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The President's Column

Well, we're heading into the cooler and colder winter months, so I hope you have finished all your antenna projects. At least you'd better have them well under way. That way you can have fun all winter plying the bands for DX. It's not much fun doing the antenna work at 15 or 20 degrees and in the snow.

I broke down and gave all those competing in CQWW the opportunity of a lifetime. I carefully read the directions for my rig and attached one of those strange devices that you talk at. I think they call them microphones. While I did OK with the new device, it has its drawbacks. Unlike my normal CW mode, I found it difficult to eat, drink or talk to someone else while making a contact. But I did make a few contacts and those stations are somewhat better off for it, HI HI. Now I'm looking forward to the CW version of the CQWW that is coming up soon.

Myself I'm deeper into traffic handling than ever before, having starting training for Navy MARS. It looks like it will be a lot of fun, and I've already met a few of the MARS operators. I had gotten interested because I had been delivering messages to local families from relatives in the Armed Services from around the globe. Many of those messages had come out of the MARS networks.

And as if I didn't have enough to do, I've gotten interested in getting on the air in the digital HF modes. I won't tell you whose fault it is, but he knows. Now I'm trying to get up on RTTY, Packet, and AMTOR. That ought to keep me busy through this winter.

Well that's all for now. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Also don't forget that Homebrew night is in December.

Stan KD1LE

The Treasurer's Report

Even without having a table at the latest DEERCHESTER flea market, the Club's treasury is in pretty fair shape. We currently have:

\$740.35	Cash in the bank
90.57	Cash on hand
28.00	Under 19 Fund

Will someone tell me what the Under 19 Fund is all about? My mind conjures up all sorts of possibilities. Let's hear from you.

All of the current outstanding bills are paid. If you have an approved bill which has not been paid please bring it to my attention. There are only a very few members who have not paid their dues. If you are not sure about yours check with me at the next meeting.

73's, Ben, KB1FJ

A Letter From the Editor

This month, being the start of the Contest season, makes me consider adding a Contest Column to the Signal. Many of us are not "Serious Contesters" but enjoy working the contests. I often work the contests not for the competition but for the rare contacts that only seem to be around during the major events. If you could write a short piece during the Season that would be of value to those of us who dabble and of interest to those who compete, please give me a call. It would be a great addition to the already fine Newsletter YOU write.

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This Months Speaker

Remember back to the member survey? The top two topics you all expressed were of most interest were..... You guessed it... Antennas and Packet.

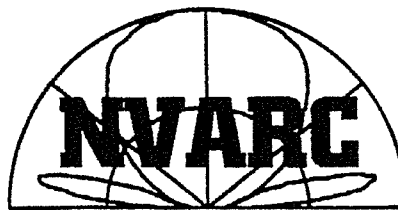
Those members who were able to attend the October meeting of NVARC, heard Ed Hammond WN1I, from CUSHCRAFT Signals Corporation, talk about antenna designs, what was critical and what to keep in mind when buying or building antennas and arrays. It was very informative and a lot of fun. Thanks again to CUSHCRAFT and Ed.

Get ready now, make plans to get to the meeting this month. Another great program. If you've been curious about Packet, like me, or knee deep in it like some others, you may have noticed a term that is used to talk about the newest wave in packet communication...TCPIP. At this month's meeting you'll get an eye view of TCPIP in action, on the air. And a presentation of what's, why's and wherefore's from introduction to questions and answers about practical applications from Ralph, N1OJW. The plan is to have a TCPIP station on the air with a projected screen to show what it is all about and how it works. It's a super time to get a little more knowledge about this fascinating part of the new wave in communication.

How about a quick pre-view about the December Meeting?...Sure... The December meeting will be a Grand Event. You won't want to miss it. There will not be a main Speaker designated, although, you can never tell. The main event will be Home-Brew Night. Now this means, bring in a project that you have built from kit or scratch. The main idea is that it is a piece of ham gear. It may be a telegraph key, or a linear amplifier, or just about anything in between. Bring it to show. Also, bring a home-brew dessert, cookies, cider, cocoa, whatever. This December meeting will also feature an expanded Classic Junk drawing with more tickets being drawn and will include up-graded "junk", including at least two "brand-new" top-of-the-line products from WHISTLER Corporation donated for this occasion.

You won't want to miss either of these meetings. Plan to be there, plan to bring a friend, a guest, a new face or an old face, but bring someone, ham or not. Will you be talking to people on the air between now and the meeting?...invite them along.

See you there, 73 Scott, WX1J.



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Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Pepperell VFW hall.

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