

CROSSTALK



News Bulletin of the TRW Amateur Radio Club

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Garrett/W6TRW Repeater: 145.32/-600(2A-PL) — UHF: 442.000in/447.000out

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Saturday	Oct 27, 8-11am	Swapmeet
Tuesday	Oct 30, noon	Club Meeting, R4/1041; We are trying to get a speaker from Kenwood.
Wednesday	Oct 31, noon	Emergency Communications Group Noontime Check-in. Try 145.32 simplex, then repeater.
Wednesday	Oct 31, sunset	Happy Halloween — Be ready with treats and don't get tricked!
Tuesday	Nov 13, after work	Executive Board Meeting — All members are welcome!
Saturday	Nov 17, 6:30pm to ?	<u>Annual Dinner</u> Shangri-La Restaurant, 21424 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance. 11 course meal served Family style. The speaker will be Erv Emig on the DXpedition to Tahiti.
Saturday	Nov 24, 8-11am	Swapmeet
esday	Nov 27, noon	Club Meeting, R4/1041

TRW/ARC ANNUAL DINNER — SATURDAY — NOVEMBER 17, 1984

This is the one and only notice you are going to get in the Crosstalk concerning the Annual Dinner so here are the details.

Where: Shangri-La Restaurant
21424 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance

When: Saturday, November 17, 1984
6:30pm "Happy Hour" No-Host Bar
7:30pm Dinner service

What: 11 Course Chinese Dinner served Family Style

Who: Special Guest Speaker — Irv Emig — Irv will speak on and show slides of his recent DXpedition to Tahiti

Cost: \$8.50 each for club member and one guest
\$13.00 for non-members and additional guests
Includes tax, tip, etc.
Alcoholic beverages are extra

Now What: Send your check to Paul Herbert R1/2150 X53404
DO IT NOW!!!!

For more info contact Chris Wachs 316-9243
DOOR PRIZES TOO!!

TRW/ARC Cleans Up at Santa Maria Hamcon

Presented with beautiful weather for the weekend many members of the TRW/ARC ventured North to Santa Maria to attend the 1984 ARRL Southwest Division Convention. With a clear and clean on both Friday and Saturday, those who drove up Hwy 101 were treated to a beautiful view of all of the Channel Islands; Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa and San Miguel. Warm days and cool evenings were the order of the day in Santa Maria. Saturday was busy with many hams attending the Technical Sessions and checking out the Exhibit Hall for products new and old. Some of those TRW members spotted at the festivities were

Dave WB6IDJ, Connie WA6SKM and Phyllis KE6TC Gilmore; Gary K6HPD and Sammi Komatsu; Don N6KAW Resor Jr; Nelson W6VBB and his wife; Paul KG6CR Herbert; Bill KE6LB Schreengost and his wife; Al W6KQI Lee and his wife; Mel K6GWC Erb and his wife and son; Paul N6DMV Lucas and his wife; John N6JLS and Karen Keller; Bill WA6QET Ivey and his wife; Chris WA2KDL and Kathy Wachs; and Ed N6AGA Wheeler who flew up for the day on Saturday. The first TRW/ARC winner was Mel Erb who picked up a \$10 certificate good for any ARRL publication. Mel would have picked up two more prizes if he had been around between the closing of the Exhibits and the beginning of the Banquet, but prizes were only given to those present. Late on Sunday morning the people in the Mykrotron booth had their own drawing for an RTTY Interface and the winner was John Keller. John just needs a computer to use the new toy. During and after the Banquet more prizes were awarded and Al Lee and Paul Lucas walked away with a couple. But the big surprise came when the winner of the top door prize, a Kenwood TS-430S, was announced and it was our own Connie Gilmore. Connie should have been in Las Vegas the way her luck was running. The top prize was the third she had won that day, the two earlier being a one year subscription to World Radio and a balun. After the dinner all present were treated to a fine presentation by Dave Bell, W6AQ, entitled "The King and I" and relating his experience of filming King Hussein, also known as JY1. Many hams took advantage of the fact that Volunteer Examiners were present to try to upgrade during the convention. How many were successful is not known as no statistics were given at the convention.

Next year's convention will be held at the Queen Mary and preparations have already begun. All who were there enjoyed this year's convention and are looking forward to next year's.



Twenty five members attended. President Walt Pearson called the meeting to order and presented the first business items. Club elections are coming up at the end of the year and there are two elected positions that must be filled. Activities Chairman Gary Komatsu will be retiring and his position will be open. Secretary John Keller will be assuming the tasks of Editor and that position will need to be filled. Any members that are interested should contact Bill Dews, the Nomination Chairman. The 1985 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention will be held on the Queen Mary the weekend of the Aug 9-10-11. The TRW ARC has volunteered to help sponsor the convention and we will handle door prizes. We are in need of a Delegate and 1 or 2 Alternates to represent the Club for all of the business and planning to take place in the upcoming year. If you are interested please contact Walt Pearson. The Swapmeet is again being scrutinized by TRW Systems Employee Assn. Their concern is our methods of controlling and eliminating commercial interests from getting into the Swapmeet. Walt cautioned all members that if you know of a person who operates an Amateur Radio related business and also attends the Swapmeet as a business interest that you warn them that they will no longer be allowed to sell at the Swapmeet.

Secretary John Keller accepted the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Crosstalk. John also passed out copies of the latest Club Roster. Membership Chairman Bill Dews introduced new member Martin Burdeaux and guest John Alexander, K6SVL was also introduced. Vice President Chris Wachs introduced the guest speaker, Chip Margelli, K7JA. Mr. Margelli works for Yaesu and brought with him a generous supply of World Maps with maps of Japan on the back with all of the counties nicely marked for you county hunters. Trick is the counties were all in Japanese. Chip also had brochures on the new Yaesu FT209 HT and FT203 compact HT. Chip and his wife Janet, WA7WMB, were invited to China where BY1PK was attempting to set up an RTTY and OSCAR station. They took with them some Apple Computer equipment and there were some humorous stories about getting it through Chinese Customs. Chip was able to get the Apple installed and operating for the Chinese Amateurs and added that if you haven't heard BY1PK recently it is probably because he has been playing computer games. Chip also mentioned how Yaesu is automating their assembly lines and that they are doing it in a large way since winning the contract to supply the Chinese National Railway with 1,000,000 radios. Chip also pointed out that Europe buys 10 times the land mobile radio equipment that the U.S. does but that all of Europe's equipment is crystal controlled while it is synthesized in the U.S. Chip said that Yaesu's push in the future will be to extended frequency coverage in the HF equipment and more satellite equipment like the very successful FT206R dual band base station. Chip finished off with a question and answer period. In all, a very informative presentation enjoyed by all that attended.

Door prizes included a vehicle alarm, a battery charger, a multitester and two logic probes.

Executive Board Meeting 9 Oct 1984

John Keller, N6JLS

Attending were Bill Daley, Bill Dews, Connie Gilmore, Dave Gilmore, Paul Herbert, Bob Hume, John Keller, Gary Komatsu, Walt Pearson, Don Resor Jr, Chris Wachs and Kathy Wachs. Walt Pearson called the meeting to order and presented the first order of business. Walt liked the look of the new club information sheet and suggested that we get some printed up with a membership application on the back. John Keller accepted the minutes of the last Board Meeting as printed in the Crosstalk. John also stated that he has entered the club roster into a database management program that can quickly find club member data and will ease the preparation of the club roster for the meetings. Paul Herbert stated that the

treasury looks to be in adequate shape for the remainder of the year. Walt requested that a work up be done by Paul on the finances for the rest of the year so that we can get an idea of where expected overruns are occurring and where the funds will come from to cover them. LAACARC Delegate Bill Daley stated the next LAACARC meeting is being held in November and that he did not have much for this meeting except that the LAPD is being assisted by Amateur Radio Operators in surveillance programs. Emergency Communications Coordinator Dave Gilmore stated that we will have our first noontime check in of Emergency Communications Group members on Wednesday, Oct 31, at noon. All ECG members are urged to check in with handhelds trying first simplex and then through the repeater if you cannot be heard. Dave will be using the Club Station for control. Bill Dews stated that we now have 155 members. Bill also stated that we will need persons to fill the vacating positions of Secretary and Activities Chairman on the Executive Board. Connie Gilmore offered to run for Secretary if she did not have to type up the reports for the Crosstalk. John Keller assured her that all of Crosstalk is now being done on a word processor and no typing will be necessary. Walt Pearson stated that the first organizing meeting for the 1985 ARRL Southwest Convention was attended by himself, John Keller and Gary Komatsu. Walt said that we have paid no seed money yet and that we were assured that we could have the responsibility for the prizes. The Club was also asked if we would like to conduct a Swapmeet near the Queen Mary on Sunday after the exhibits close. Walt also contacted Paul Weisz who said that he would be happy to help out the Club with organization for the convention as he had the last time the Club had done this. Chris and Kathy Wachs reported that all details have been finalized for the TRW/ARC Annual Dinner. The Dinner will be held at the Shangri-La Restaurant, 21424 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance. It will be on Saturday, Nov. 17, 1984 starting at 6:30pm with a Happy Hour and No Ho Bar with the meal to be served promptly at 7:30. The meal will be an 11 course Chinese Dinner served Family Style. Guest speaker will be Irv Enig who will show slides and speak about the Tahiti DXpedition that he participated in this summer. Cost to members is \$8.50 each for themselves and one guest. Cost for non-members and extra guests is \$13.00 each. The price includes everything except alcoholic beverages. Reservations with checks for payment should be sent to Paul Herbert R1/2150 X53404. For more information contact Chris Wachs 316-9243. There will be plenty of door prizes too. Chris Wachs stated that the speaker for the next meeting has not been confirmed. Chris also stated that the AMSAT Dinner will be held on Sat, Nov 10 and that he has more information for those who want it. Gary Komatsu stated that the recent problems with the repeater were traced down to an open transistor in the transmit logic. Gary was correcting a few other minor problems and expected to get the repeater on the air this week. Gary also installed a new 21db MOS FET preamplifier into the repeater while it was out for repair. The W6NWP repeater at Aireasearch has a number of problems with the tone decoder, a weak input stage and low output power. When the W6TRW repeater is installed the W6NWP repeater will be repaired. QSL Card Organizer Paul Herbert stated that the artwork is ready for printing but there is a mixup on who was going to pay how much to have the cards printed. Paul is working the situation and expects a satisfactory outcome. Assistant Swapmeet Chairman Don Resor Jr, filling in for Jim McWilliams who was out of town, presented new rules and a policy statement for the Swapmeet. The new rules are to discourage the presence of dealers and commercial operations at the Swapmeet. Bill Dews also pointed out the article in QST. Kantronics concerning pirated software and that club members should be concerned that this practice is not being allowed at the Swapmeet. Any suspected sellers of pirated software should be reported to the Swapmeet Manager or the Supervisors on duty that month.

Tidbits from the Jolly Little S....!

Bill Dews informs me that the club has acquired an EICO Grid Dip Meter, Model 710. However, the used meter did not have the operating manual with it. If anyone has this model Grid Dip Meter and the operating manual could you make a copy of it for us or send it to Bill (mail station on the back page) and he will copy it and return it to you.

I asked for it and I got it. Be sure you pick up on the article by Sue Stockwell, N6IDC, elsewhere in the Crosstalk concerning the Olympic Yachting Events which she and her brother helped out with communications. Reflecting on last month's Tidbits column, George Lee mentioned that there is a local repeater that can be used for code practice. Now that you have all memorized that W6QIE sends code practice every evening except Monday from 8 to 9:30 local time on 3590KHz, you can also memorize 147.24MHz. I have listened from time to time and it starts out at <5 WPM on the hour and increases to about 35 WPM by the end of the hour. I must admit I have only made about the first 10 minutes. George says you can practice while driving to and from work, but watch out for the traffic!

Bill Schrecengost, KE6LB, sent me a copy of QSO confirmation that he got for working the Amateur Radio Station at the famous O.K. Corral. It seems to commemorate the famous shootout between the Earps and the Clantons in 1881 they now have a "Rendezvous of Gunfighters" and Amateurs have joined in. Bill got QSO #3 on 40 Meter SSB on Sept. 3. Judging by the 59 report he got I would have to say that Coaxial Antenna he wrote about a couple of months ago is a real performer! Congratulations Bill!

Well, judging by the overwhelming lack of response to my query about how you think the new format for the Crosstalk looked, I guess the print was too small to read.

Honestly, I did get a few (very few!) messages that the last Crosstalk looked great and only one complaint that the reader got worn out trying to read it all. Hi Hi. Judging by that we'll stick to this format as long as I can come up with enough stuff to fill it. By the way, the Halloween artworks are original creations for the Crosstalk by none other than my YL, Karen. Unless I hear some complaints we'll keep adding seasonal art from time to time.

I promise to run this item in every Crosstalk until the situation is dealt with. Two of the Quad antennas for Field Day had a high SWR. They still worked OK but think what might have happened if they were well matched. So until they are fixed, I will remind all that the work needs to be done before the next Field Day. Volunteers may contact Gary Komatsu for info. (Ph # on back).

The October 1 issue of the Northrop Radio Club newsletter states that the recent threat to 220MHz is all but dead. Scuttlebutt has it that the outpouring of letters to the FCC and Congress and a weak and illogical set of reasons by the petitioners were the reason. Looks like it pays to let yourself be heard. Northrop has a special interest in the 220 MHz area as they have a repeater in that band.

Fred Garrett, N6CRW says that with Bill Rodner, K6AWS now in Idaho and regularly communicating with friends here in LA, that now is a good time to start a regular 40 Meter TRW/ARC net. Everything is strictly informal but there is already a schedule set up with Bill. If you have 40 Meter capability the group hangs out at 7260 KHz on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 3:30 UTC (8:30PDT) and all are welcome to join in. Fred says that you don't have to be there all three nights, but depending on the response they may settle on one night later on.

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Women have never had their pictures on U.S. paper money, but my YL isn't concerned. All she wants to do is get her hands on it.



From the W5YI Report

Roy Neal, K6DUE, will no longer be doing on the air commentary for NBC news having accepted a lateral transfer to a management position for NBC in Southern California. His title now is Deputy Bureau Chief for News Operations. Neal said he might be put back on the air if the situation warranted it.

Gordon West, WB6NOA, of Radio School, Inc. (22414 College Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Tel: 714-549 5000) already has ten sets of different Element 3 (Tech/General) written exams for accredited volunteer examiners. Only VE's can purchase the 10 set tests, but applicants can purchase the Radio Amateur's Tech/General Class (Element 3) FCC Test Guide for \$19.95 plus \$3.00 postage from Radio School. All 500 General Class questions and answers are included. Gordon says that the Advanced and Extra Class manual will be available by November. The General, Advanced and Extra Class Manuals are written in the same style as the FAA study guides.

AMECO's Marty Schwartz (220 E. Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, NY 11501 - Tel: 516-741-5030) advised they now have all three written tests (Tech/General-Element 3; Advanced-Element 4A and Extra Class Element 4B) available for use by VE's in administering examinations. The cost of these is \$1.00 each (\$3.00 for all three plus 50 cents postage.) In addition to batteries of examinations from which VE's can select, complete manuals with all questions and answers for applicants will be available. AMECO said that their General (Green cover), Advanced (Blue cover) and Extra (Red cover) manuals will retail for \$4.95 each and will not only have actual questions, distractors and answers - but also explanations as to why each answer is correct.

The new FCC Form 610 (Amateur Radio Station/Operator License Application) finally has been released by the Commission after months of delay caused by government red tape. The forms are completely new to coincide with the needs of the new Volunteer Examiner Program. There have been several changes in the rules since the form was devised so it is already out of date in some respects. For example, the instructions report that all fees are suspended and do not take into consideration the FCC's authorization of expense reimbursement to Volunteer Examiners and VEC's. We have a quantity of the new form and will forward to anyone sending a self-addressed-stamped business size envelop to: **THE W5YI REPORT**, 1020 Byron Lane, Arlington, TX 76012. Please do not request more than one copy as quantities are limited.

NEW MEMBERS -- OLD MEMBERS

Welcome to the Club new members:

Martin Burdeaux; Martin has no license but is ready, willing and able to start practicing the code. Ralph Ward, a recent TRW retiree who also wants to start out in the world of Amateur Radio.

Membership Chairman Bill Dews informs me that badges have been ordered for John, W6SP and Jim, K7JAJ and that N6KRF's badge is being repaired.

Al Lee has recently retired from TRW but will remain a member of the Club. For those members of the TRW/ARC who are relatively new to the club Al is an "old timer" from way back. Dick Treece remembers when Al first interviewed at TRW (then Space Systems) and that was back in 1958. Al was always very involved with the club conducting many training classes for soon to be Novices and others that were upgrading. Being an "old timer" Al prefers to operate CW over SSB. Al has not been around TRW proper for the past couple of years as the job requirements have kept him in the land-down-under, Australia, where he was known as VK5AAL. One claim to fame that Al has is that he sailed on the last voyage of the Queen Mary from England to Long Beach and was one of the Amateur Radio operators for that voyage. Al was honored recently with a retirement party where he received his 25 year pin (a little late) and a plaque acknowledging his service to TRW and an artwork of the DSP satellite, the program he has worked on since 1969. The best present however was the \$500 gift certificate redeemable at HRO. Al has moved to Tehachapi, but will be checking in from time to time. Good Luck Al, and if you would like some ideas on what to buy with that gift certificate.....

Don't forget to send your check to Paul Herbert (R1/2150) for your reservation to the TRW/ARC Annual Dinner. An 11 course meal and a DXpedition to Tahiti await you.

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In hamming we learned one thing for sure: The first screw to get loose in a person's head is the one that controls the tongue.

From the Library

George Lee, W6IOW

What's new this month in:

QST: Sorry, the subscription ran out and the October issue has been delayed.

HR: Six Output (Low Current) Power Supply.
Low Cost UHF Antenna Tower.
Design your own trap antenna (includes program in Sinclair BASIC; Commodore 64 version available).
A High-efficiency top-loaded Vertical (for serious DX on 40 and down on some real estate).
Smith Chart Z-matching on Commodore 64.

73: Find Fault with your Coax (TDR technique).
The Aussie Parasol Beam (using wires).
The Incredible Broadband Bowtie (for 75M).
Rx for Ailing Antenna (using noise bridge).

CQ: Review: Doctor DX, a contest simulator (remember Chip's comment at last meeting?)
The Radiokit UHF Converter Kit (433MHz to 10M)

This month we have added an ARRL book entitled "Hints and Kinks" to the library. Paul Herbert, KG6CR, just returned from the UK, brought in a few British publications to be donated to the library. When received, I shall mention. Tnx, KG6CR

Nominations from the Floor

Bill Dews, K6AWO

W6TRW President Walt Pearson has asked me to head up a nomination team again this year. Two positions are opening up on the Executive Board. Secretary John Keller will be moving over to the staff position of Editor a Gary Komatsu will be retiring and his Activities Chairman position will be open. The only person who has stepped forward so far is Connie Gilmore who has volunteered for Secretary. The Club can only function to the extent that the membership pitches in and helps carry the load. Let us each examine our lives and see if we can't give the time necessary to make the club better for all of us. I can be reached at X55642 or mail station M4/2282.

September Swapmeet Notes

Jim McWilliams, W6RTG

Club members that I encountered at the September Swapmeet that qualified for raffle tickets by wearing their TRW ARC caps and/or club ID badges included Fred Garrett, N6CRW; John Keller, N6JLS; Dale Jensen, K6ZTI; Chris Wachs, WAZKDL; John Orr, KX6A; Bill Dews, K6AWO; and Bill Ivey, WA6QET. And the winner is -- Bill Ivey, WA6QET! Bill has informed me that he used his \$10 prize to purchase a file for storing 5 1/4" floppy disks. He found one at the Swapmeet for \$12 that holds 100 disks. I also heard from John Orr, KX6A, who won the August raffle. Seems John applied his \$10 to the purchase of several pieces of special test equipment at real bargain prices. He said that his purchase value/cost ratio resulted in a 11.13dB gain in money purchasing power -- which is what the radio amateurs Swapmeet is all about. Don Resor, supported by volunteer supervisors Frank Cartier, WA6RAY; Ray Dromgold, WA6KXX and Dale Jensen, K6ZTI, controlled the Swapmeet traffic very well. In general, all attendees cooperated with our supervisors and so did the weather which was perfect for an outdoor social event such as our Radio Amateur Equipmeet Swapmeet has become. Because of the major monthly event the Swapmeet has become, it is necessary to occasionally remind the Swapmeet attendees of the policy and purpose of the meet. The TRW ARC Swapmeet was organized in the spirit of Amateur Radio -- to promote the hobby by helping those interested to gain the knowledge and the equipment required for Amateur Radio. It is the intent of this Amateur Radio Equipment Swapmeet to provide a monthly meeting place for radio amateurs and experimenters to trade and exchange amateur radio related equipment. As a TRW Amateur Radio Club sponsored activity no fees are charged for the trading privileges. Instead, the club asks the traders to cooperate by adhering to the Swapmeet rules that limit the types of items for trade to used radio amateur related equipment. In order to preserve the intent of this club function, commercial vendors are not permitted.

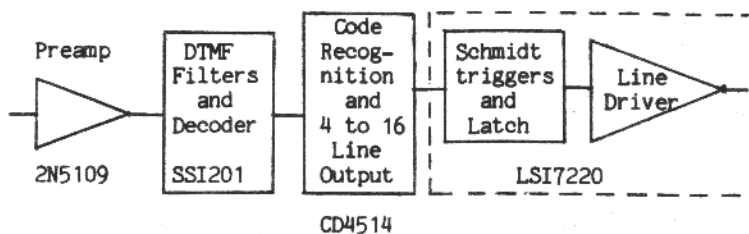
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Olympic Yachting Events

Sue Stockwell, N6IDC

Thanks to the information you published some months ago, my brother and I got the chance to work as volunteers in the Olympics this summer. We worked as support craft communicators at the Yachting venue. Our daily routine was to leave each morning on a "spectator boat" and radio in from various positions. We were also one of the few people privileged to watch the yachting races. The racing was fascinating. There were seven different classes of boats, the fastest being the appropriate¹ named Tornadoes (a type of catamaran). The USA won medal in every event. All in all, the experience was fun and rewarding. We met gobs of people from other countries--we had fun trying to understand one another. And only three radios were dropped overboard (none were ours)!

Many of us have an HT with a hardly-used touch-tone pad built-in. Mike Aust uses his a lot in his repeater system with decoders on the other end. One of his is from Speedcall Corp. of Hayward, Ca. The PC board is only approx. 2 X 3", runs on 9 to 13 v. and costs about \$80 as a kit. The following is a typical block diagram.



Mike said that the PCB and the decoder chip is available as a package at the TRW swapmeet for about \$30. Maybe next time, you could use one of these to call your XYL without her having to hear all the other garbage on the channel, or even use one to control your garage door for security reasons, hi. hi!

Did you send your check for the Annual Dinner to Paul Herbert yet? He just loves to collect money!

In ham radio we realize that friendship is like good wine, it gets better with age.

Wanted — For Sale — Freebies

For Sale: Kantronics Interface RTTY/CW up Terminal Unit, \$100. Hamtext for Commodore 64, \$75. Contact Mike KA6OUF Smiljanich 675-9639.

Wanted: Commodore 64 with disc drive. OR For Sale: Mykrotron Rtty Interface with interface plug to Commodore 64. Any reasonable price for either item. Rtty Interface won as prize at Santa Maria Hamcon - never used. Disk of software also included. Contact John N6JLS Keller X55485 or 545-4019 (home).

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We got another copy of the Hamster from England and they had a report on the beacon that they have installed. There have been a few problems like a faulty zener diode that reduced the output power down to 1.5 watts and intermittent "mains" but operation is continuing. The Cheshunt and District Amateur Radio Club is looking for into alternate energy sources, either solar or wind generators. I guess a little "hands across the sea" might be nice if you can help them out. Also keep listening on 28.2725MHz for the beacon. The club will appreciate any reports of hearing the beacon. The person to contact is:

Roger Frisby, G4OAA
2 Westfield Road
Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8QX
Great Britain

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Life is like being on a mule team. Unless you're the lead mule all the scenery looks about the same.

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The reason we admire the persons who think before they speak is that they give us a chance to say something.

It continually amuses me at the excuses, reasons and causes hams come up with to justify or avoid doing this or that. I've heard a number in the past ten years, but the squirrelist I've heard is justification for two meters.

I've lived through earthquakes, floods or unnatural disasters with assorted characters wandering in and out of the house at all times of the day and night, but I can't find one single recommendation for two meters at breakfast.

The only time the phone isn't ringing or someone knocking on the door is breakfast. --- But no! Yak yak yak! Someone quit talking while I was interrupting.

It's the first thing loaded into the car and even taken to Thanksgiving Dinner. We have it with snacks and trips. The only good thing about this new rig is that it's turned off for eight hours getting it's battery charged.

"I never get lonesome as isolated as we are since the repeater went in. The rig sits right here in the kitchen." "I can go anywhere now, I never get lost." "It's fun traveling now. Someone can always talk me in." "It's such a homey band, like having some close neighbors." "We're moving to the mountains but we made sure we could hit the repeater before we bought." "I've talked my way across the states, coast to coast. That's really something."

Give a ham a mike and most of them develop verbal diarrhea and with a forty-five second cutoff they really speed up.

I'm not moving to the mountains. I'm neither isolated or lonesome and I've seen many interesting things without getting lost. I have no intention of going coast to coast talking and otherwise and I don't want a radio in my kitchen - AM, PM or shortwave, especially for breakfast. So, until somebody can come up with a good concrete reason to justify this noise, I'm screaming loud and long. In fact, I think I'll write my Congressman. Phooey!

(Ed. note: For several years in the 70's the Bulletin and the Round Table [Colorado] ran a monthly series written by Elise White. They were extremely popular. Elise became a Silent Key thus ending the series. The Round Table is re-running some of these and we climb aboard to present some of them to our members. [This one copied from the Round Table.]

Thanks, Amateur Radio News Service Bulletin

