

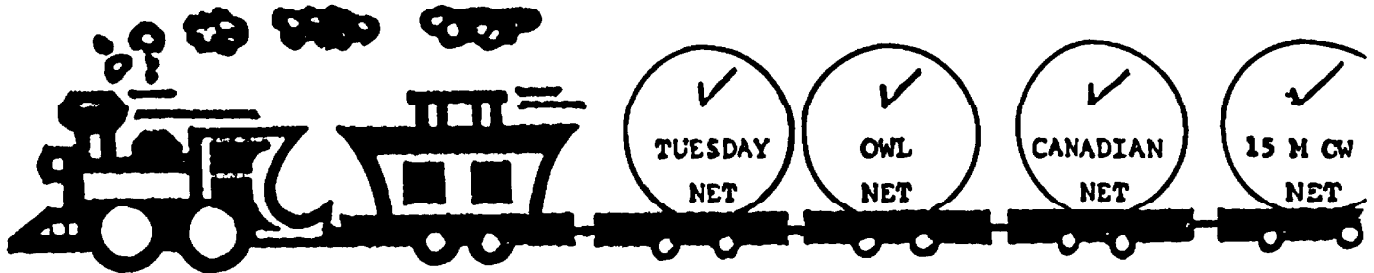


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Tue. 2000 EST 147.78/147.18
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Rev. 8/22/89

Minutes for U.S.E.C.A. Club Meeting October 10, 1989

N8GPJ Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Advised membership of signing attendance sheets. Called for all members and visitors to identify themselves. Also new members - N8GPO - Ken joined tonight. Requested motion to be made to accept minutes of September meeting as published in USECA Express.

K8ABG Motion to accept minutes as published.

K8VFK Seconded motion to accept.

N8GPJ Requested Treasurer's report. to be read.

N8FNO Read Treasurer's report.

WB8ITJ Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

N8HSX Seconded motion.

N8GPJ Requested Secretary's report.

N8BZL Advised membership of receiving letter from ARRL regarding obtaining Tax Exempt status of Clubs; also of receipt of form "Application - ARRL Special Service Club."

N8GPJ Advised secretary to 'table both - file. Requested Membership chairperson's report.

WD8IWE Advised club of new member - N8GPO joining club tonight. Also requested all members to be sure to notify her of any upgrading in license - change of call letters - or change of address so club records will be accurate and up-to-date.

N8GPJ Requested Repeater report.

N8KHN Informed club of current status of repeater functions and problems with squelch (being worked on).

N8GPJ Requested Field Day Report. WB8B not present to report.

N8KHT Requested Swap report. .

N8KHT Reported 50% or more tables sold already - may have to rent more for customers. Optimistic about Swap. Need more kitchen help.

N8GPJ Advised everyone of availability of 50/50 tickets to purchase.

KF8AO Presented VCR tape of club picnic to KB4FX and WQ4I since they were kind enough to have the club picnic on their acreage. Also presented VCR tape of Clinton River Clean-up to KE8VM who, on behalf of the club, supervised and obtained radio operators for Clean-up.

N8GPJ Called coffee break at 7:48 p.m. Called meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m. Announced new Novice call of KB8IEM, then had KB8IEM draw 50/50 winning ticket. N8FNO was the winner of \$40.⁰⁰, who then donated it back to the club treasury.

N8GPJ Announced there would now be discussion on proposed new Constitution and By-Laws of Club. Different ideas were expressed, after which members were told to take their copy of Const. and By-Laws home to study thoroughly and write down their individual recommendations to any and all parts with which they disagree; bring these to the November meeting - or mail them in at once - signed by the individual - whereby membership can vote on final proposals.

N8FNO Advised members location for Xmas party search by KB4FX and WD6IWE

KB4FX Advised it to be Traves on Gratiot & 20½ mile Rd.

N8GPJ Requested motion for adjournment.

WD8EGV Made motion for adjournment; WF8I seconded it at 9:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

N8BZL

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POST SWAP/SHOP EDITION

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WABE RFTR- 147.18/ .78 located near Cass & Mound rd., Utica, Mi.- with satellite rcvr at SELFRIDGE ANG Base. Club meetings held
on 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:30 pm, at CHURCH OF GOD corner of CANAL & ROMEO PLANK RD. CLINTON TWP. Items for publication
must reach the Editor no later than 3rd Thursday of month, which is one day following the night of the BOARD MEETING.

EDITOR: JERRY MCGINN, K8CFY, 20216 MCKISHNIE, MT. CLEMENS, MI. 48043 (313) 791-4464

Editorial... WELL THE SWAP IS OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR- HOPE THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED IT. WE COULD HAVE ENJOYED A MUCH LARGER TURNOUT, BUT ONE NEVER KNOWS HOW THAT IS GOING TO BE. I FOR ONE AM HAPPY THAT THE WEATHER WAS SO NICE, ALLOWING A FEW TRUNK SALES TO BE THERE. I LIKE TRUNK SALES, BUT DUE TO THE LACK OF ENOUGH ENTRANTS IN THIS CATEGORY, THERE HAS BEEN SOME THOUGHT TO ELIMINATING TRUNK SALES NEXT YEAR. WHAT DO YOU THINK?..... PLAN AHEAD

NOW, ARE WE ALL READY FOR THIS NEXT MEETING? AS YOU KNOW, LAST TIME WE ASKED THAT ALL COME PREPARED TO discuss (not CUSS) THE PROPOSALS AT HAND. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY WERE NOT PREPARED TO DO THIS BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED THE 'EXPRESS' IN TIME. THIS SAD SITUATION IS BEING CHECKED WITH THE POSTAL PEOPLE; ALSO, IF NECESSARY WE MAY HAVE TO CHANGE THE "PRESS" DATE, ALTHO I BELIEVE IT WAS MADE READY IN PLENTY OF TIME. ANYWAY, IT SEEMED LIKE PULLING HORSE TEETH TO GET SOME INPUT FROM THE MEMBERS ONTO THE FLOOR-BUT ONCE STARTED (no one wants to be first it seems) IT GOT A LITTLE OUT OF HAND. ** FOLKS: YOU CAN'T LET YOUR EMOTIONS GET THE BEST OF YOU IN A DISCUSSION. SURE, IT'S HARD TO KEEP IN LINE, - BUT TRY. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SPICY MEETINGS AT TIMES, BUT SURELY NO ONE WANTS TO ALIENATE OTHERS FEELINGS. LET'S JUST TRY TO REALIZE THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT BUSINESS THAT MUST BE COVERED- THEN GOTTEN OUT OF THE WAY- SO THAT MORE PLEASANT THINGS CONCERNING OUR HOBBY AMATEUR RADIO CAN BE ATTENDED TO. NATURALLY IT'S NOT RIGHT THAT A MEETING SHOULD BE ALL BUSINESS, BUT SOMETIMES THAT JUST HAS TO BE. I'M SURE THE DISGRUNTLED NEW MEMBER DID NOT KNOW, AS MOST OF US DID IN ADVANCE, THAT THE MEETING WAS TO BE PRIMARILY FOR THIS BUSINESS, - AS IS ALSO THIS CURRENT MEETING! SO, LET'S KEEP OUR LEVEL HEADS, BUT BY ALL MEANS DO DISCUSS- AND VOTE.

HEY! THIS IS MY OPINION! IF YOU HAVE ONE, LET'S HEAR IT!
k8cfy Editor.!

Anyone with information about a member being in the hospital, or ill, please call me. JOHN, N8FNO
264-7993

Health & Welfare chairman

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REPEATER RIPOFF RAMPAGE

According to an article in the August 14 Dallas Morning News, thieves have been stealing repeaters from locations all over Texas. Some law enforcement officials believe the equipment is destined for Mexico, where there is a lucrative market for electronic communications equipment for use by businesses. Others believe that drug dealers in Central and South America are using the equipment to set up their own communications networks.

The perpetrators know what they are doing. In San Antonio, thieves "surgically removed" a controller for an 800 MHz trunk system. Although other forms of radio equipment have been stolen, repeaters seem to be the favorite target.

One communications company alone, Bowen-Smith Corp., has been hit 10 times since December. According to Texas Ranger Joe Peters, thefts have been reported near the Texas communities of Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Midland-Odessa, Beaumont, Alvin, La Porte, Alice, Carrizzo Springs, Dilley, Tilden, Moody, and Lindsay. (Txn Austin ARC)

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**OUT TO GET US AGAIN!! AMATEURS BEWARE !!
BIG BROTHER IS NOT ONLY WATCHING
THESE DAYS - HE'S STOMPING- AND HIS BIG
HEEL IS COMING RIGHT DOWN HARD ON US !!**

AMATEUR LICENSE FEE PROPOSAL

On October 5, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted H.R. 3299, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989. A Schedule of Charges for the FCC is contained in Section 4701(a), "Update of Fee Schedule." Amateurs are included as one of the services to come under the proposed new fees. The bill proposes to amend Section 8 of the Communications Act by adding a new subsection (G) which would include the following:

PRIVATE RADIO SERVICES

7. Amateur License

a. New License (per application) \$30.

b. Modification of License (per application) \$30.00

c. Renewal of License (per application) \$30.00

d. Reciprocal Permit for Alien Amateur License \$30.00

e. Renewal or Modification of Amateur Club, Races, or Military Recreation Station License \$30.00

f. Special Temporary Authority (Initial, Modifications, Extensions) \$30.00

g. Requests for Waiver: Routine (per request) \$105.00; Non-routine (per rules section/per station) \$105.00

At press time (Oct. 10) the Commerce Committee- on the Senate side, was preparing to introduce its version of this legislation, which presently includes a \$35 fee for Amateur license transactions; \$5 more than the House version. The ARRL is lobbying to eliminate or reduce the fee. (Remember when we had to pay \$9 for a license? - and then it was overturned and declared unconstitutional? {I never got my \$9 back!})

Fortunately for us, our own Michigan Senator Carl Levin has spoken out in our behalf and is attempting to make an amendment. The October 3 Congressional Record carries a statement by him expressing his opposition to the proposed fees for Amateur Radio operators in H>R> 3229.

In opening Senator Levin said "Mr. President, I

have recently learned that the Commerce Committee has chosen to meet its reconciliation responsibilities, in part, by imposing unprecedented fees on our Amateur Radio operators. It is ironic that this proposal comes at a time when we have been able to witness the achievements of the Amateur Radio operators so prominently in our daily headlines." Senator Levin continued, citing the "absolutely priceless" information provided to the world by the amateur community in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo.

The Senator went on to say, "Amateur radio operators...are dedicated individuals who play a valuable role for our Nation in public safety, disaster relief, and emergency communications for national defense, among other services...in times of need Amateur Radio operators are transformed into a corp of highly trained public service communicators, who willingly work long hours as volunteers during disasters."

Senator Levin pointed out that the Senate Commerce Committee did not include other nonprofit organizations such as special emergency and public safety groups and public broadcasters in their fee schedule because of the public service they provide. He then came to the major thrust of his comments: "Mr. President, our Amateur Radio operators also provide an important public service, and we should not treat them any differently than we do other nonprofit service organizations."

Concluding his statement he said, "...I hope to be able to offer an amendment, when we take up the reconciliation bill, that will address these unfair fees on our Amateur Radio operators. I invite any interested colleagues to join me in this effort."

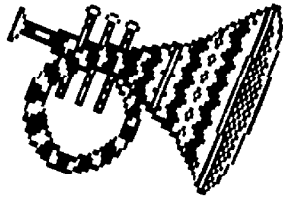
During the weekend of Oct. 7-8 Senator Ernest Hollings (S.C.), who is chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, reportedly agreed with Senator Levin that Amateurs should not be charged.

If you are against paying \$30 or \$35 to renew or change your ham ticket - now is the time to act. DON'T DELAY TIME IS SHORT! CALL OR WRITE YOUR SENATOR - TODAY!!

November 1989

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	Taurids - 8 HOOT OWL NETS 147.18+ MIDNITE	4 °APRLSS CW O 2100 Z (30)
International Net 147.18+ 1 P.M.	1411 Z	USECA NET 147.18+ 8 P.M.	W6OWP CP 2100 PST	° First comm'l b'cast stm.KDKA, lic.1920 †	KAGTOU *	11 KABWOT* °WAE DXRTTY \$ 1300 Z (36)
WDBE Gr-A * ° Armstrong demo FM for IRE, NY, 1935 †	WVBM † WIAW CP 2200 EST	° De Forest Broadcast AM: Bronx NY 1916 † Election Day	WBBB *	WDBEGR *	Hootowl NET 147.18+ MIDNITE	18 N8KWK* °ARRLSS PHO 2100 Z (30)
International Net 147.18+ 1 P.M.	13	CLUB MTG Church of God 1930 Hrs	15	16	Leonids [15-20] 10 HOOTOWL NET 147.18+ MIDNITE	25 °CQ WWDX CW Δ 0000 Z (48) ° First trans-Pac. QSO U7HG-JUPU, 1923 †
International Net 147.18+ 1 P.M.	20	USECA NET 147.18+ 8 P.M.	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG 1930 Hrs	23	Hootowl NET 147.18+ MIDNITE	
WBBH *	27	USECA NET 147.18+ 8 P.M.	° 10,000 mi. message relay W1-KH6, 1922 †	Thanksgiving	° Armstrong tests FM multiplexing, 1934 †	
° First trans-AL QSO F8AB-WIMO, 1923 †		WIAW CP 1600 EST	29	30		

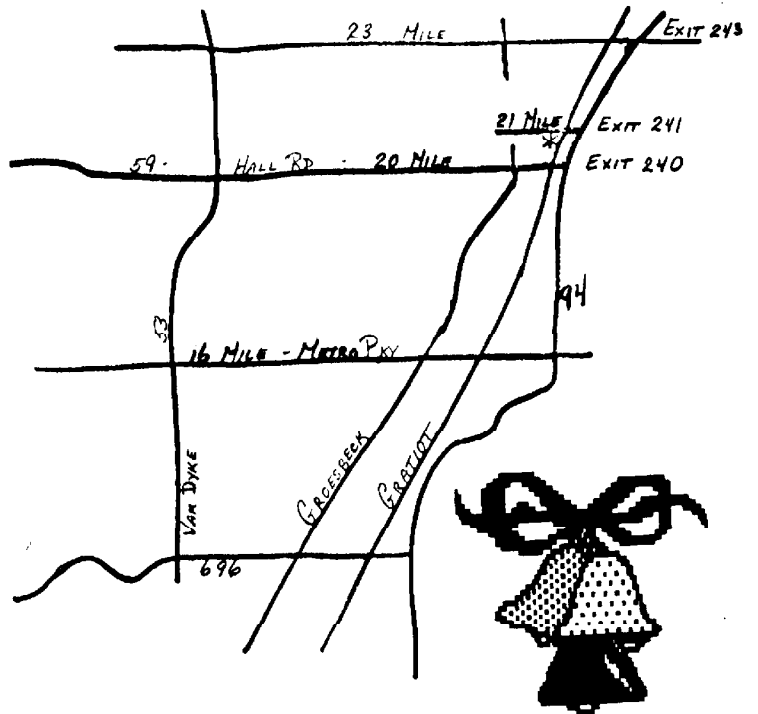
* BIRTHDAY - MAY IT BE A GREAT ONE !!



CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME

Here's your chance to meet your fellow hams at our Annual Christmas Party. Where you say? Why at Traves, 46777 Gratiot (west side), north of 20 Mile Rd. (Hall Rd.). Cost? \$11 per person (2-meat buffet, cash bar). When? Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. There will be dancing to a DJ later if anyone wants to stay and make a complete evening out of it. Reservations by Nov. 24. Please contact: KB4FX Ann 749-6207 or WD8IWE Shirley 939-5227

Submitted by WD8IWE



WOW!!! 3 GENERATIONS OF HAMS

Did you know that there were 3 generations of Rovas hams at the U.S.E.C.A. Swap?
 WA1VXY Ed Rovas of N. Dartmouth MA
 WA1APX Bill Rovas of Washington MI
 KA1SPP Matt Rovas of Washington MI
 All 1's running Portable 8
 This will be a tough one to top.

Submitted by WD8IWE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

KB8GPO Kenneth Libby, Technician
 WA8RNB Lee Ricli, Advanced
 N8DPH Deborah Sammet, General
 WD8PIB Michael Sammet, Advanced



U.S.E.C.A. THANKS YOU

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MEMBERS WANT IN YOUR CLUB.

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OR JACKIE WDBEQG FOR PUBLICATION.
THANK YOU.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

THE WAY FOOD PRICES ARE ZOOMING,
BEING OVERWEIGHT MAY SOON BE A
STATUS SYMBOL....

ALL IN FAVOR OF SAVING GASOLINE
RAISE YOUR RIGHT FOOT.

REMEMBER WHEN...

-CHARITY WAS A VIRTUE, NOT A
TELETHON
-LIGHTS, NOT PEOPLE, WERE TURNED
ON AND OFF.
-INSTANT RECALL WAS A SIGN OF GOOD
MEMORY, NOT BAD MANUFACTURING.
-TROUBLE IN THE STREETS MEANT
POTHOLE.
-MOVIES WERE RATED ON HOW GOOD THEY
WERE, NOT ON WHO WAS ALLOWED TO SEE
THEM.
-CAMPERS WERE PEOPLE, NOT TRUCKS.

ARRL TAKES FCC TO COURT OVER 220 MHz

On September 28, ARRL filed a
"Petition to Review Agency Order" with
the United States Court of Appeals for
the District of Columbia Circuit. The
petition requests the Court to set aside
the FCC reallocation decision in
Docket 87-14 (the loss of 220 - 222
MHz), and remand the matter to the
FCC for rededication.

The petition contains only a brief
overview of ARRL's argument that the
Commission's action was arbitrary,
capricious, an abuse of discretion, and
not in accordance with the law. The
substance will come later, in the
League's statement of issues and
pleading. (Txn ARRL Letter)

OSCAR 13 HAS TROUBLE

On October 9, the OSCAR 13
onboard computer crashed and
switched the transponder to Mode L
beacon mode. Current "squint" angles
make it difficult to re-upload the

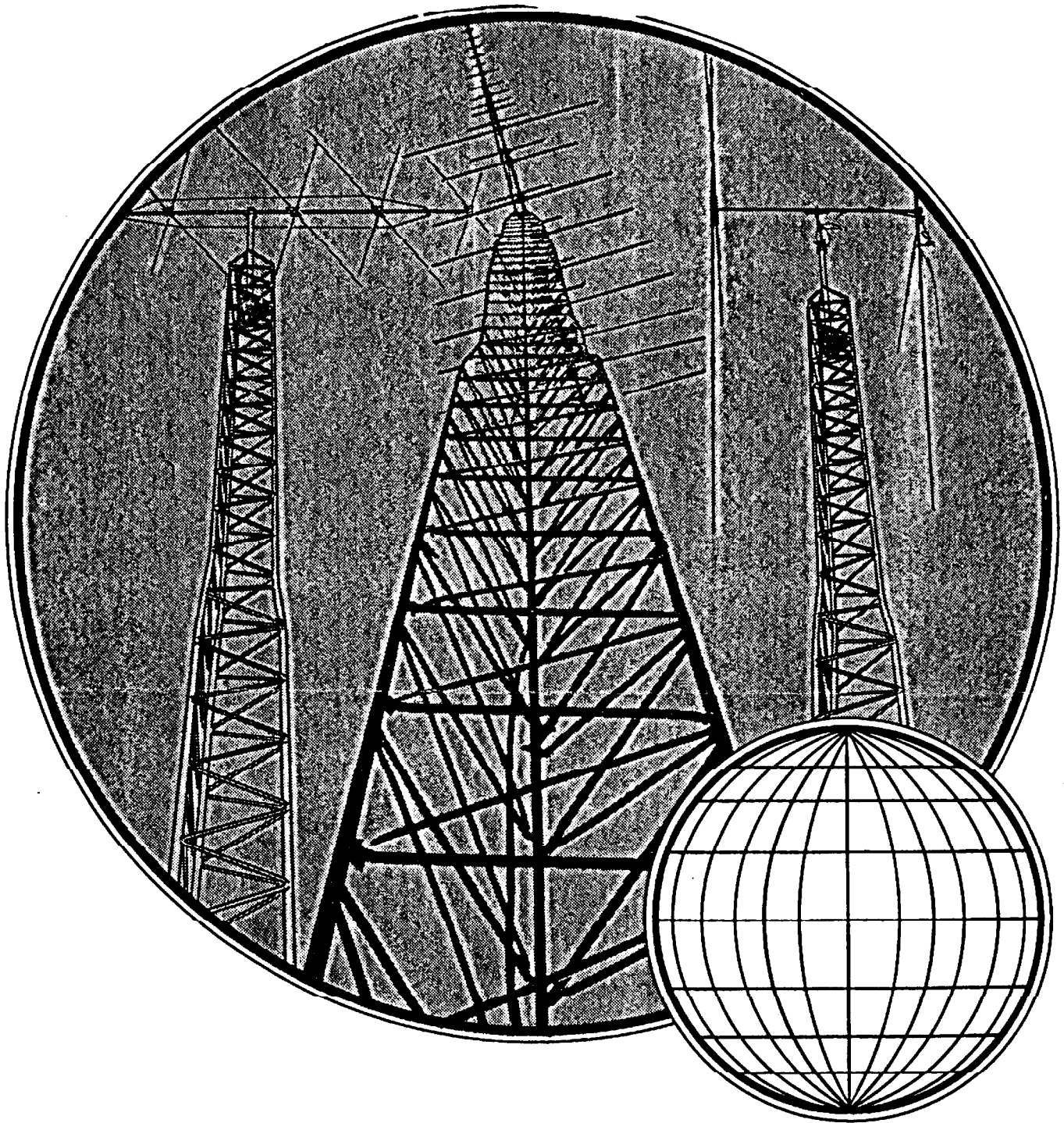
30 METERS NOW COUNTS FOR SOME AWARDS

The ARRL now accepts 10 MHz
contacts for the following awards: WAS
(basic, CW, RTTY, Packet and QRP,
but no single band or 5 Band WAS);
DXCC (CW and digital QSOs for the
mixed, CW, and RTTY awards, but no
5 Band DXCC).

The change was made at the recent
Region 2 Conference meeting held in
Orlando. According to the ARRL, this
brings Region 2 policy into line with
Regions 1 and 3, which already permit
30 meter award credits. (Txn ARRL)

SOLAR CYCLE 22 READY TO PEAK?

During September, the solar flux
went "crazy" and peaked at 305 twice
within three days, and then dropped
down to 155. Many cycle watchers feel
that the current solar cycle is nearing its
peak, and this fall and winter should
bring the best DX conditions in years.
The HF bands should begin to improve
this month, with the best DX expected
next month.



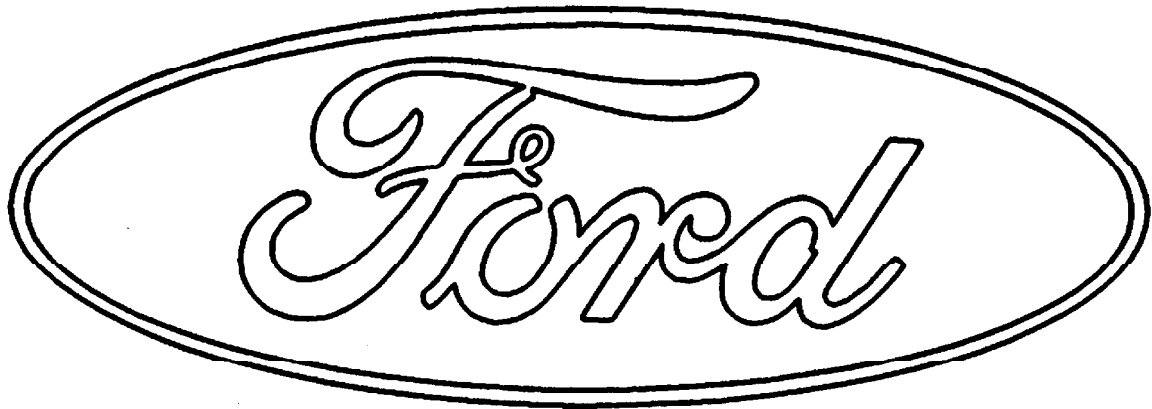
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