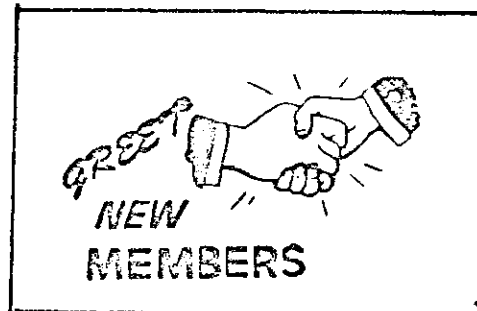
The next step in signalling remained for a painter of landscapes and portraits, Samuel Finley Breeze Morse, to develop.

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Ed note -- The next installment of this interesting article, entitled "The Electro-Magnetic Telegraph", will appear in the February issue of the BULLETIN, with the final installment "Wireless" to be run in the March issue which will go into the mail about March 4

Y'all welcome Bert Childs WB5VUJ who joined us at the December membership meeting. You can identify him by his name badge which has a red and blue border. Introduce yourself and help make him happy to be with us. For your Roster:

W. L. Childs WB5VUJ
7107 Hendon
Houston TX 77074



Also, here are some Roster changes:

1. On page 2, N5CIQ - show the first name to be D. J.
2. On page 6 - Paul Burger has a new call: N5DXT.
3. On page 6 - William Franz has a new call: N5DXR.

LET'S NOT FORGET -----

that the Club gets \$2.00 if you renew your ARRL membership or join the League through the Club. Call Club Treasurer Harold Parker KC5HZ at 464-9044 for details.

2-METER NET CONTROL OPERATOR SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY FEBRUARY

1/4 WD5CTQ	1/18 N5DWP	2/1 WD5DRB	2/15 WA5OEN
1/11 WA5OEN	1/25 W5UBD	2/8 WD5CTQ	2/22 N5DWP

MORE VARIATIONS ON MURPHY'S LAW

From HARC-NEWS, December, 1981 Issue

If several things can go wrong, the one thing that will
is the one that will cause the most damage!!

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Left to themselves, things always go from bad to worse.

AN UNEXPECTED BIT OF CHRISTMAS

One of the first things Ye Olde Editor does every morning is to flip on the scanner to hear what KGG-68 NOAA Weather Service has to say about what's to come for the next five days in these parts in the way of weather.

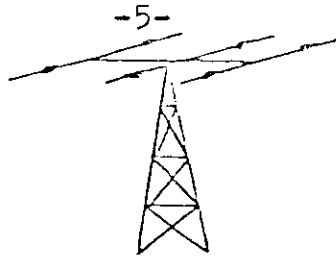
On Christmas Eve at about 7 A. M. he was listening to the customary sequence of words making up the forecast. Then there was a momentary pause. To his utter surprise and delight, from the scanner floated the sound of a guitarist playing "Silent Night". It wasn't exactly Chet Atkins or Roy Clark playing, but whoever it was did a great job!

It was beautiful, and it caused a warm feeling of peace and tranquility to steal over the room and through Ye Olde Editor's soul.

Thanks, NOAA Weather Service in Houston, Texas, for making our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day much better than it otherwise would have been.

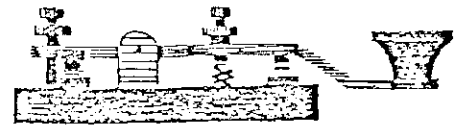
AT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Program Committee Chairman Ron Bolyard KA5GYG reports that one of our own, Jim Aman KB5TC, will be the speaker at the meeting. He will cover the subject of traffic handling on amateur radio and will include instructions on the recommended way to compose messages, the listing thereof on traffic nets, and



AMATEUR RADIO NOVICE CLASS

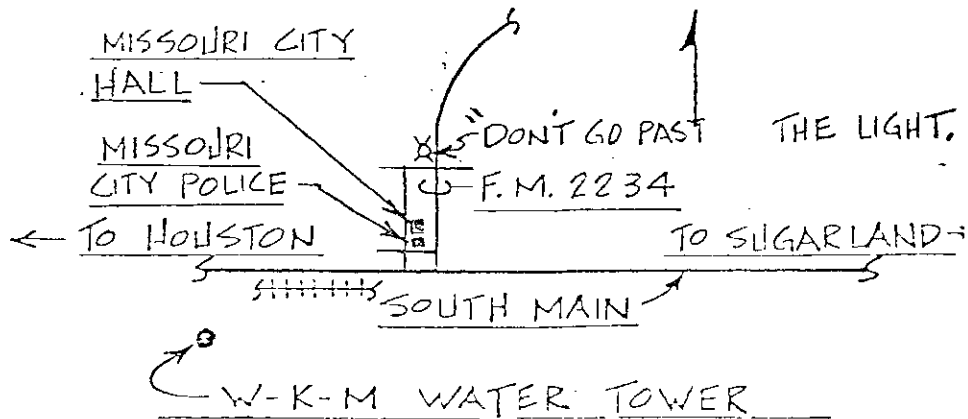
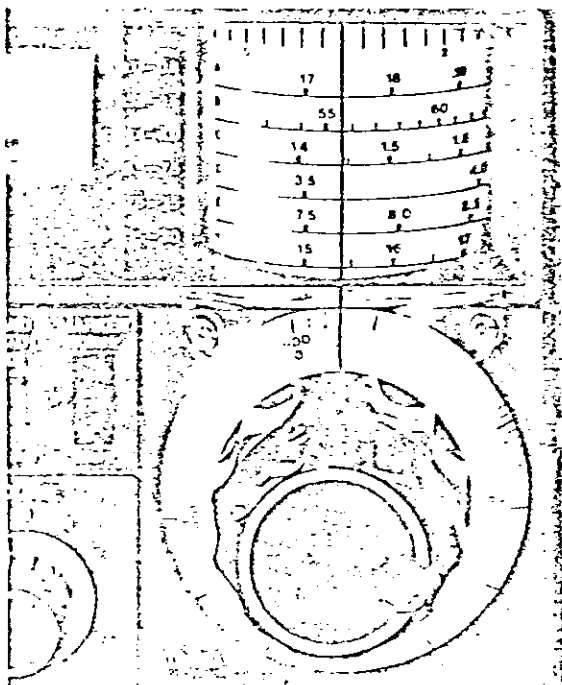
"WANT TO GET A HAM RADIO"
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THE BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WILL BE STARTING A NOVICE CLASS BEGINNING FRIDAY JAN. 8, 1982 7:30PM @ MISSOURI CITY HALL.

THE CLASS WILL LAST ABOUT 6 TO 8 WEEKS FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS EACH FRIDAY NIGHT. THE CLASS WILL CONSIST OF LEARNING THE INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE @ 5 W.P.M.; F.C.C. REGULATIONS; BASIC ELECTRICITY AND BASIC RADIO ELECTRONICS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
WADE @ 499 4230
SYD @ 499 4385
SOUTH!



At the January Membership Meeting (Cont.)

other facets of the subject.

This will be a good opportunity to get introduced to this area of ham radio activity, if you haven't done any of this yet. If you're an old hand at it, you can get a little refresher course on the subject from a recognized expert who is heavily involved in traffic handling.

Come on out -- you might find this is the area of ham activity you've sub-consciously been looking for!

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SUPPLEMENT to DECEMBER BULLETIN

At the December 28 meeting of the Club's 2-meter net, Ron Bol-
yard KA5GYG reported that the advance return of the Supplement to
the December BULLETIN was indicating some significant trends but that not
enough returns had been made at that time to draw any definite conclusions.

He urged members to take the few minutes required to peruse the list of
items and return their copies to him,

If you have not already done so by the time you are reading this, it
is hoped you will participate in this study which is designed to identify
those areas of Club activity which are important or of interest to you, as well
as to other Club members.

If you need another copy of the December Supplement issue of the BULLETIN,
please call Ye Olde Editor at 777-3345 and one will be sent to you instanter!

... TRAFFIC JAM NET ...

The Traffic Jam Net (TJN) is a 2-meter traffic net that was instituted some
months ago to meet at 6:30 PM. local time Mondays through Fridays on the 60/00
machine to handle traffic into and out of the Houston area for the National
Traffic System and other traffic nets, as a service to those stations which,
for any one of several reasons, cannot work the HF nets.

At times, a fair amount of traffic has been handled, but activity has been
dropping, both in checkins and available net control operators. One reason
for this, we are informed, has been a lack of management interest and organi-
zational activity.

These sources state that it is still believed a real need for this traffic
handling availability still exists in the Houston metropolital area.

A meeting, to discuss the subject has been called for 7:30 PM on Monday,
January 11 at the DPS headquarters, which is located just off the Highway 290
exit at the north end of the West Loop. All interested hams are urged to attend.

Talk-in will be on 147.60/00 and, when approaching DPS Hqtrs., on 146.52/52.

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(The BULLETIN will run your advert for any ham-related item to buy, sell, or swap. Send your copy to Ye Olde Editor.)

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