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NAVY MARS - This station finally got off the ground with a new Navy MARS Net, 4V2Y. This is a SSB net, operating on 7385 kc. We meet at 1500Z, Monday through Fridays and at 1800Z each Wednesday. This is a Northern Virginia area group, but any Navy MARS station will be permitted to check in if he has formal traffic in the correct format. The frequency has not been cleared for AM, so stick to SSB. A reminder, too, that we share this freq on a non-interference basis. As a result, if you hear other stations on frequency, do not transmit unless directed to do so by the NCS. Go by your DNC-8, and you'll never be wrong.

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And, have you, applied for membership? No?? Apply to: CHIEF, NAVY MARS: OFFICE OF NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS 0P-945N, ROOM 5D564: THE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C.. Business is picking up and we need all of you.

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15 meters is still a little erratic, but you'll find W4NTR on each afternoon after 1900Z in an attempt to keep up with WA7AAJ, W6ZJB, K6MCA, KH6BGS, K4MCL, and W4BHU. Should we dub this group as the "BOONDOCKER NET"??? Try 21430 for size.

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Bud, K4EIK, formerly of K4MCL, is now on from Portsmouth, Virginia. Nice to hear you again, Bud, and we'll be looking for you regularly. Welcome back.

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W4PFC - Seems we have a temporary fill-in on the job at Quantico. Mike is sitting at the rig for Doug who is trying a little leave. Sure looks like the new addition to Doug's family has gone to his head. Anyway, welcome aboard to Mike, and try to stay with us if you can.

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OKI BITS - A real nice report and letter from Harry of the Okinawa group this month. Station activities have increased quite a bit. They have some fine skeds set with KH6BGS at Kaneohe, and are looking forward to summertime skeds with the East Coast. We're looking for it too, Harry.

A pat on the back to KR6's DI, GF, MB, MD, and MH. During March, these stations handled a total of 22 emergency calls relating to serious illnesses. I know you folks helped relieve the minds of a lot of worried relatives. Good show.

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WA4PPX - A QTC from Bill, also a former Op at K4MCL, indicates he is fresh back from the Med where he operated as WA4PPX/mm. Now going somewhere, but who knows where? Come on up here Bill, and welcome back.

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RECOMMENDED READING: OPNAV Notice 5720 dated 5 March 1965. This contains the information on the 1965 Armed Forces Day Amateur Radio Activities. Competition ranges through CW, RTT with transmission of a message from the Secretary of Defense. Military-to-Amateur Tests will be handled from WAR, NSS, NPG, and AIR, on a variety of frequencies and modes. It all commences on 15 May 1965 at 1400Z. See you there?

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STOLEN FROM THE FLORIDA SKIP: (With permission of W4IYT, Editor, natcherly)....

To the ladies, God Bless 'em...where would we be without them? They're expensive, exasperating and entertaining, especially when they don't mean to be. Fragile little things in two-inch heels bounce in humming with excitement after a 10 mile hike through the store. An afternoon at a sentimental movie exhausts them....Armed with only twisted feminine logic, they tackle anyone from a high school principal to a highway patrolman and emerge triumphant and smiling. They burst into tears if the cake icing comes out the wrong shade of pink.

They're afraid of grasshoppers but brave about their own driving. They give a party for twenty teen-agers without batting an eyelash, but a crooked picture makes them nervous. They join clubs to better the world and during the lectures they study each others hats. They tell you all of your faults and feel sorry for the girls who didn't get you. ...They want to go out when you want to stay home, they're ready to go home when you are all set to make a night of it. They don't like to iron, they makes faces when they brush their teeth, and although they would like to own every electrical appliance invented, they're afraid of electricity.

Which brings us to this: Don't try to understand them, just love 'em. One way to show your XYL that you harbor tender feelings for her is to give her one of our FLORIDA SKIP XYL AWARDS. The certificate is a little something our "Dear Mabel" dreamed up so you know what to expect. Not only will it make a happy surprise for your deserving XYL, it will look impressive hanging in the shack or kitchen. This is an award to all wives, they don't need a license from FCC, just a marriage license. The certificate is FREE but BEAUTIFUL.All OM's are urged to get your nomination to Anne Pitcher, K4RDX, RFD 2, Stuart, Florida, today. Get a little surprise and make the little lady delightfully happy.

All this from Andy, FLORIDA SKIP Editor. So, if you're in the dog-house with the little woman, try this....And try the Florida Skip for some delightful reading each month. A FB paper for all HAMS. FLORIDA SKIP, INC., Box 501, Miami Springs 66, Florida. And thanks, Andy.

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Bear in mind that the handling of military business, official or otherwise, on the amateur bands is STRICTLY VERBOTEN. Don't do it..... Amateur frequencies are not the place to discuss military business OR, your personal monetary status. Keep it to yourself or try the Pony Express..... Any questions?

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TRAFFIC - And we're still moving right along for '65.

DON't FORGET - If your station has been active in any Emergency situations or out of the ordinary Public Service work, let us know here at ZERO BEAT. Makes for nice reading, and lets the folks know what's going on out there.

STATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL
Late: February			
W6YDK	1126	124	1250
W6ZJB	528	289	817
KR6FQ	406	0	406
W4BHU	123	48	171
February	14161	4357	18518
MARCH:			
W6IAB	2717	674	3391
W4LEV	1844	654	2498
W6YDK	1832	105	1937
KR6DI	641	525	1166
W6ZJB	812	274	1086
KR6MD	662	319	981
KR6GF	667	247	914
KR6FQ	675	0	675
KR6MB	135	465	600
KR6MH	197	333	530
KH6AJF	231	194	425
W4NTR	339	31	370
KP4AZJ	24	309	333
K4MCL	167	12	179
W4PFC	204	2	206
March:	11147	4144	15291
<u>1965:</u>	<u>48841</u>	<u>16194</u>	<u>65035</u>

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Another reminder that things are happening in the Navy MARS program. Don't get caught short. Join now and be ready. Would like to see at least one Navy MARS call assigned to Hawaii and one to Oki....

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W6IAB - George sez he don't see much in ZB about his outfit,, Here 'tis, George. Big word is that 6IAB and all individual ops are now members of Navy MARS. Good show, Also, they are now Official Observer and Official Relay Station appointees. Further there may be a write-up on W6IAB/NORSE in the Los Angeles Herald Tribune before long. Who are you using for your publicity agent?

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Each year, the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association holds a pretty good sized convention at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. It has been our pleasure to attend the last three as an operator with K4NAA/3 which is set up in the lobby. Look for us May 25, 26, & 27.

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Have you checked your license expiration date lately? You might be in for a bit of a shock.

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That about wraps up the April edition of ZB. Glad to hear from all of you. If you have something solid to pass along to the rest of the gang, send it in and we'll do what we can. Be good, continue your courteous operations, and make your station well worth-while.

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