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Hampden County Radio Club

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ANNOUNCEMENTS See you all June 2, Friday, at the Chalet in West Springfield for an

organized Bull Session with short talks by various members and a panel for a question and answer(?) session. Soco --- jot down your questions and bring them with you; someone should be able to answer them. Also, you fellows who have not yet lined up something for Field Day can get up-to-the-minute dope on the various groups which will be outward-bound, with room for at least one more.

LAST MEETING On May 12 Rog. Corey brought the meeting to order with a bang. The bang was provided by a gavel given to the club by Bob Sabin, a pros-

pective club member. Perce Noble presented the highlights of the ARRL Directors' meeting which was held on our usual first Friday of the month get-together. It's a good thing we have someone like Perce in the Club who can handle such a position in the manner he has. Keep up the good work, Perce.

Four applications for membership were approved by vote. The new members are:-

Howard Cutting JWV, 29 Pomeroy St., No. Wilbraham, Ray Nystrom IL: 36 Baltimore Ave., Springfield Ken Hardy DXW 39 Fallston St., Springfield Bert Gowell SWL 47 Monson Road, Wilbraham

Movies of last year's Field Day were shown and viewed with considerable interest, especially the seals that performed in the leader film. OJK, who brought the projector, clarified the situation by pointing out the fact that it was a commercial film spliced onto the Field Day episode and not clowning members.

NOTICES The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at GZL's camp on the Connecticut River. Les is sending directions to Ken, SIT, so that the Baker's Dozen can find their way June 16.

Three applications for membership were accepted by the Executive Committee for approval by vote at the next meeting on June 2, as follows; Robert Sabin - SWL - 38 Rencelau St., Springfield Everett (Glut-Maker) Taylor - BEF - 78 Warrenton St., Springfield Bill Parker - SWL - Clinton Hotel, Springfield

TREASURY NOTES The treasurer reports we've diminished our reserves substantially \$ \$ \$ for the first half of the year althought we got our money's worth. High lights of our finances follow:

Dues collected totaled \$94.75. For disbursements, Zero Beat was the big item --\$48.00; VHF contest prizes were \$20.00; the banquet came to \$20.98 after applying raffle proceeds of \$61.63 to the \$82.61 gross subsidy; refreshments and rent for the meetings totaled \$26.92 after subtracting on-the-spot contributions; the Hobby Show stood us \$8.00; administrative expense was \$9.00, and we have advanced an unpaid \$19.00 for TVI filters which we expect to recover.

There will be some expenses possibly for Field Day coming up shortly, and our annual Club Picnic will take another nick out of the budget this summer.

It's suggested we could break even on our \$12.00 monthly meeting expense if we all drop a quarter on the plate as many of the gang are doing already.

ARRL ACTIVITIES Organized activities sponsored by ARRL have been quiet of late. By WIEOB That is, other than the National Traffic System which has been going great guns with all kinds of Hobby Show and Armed Forces Day

traffic.

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Two important events are coming up in June. The Field Day over the

weekend of June 24 and 25 will be reported elsewhere in this bulletin. Starting June 3rd from 2 p.m. EST and lasting until Midnight June 4th will be a V.H.F. QSO party. This is open to operation on all bands above 50 MC. Two way contacts only on 6 and 2 count for one point each. On all higher frequencies the exchange is worth 5 points. The total of the points is multiplied by sum total of the different ARRL sections worked on each band. The only information required is the name of the section of the station you work. Complete details on page 45 of the June QST. HAVE YOU GOT YOURS YET?

JOTTINGS Last issue we announced RZU received his Class A ticket as a result of the F.C.C. exams held in Springfield March 31st. Subsequently we heard

his buddy, RHU, did likewise, and Ye Ed's corrected application finally convinced Washington he was a citizen, so his ticket was officially advanced to "A". RED and RIA bring the Club's total to five successful As. Dick Napolitan now holds a new B ticket and the call SXJ, making him a full privilege Club Member. Hope we haven't skipped any others, but these are all we heard about. Several of the boys from the Vet's Electronics Course at Trade School were successful too, and we hope they will show up at the club meetings as soon as their schedules permit.

The Club still has a few low-poss filters which have not been picked up, so those who signed up for them should see Rog. Corey, JYH. There may even be an extra one or two left; if you suspect you may be having TVL, you can't find a better deal than these. Price of \$2.00 is actual cost on a quantity production basis through the cooperation of Jesse Richardson, CKJ, and his boys at Tech High.

Hampden County Radio Club had an excellent booth at the 40 & 8 Hobby Show. Rigs were operated on 20 phone and 80 c.w. ARRL publications and material were prominently displayed. Background was furnished by 3 large panels: One, a fine job of lettering by SIT set forth interesting facts relative to amateur radio and radio amateurs; a second showed large selected photos of local hams at their rigs as taken by RDR; the third displayed a large world map, bordered by QSLs beribboned to the appropriate countries from which they originated.

We understand that MOK's Holyoke E.C. group furnished operators for a working demonstration of ham radio, msg handling, etc. for the Boy Scout Hobby Show in Holyoke. They used 10 & 40 meter rigs and got off 97 messages.

DX The only mail this month is from Gil, WIAPA. It sure would be good to
By WIKFV hear from some of the rest of you DX hounds. I know someone is working some DX on some band. So, how about it? Gil. received cards from
XZ2EM, PK2ZZ, VP7NN, MI3DX and UC2CB. This brings him up to 98 confirmed. WIEOB latched on to VRIC and Vic also needs less than a half dozen cards for his DXCC.
WIJYH got up and went to bed late enough to add: HC8GRC, EA9BB, and VRIC for a total of 217. WIKFV DID work a new one by accident and with SPISJ brings him up to 174. Yep, IF I got on a little more often I too could boast new ones each month-maybe-, 73 & DX to all of you who are interested enough to listen instead of call CQ..WIKFV

TRADING POST

For Sale:- Meck 60 watt xmitter coils for 80-40-20-10 meters fone or cw. Now on the air \$100. Dwight Keeney, WLENK, 67 Sycamore St., Holyoke.

Swap OR:- 300 Watt Stancor Modulation xformer with 8005 tubes - Swap or best reasonable cash offer - Art Zavarella, MNG

FIELD DAY MNG has been able to obtain considerable equipment with the able assis tance of QUQ - Walter Ross - for the Field Day set-up at King Philip's Stockade. There will be operations on 80-75-40-20-10 & 6 meters provided there are enough operators, how about it fellows? AGM's 400 watt generator will be there, also battery chargers for battery operated rigs, 6 volt generators gasoline engine driven, and a spare PE103A.

Pete Pederson, RVW, will have an HF setup on Wilbraham Mountain. You can see the tower easily from Wilbraham and should be able to find your way from there.

Rog. Corey, JYH, Vic Paounoff, EOB, will have a cw set up in a small park on Page Blvd. almost to Berkshire Ave. Here's where the scoring will be done. RZG will be on deck with vim, vigor and vitality.

Les. Horner, GZL, will have facilities for Field Day operation at his camp on the Connecticut River. Les says the low frequencies get out well from this location -- 75 phone in particular. The best way to get there is to swim up the river, but most of us head for South Hadley Falls then look for River Lodge. After turning off the main road toward the Lodge and getting over the sharp hump in the road, take your first right and you will find Les's camp the second one up the river from River Lodge on the East bank of the Connecticut River. If you should happen to land in the Lodge, dig yourself out (if you are able) retrace your tracks (?) and take your first left to Les's.

Let's see what happens this Field Day without using the Draft system.

TRAFFIC RHU VIA AGB* Vic Paounoff makes BPL with points to spare; - nice going, *Alexander Graham Bell Vic. -- At the 40 and 8 Hobby Show 150 messages were accepted and relayed, more messages would have been handled,

but you'd be surprised how John Q. Public reats to free service. WIEN resumes Summer schedule on June 1 as most of the regulars already know. MOK called into WAY slowly but surely the representation is increasing, how about more? Tech High finished the 803 rig and now with geiger counters they are counting? Ed. note RHU handled 574 messages from the Holyoke Hobby Show FB Russ.

YE ED'S CORNER How about some comments from one and all pro and con? Are you getting what you want to see in Zero Beat? Any and all suggestions are welcome. Mail to Bill Ham, WIRRX, 197 Whitney Avenue, Holyoke, Mass.

Also if you have any info that you feel would be of interest, please send it in.

MOBILE When is RRW going to break down and put some holes in that '50 Ford? PIR may also get up courage for his installation if you do Glenn (both on 10 meters)

NY and RRX have been working on 75 meter mobile rigs and both were heard in Ansonia, Conn. from Wilbraham. And believe it or not, RRX received his first SWL from Long Island as a result of the check with ABZ - Q5-S9 on 75 mobile -----Huh? Could be! Maybe GZL will hook up a mobile on 75 now.

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