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The question has been raised, "May we use items from ZB in our Newsletter?"... Oh, boy. Please do. I have neglected to mention this before, but any item appearing herein may be reprinted anywhere, anytime, with our blessings. I only hope that from time to time an item of value to someone will appear here, so it will be of some benefit to amateur operators.

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W4CGO, Sid, sends along the word that he'll be on the air with a KW as soon as he has an antenna. Hopes to operate with the Early Bird Net(s), and keeps in close with W4LEV, Sid of course, is located in Swansboro, N.C. He wants to know if perhaps anyone might know the whereabouts of Del, K8QIU, who was on Oki in 1960. If you can help, drop Sid the info at W4LEV. CGO, by the way, is stationed at MCAF, New River, and there is no Station there. Gotta do something about that, Sid...

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Also had. a letter from Bob, the Old Cotton-Picker on Oki. Might be termed hilarious, or hysterical, depending upon how you read between the lines. Anyway, Bob will be enroute to the land of the big PX very shortly, and we're looking forward to seeing him. Further; Bob's, relief is Harry, WA4RPE. Welcome aboard, Harry, and fill those shoes real good...

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W4PFC - The Private First Class hopes to be on Six meters by the end of March. More power to you, Quantico. Sorry to hear you're losing Bob on the 15th. Leaves Doug all by his lonesome.

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WA7AAJ - Here tis. Nice new station operating from MCAS, Yuma, Arizona. Real surprised to run across Dick, K4LBU, on 15 recently. He's on with a KWS-1, etc., and hopes to get business rolling out there. He's looking for schedules with just about anyone, so give him a jingle. Welcome aboard. Dick.

W4NTR - Anyone looking for this station after 1900Z, try 15 meters. We're usually on with W6ZJB K6MCA, WA7AAJ, K4MCL and KH6BGS, but so far, no KR6's....Maybe soon?

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TRAFFIC - Reports received from 15 stations for February. One more than last month but still a few of the gang missing.

Station	QTC	PP	TOTAL
Late: January			
KH6BGS	<u>10</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>240</u>
January	11227	3782	15009
FEBRUARY:			
W4LEV	3801	437	4288
W6IAB	3185	643	3828
K4MCL	953	18	971
K6MCA	643	142	785
KR6DI	247	460	707
KH6AJF	490	156	646
W4NTR	579	47	626
KH6MD	263	336	599
KE6MB	212	377	589
W6ZJB	269	289	558
KR6MH	187	310	497
KR6GF	383	105	488
W4PFC	328	15	343
KP4AZJ	231	57	288
KH6BGS	<u>7</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>187</u>
FEBRUARY:	11778	3622	15400
<u>1965:</u>	<u>23005</u>	<u>7404</u>	<u>30409</u>

No word from KG4AM, W6FCS, W6YDK, W4BHU, W4HBC....Wha' hopen?????

DID YOU EVER THINK - that, when you're on the band running a phone patch, it just ain't necessary to keep repeating that you're running a patch and need a clear frequency. That's pretty obvious, and any amateur with an ounce of courtesy won't QRM your traffic deliberately, any more than he would clutter up a straight QSO. I think one of the most irritating sounds on the bands today, is the phrase, 'would appreciate a clear frequency.'

T'aint needed...  
A lot of us will have to break the habit of throwing in odd-ball phonetics in lieu of our call sign in identifying on the air. Phonetics are fine, and very much needed, when conditions are bad, but the regs say use your call sign straight and correct. KH6BGS, this is W4NTR, not 'the Nasty, Tired, Rebel.' And, your call must be the last heard in the ID; W4NTR, over to KH6BGS, is verboten.

Not picking on BGS, just using the call for an example....  
And, when someone clobbers you on the band, then throws rude remarks at you for getting in his way, it's best to count to ten and let it pass. A hot reply to the offender makes you a member of the same low-type fraternity. Why should we help double the lid talk?

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Northern Virginia Navy MARS Bulletin sez "If you are proud of your MARS call, why not give it a little publicity? Next time you have QSL's printed, include your NO--- call on it, or maybe write it on your existing cards. Might help scare up a few new members for the group.

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Would like to hear from all stations who are active with public service nets, such as the Eye-Bank, etc. These groups perform a fine service in time of need, and are to be commended. Anything ZERO BEAT can do to assist in spreading the word will be done, but we have to know about it first.

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As us newspaper big-shots say, "Stop the presses, tear out the front page, and that's thirty"... Anyway, we've reached the end of another issue. Hope it's been of interest to someone along the line. Don't let your tickets expire, and we'll see you next month, we hope.

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