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JANUARY 1999

It has come true, we have no editor and no one has come forth to offer their services. This the first issue of 1999 is not going to be up to par. In the past we have had some really great editors. But it is for some a real fun challenge and for others just plain work. Many have great computer skills as well as the ability to spell correctly and know the proper rules of the English language. Sorry to say that I do not possess any of those required attributes, the result is WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET. I hope that the club will have someone that can jump in by next issue. If not I will strive to keep it going at least till the end of my term. (I don't want you to suffer to long.) We will miss the brief minutes as such from the last meeting, our Christmas Party ,as no real business was conducted. There was no BOD meeting so nothing to report there either. K6III, Jerry Bliss has been doing a fine job on the minutes and we will have his input by next issue. You will notice that this issue has arrived at what may seem a bit on the early side, but the meeting this month is on the 8th! Funny how quick the 2nd Friday has appeared. Quite a few different new features are planned for the Dxer, but it will be awhile before they can be implemented. I sure miss Dave K7JJ, as he ended up in San Diego rather then Alabama as he thought that he would. Hurry back Dave we have a job for you here. I hope that all of the members both near and far will consider sending in a small article to help keep the Dxer interesting. How bout it?

DX ANNOUNCEMENTS or WHAT THE H*LL WAS THAT?

As you know I have been encouraging more use of the club repeater for all of the members and I feel there is a slight improvement on its use. I have heard more DX announcements lately. This brings me to the part of wanting to tear out what little hair I have left. Why? Because this is all to typical of the way announcements are being made. Here is the scene.....The repeaters been stark quite for hours and suddenly ...ON1419^ UA0#@*#??? .. followed by dead silence again. If you are right next to the repeater speaker and doing anything.....how the heck are you going to copy the announcement? Its not repeated and the one that gave the announcement is even faster to give his/her call sign and disappear! The following is not perfect but it was the way I remember it being done before PACKET AND CHARLIE by most of the Dxers. DX ANNOUNCEMENT (PAUSE TO ALLOW SOMEONE TO DROP WHAT THEY ARE DOING OR AT LEAST TUNE UP THE EARS OR THE 2 METER RIG). 20 METER CW (or Phone)...PAUSE...ITALY....IT4ALY ON 14dot050...PAUSE. Repeat again the entire announcement slowly and slowly sign your call. That way if a repeat is needed you know who to call, but done right its copied and the member can chase it or at the least make a mental note of what the bands are doing. Not hard is it? You make announcements to help fellow DXers(hopefully Club Members) not just to hear yourself talk. Lets try it to really help the listeners. Lastly when was the last time you were on the bands? Only get on for a contest or a new country and they are getting scarce? Hey try a short rag chew on phone or CW and rediscover the fun of Ham Radio you are missing. Dick W6KM

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Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +
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Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.
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W6TI Station Trustee Bob Vallio, W6RGG, transmits DX information at 0200 UT every Monday (Sunday evening local time) on both 7.016 and 14.002 MHz.

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President's Comments



I hope all had a great Christmas and that old Chris Kringle left you some really great Ham supplies. Well its 1999 and time to push on for another great year. From all indications the bands are finally coming around. 10 Meters continues to get hot....longer and further DX almost every day! I hope you are taking the time to catch some of it! By the way have you noticed how little attention the ARRL is giving to DX these days? The only attention I see that we are getting is the racking up the costs for any DX services that they offer. However they stuff QST with all kinds of Contest info and results month after month. Looks like we (The DXers) are expected to pay their way. The only reason that I bring that up is because any new budding DXer is going to have to really pay for the QSL's that they get. Maybe that's part of the reason so many are reluctant to go beyond DXCC. One of life's great mysteries.

Say we still need a DX EDITOR! Please give it some serious thought. Is a fun job and one that is appreciated by the club. The only real requirement is that it has got to be at the printers and mailed no later then a week before the monthly meeting. We have on line to assist..Label Maker Supreme in Ron W6VG, A Mailman with sticky fingers (from licking all of the stamps of course) in Don AA6W. We can even arrange for some one to pick up the material and deliver it to the printer, Fred at the VASONA COPYTECH CENTER. And least not last the thanks of all of the membership both far and wide.

Thanks goes out to Dave Pugatch, KI6WF for his many years of service to the club so faithfully reporting DX to the club on our Thursday night nets. The club owes you a big one Dave! With so much DX info now on the INTERNET and PACKET, we will be looking for someone to report the weekly highlights. We need someone who can download the info and pass it on for those that are not able to access the Internet. The pay stinks, but it can be fun, just ask Dave. CONT. PAGE 3

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PRES COMMENTS CONT.

The Club Christmas dinner was a lot of fun and well attended. Was nice to meet members and their families. Doug Westover W6JD, really picked a great restaurant. The food was really good, it was nicely decorated and the service was very good. The Magician, Jim Blashek really did a good job of entertaining everyone, baffled me and others, I think if you didn't come you really missed a great family event. I must apologize for not doing a good job of introducing the guests. I will not make that mistake again. We had a few members that we had not seen in a long time so it made it even more special. Service awards were presented to members in attendance for their many years of loyal membership. Some of these awards have been mailed out and I will present more to those that I have missed at the next meeting. I hope by the end of January to have all active members their awards. A list of years of service should be finished and published in the February DXer. I hope that you have been able to put your membership year(s) stickers on you Membership Certificate by now. I have had several ask what they were for? Or how to use them. Well its not mandatory to do anything with them....its like the stickers that you get for your DXCC certificate. You can put them on or not but one of the fun things that most do is to add the new totals to the DXCC certificates as they earn them, I think belonging to the NCDXC deserves no less.

Video Tape Meetings Suggestion

I had a request from a club member that lives too far away from the Bay Area to make many meetings. He has passed on this idea and frankly I think that it could be a useable one. This is it. Video Tape the meetings and presentations and send the tape to members that will view it and mail it on to the next on the list. It would be very inexpensive to do. The tape could be sent by the club for \$3.00 via U.S.P.O. PRIORITY mail and each member would view it and then at their expense mail it on to the next on the list. I have a VCR Camera and would set it up and send it out myself. To attempt this we need no less than 4 members to sign up and no more than 8 in order for it to be moved around in a timely manner. Are you interested? We already have one, so we let's hear from you out there. Mail your request to me directly and we will pick the names from a hat in a random manner sending the list to all who sign up. Be sure and respond right away.

Dick Letrich, W6KM, at the roster address.

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Please don't trample each other,
rushing to fill this most
important position!
Call or e-mail Dick, W6KM

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CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES.....by W6KM

Sorry about the poor quality of the pictures this issue. Do not blame Chuck AA6G. I have tried to learn how to use the new camera and the results are not always the best. You can see that the Party was lots of fun just look at all of the smiles.



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W6WB



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MAGICIAN JIM GLASHEK, JUST BEFORE HE MADE JERRY, K6III DISAPPEAR!



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SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF BIP, W6BIP



MRS W6KM, PAT
AND GRANDDAUGHTER
CHELSEY

Sorry that so many pictures of members and their wife's did not come out. But next year we will do better.....

PRE - TV GUIDE

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Radio Doings

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- 6:30 to 8:30 a. m.—Breakfast Frolic, courtesy of the E & W Products Company Orchestra.
- 8:30 to 9:30 a. m.—Gordon Smith's Radiotising Service; Electrola.
- 12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Al Wellman's Luncheon Bulletin.
- 1:00 to 1:30 p. m.—Gordon Smith's Radiotising Service.
- 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Merchants Radio Advertising Bureau.
- 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Studio Hour.
- 6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Aero-Adds Service.
- 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Gordon Smith's Radiotising Service
- 8:00 to 9:00 p. m.—El Patio Ballroom Orchestra, by remote control.

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1928

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
9:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.—Studio Program of popular music.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23
12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Miss Kearney and special talent from Winn-Kearney School of Popular Music.

1:00 to 3:30 p. m.—Otto Hoeg, pianist; A. H. Sutton, popular songs.

6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Billy Eaves, tenor; Otto Hoeg, pianist; Foster & Stodgell, guitars and popular songs.

7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Imperial Orchestra.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Miss Kearney and special talent from Winn-Kearney School of Popular Music.

1:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Otto Hoeg, pianist; Charlie Cole, tenor.

6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Billy Eaves, tenor; Otto Hoeg, pianist; Paul Peach, tenor.

7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Imperial Orchestra.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Miss Kearney and special talent from Winn-Kearney School of Popular Music.

1:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Otto Hoeg, pianist; A. H. Sutton, popular songs.

6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Marjorie Murrey, Margaret Mucario, accompanist; Otto Hoeg, pianist; Billy Eaves, tenor.

7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Edith Behrman and June Toolen, harmony team.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Miss Esther White, piano and songs.

1:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Otto Hoeg, pianist.

6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Foster & Stodgell, guitars and songs; Billy Eaves, tenor; Otto Hoeg, pianist; Bob's Melody Boys.

7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Edith Behrman and June Toolen, harmony team.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Miss Esther White, piano and songs.

1:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Otto Hoeg, pianist; A. H. Sutton, popular songs.

6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Billy Eaves, tenor; Otto Hoeg, pianist; Birdie Lebell, blues singer.

7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Golden State Hawaiian Trio.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Miss Esther White, piano and songs.

1:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Otto Hoeg, pianist.

6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Otto Hoeg, pianist; Billy Eaves, tenor; Jack Franklin, saxophone soloist; Paul Peach, tenor.

7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Edith Behrman and June Toolen, harmony team.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY—

- 5:00 to 6:00 p. m.—Player Piano.
- 6:00 to 7:00 p. m.—Panatrophe Dinner Hour, courtesy Barker Bros.

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1928

7:00 to 11:00 p. m.—Varied program.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 to 11:00 p. m.—Varied program.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 to 11:00 p. m.—Varied program.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 to 11:00 p. m.—Varied program.

12:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m.—Paris Inn Orch.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 to 11:00 p. m.—Varied program.

12:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m.—Cafe Diabie Orch.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 to 11:00 p. m.—Varied program.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY—

- 11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Smilax Hour (Smile and Relax).
- 12:30 to 1:00 p. m.—Crop Reports, Notes, News, Recreation.

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1928

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

12:30 to 1:30 p. m.—Concert Program.

1:30 to 2:00 p. m.—Popular Request Nrs.

8:00 to 9:00 p. m.—Hearts and Flowers.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

5:30 to 6:30 p. m.—Air-Add Hr. Music, Doings About Town.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 to 9:00 p. m.—Old-Timers Nite (Richfield Oil Co. Weekly).

9:00 to 10:00 p. m.—Anchor Hr. (Old-Time Nrs. Requested).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

5:30 to 6:30 p. m.—Air-Add Hr. Music, Doings About Town.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 to 9:00 p. m.—Chamber of Commerce Good Will Program.

9:00 to 10:00 p. m.—Musical Recreations, Popular Request Nrs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

5:30 to 6:30 p. m.—Air-Add Hr. Music, Doings About Town.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 to 9:00 p. m.—Everybody's Hour.

9:00 to 10:00 p. m.—Radio Shop Hour; Musical Recreations.

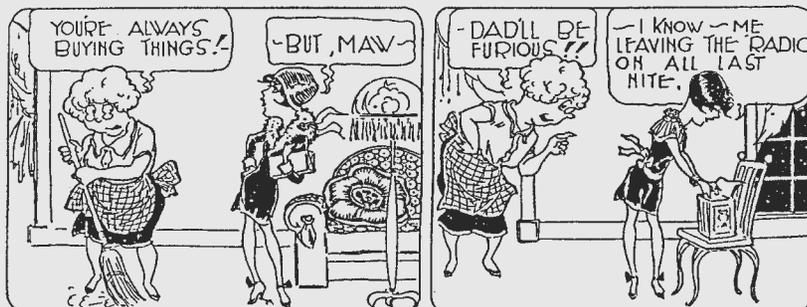
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