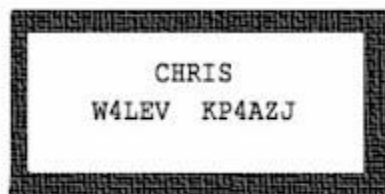


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Well gents first things first, W4NTR has finally gotten the new gear that we've been after for over three years. By this time you know that we have all of the new "S" line complete with 30 "S" 1. Also in the works is a good old Cliff Dweller Antenna, and a good old 30 foot tower with a good old 20 meter QUAD right or... top. As you all realize this puts the station in excellent shape.

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And not a moment too soon with the new gear either, as you know the Dominican flap has occupied NTR since about 29 April. The CHOP has averaged about 14 hours a day with all sorts of traffic. A tremendous number of welfare messages have been passed and quite a bit of traffic has gone to various members of the OAS, State Dept. and various VIPs throughout the country. Quite a few of the gang from the Intercon Net have been extremely active in the Dominican Traffic net on 14.347 and excellent cross section of hard working and devoted amateurs have been corralled on this freq to meet the emergency situation, premature well done to all hands.

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YDK tells us that they are running four hours daily with the gang from OKI and they always seem to run out of fone patch traffic long before the sked is due to wind up. Guess the boys must be out on a field problem of some sort. HI.

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Seems that Harry out on OKI has raised the question about the discussion of finances being mentioned on the air in fone patches, QTCs etc. Well let's clarify if we can. First of all there is no beef against the young married passing QTCs etc. concerning their personal finances, the arrival of the allotment check and that sort of thing. The big thing about AmRad traffic and money comes into being when somebody sends a QTC say to Sears and Saw-buck saying, please send me stock number 6 7/8, my mother will pay you by check. The whole thing comes into focus when a third party benefits by the transaction. Discussion of the personal finances of a married couple, due to the late arrival of the monthly dole, is not considered to be the type of transmission that results in a monetary gain such as the example cited above. Please make the clarification to all hands since this is certainly a LARGE morale problem and we would not want to add to their troubles by refusing this type of help.

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The following from a reader and now a contributor.

Every paper seems to have an OLD GROUCH COLUMN, why should we be different? So here we are but we'll change the name slightly.

SELF-OSCILLATIONS

The subject of courtesy on the air is being dogged to death constantly but never-the-less it needs more dogging than ever these days. Webster tells us that courtesy means:

1. A polite or considerate act or remark.

There are a lot of other meanings also but they all add up to the same thing. The Amateur's code states that:

AN AMATEUR IS COURTEOUS.

So what else do we need....quite a bit I'd say. Maturity is the one big thing that we need on our bands today. For instance, if someone calls into your net and asks for a signal report, GIVE IT TO HIM. It takes a few seconds of your time and makes a friend for the Corps. A comment such as Fine Business signal old man, your 5x9 here at Camp Swampy would you care to join our mid-day traffic net? Nine times out of ten the station will thank you, apologize for breaking the net and QSY. He'll have only good thoughts about the Corps when he leaves. A comment such as "YOU JERK, WHAT KIND OF LID ARE YOU ANYWAY, CAN'T YOU HEAR US PASSING TRAFFIC ON THE MID-DAY NET. GET A RECEIVER." Then they go on to tell how the station is all business etc, etc, etc. By this time you could have passed half dozen pieces of traffic. YOU DON'T OWN THE FREQ any more than the guy who blundered into you, OPNAVS point out very critically that AmRad stations located on board Navy or Marine Corps posts or stations are to participate in ALL PHASES of AmRad activity and to avoid constant harping on the traffic handling to the exclusion of all else. Don't forget mister, you represent the CG or CO of your post and as such you should Act as though he were looking over your shoulder each and every transmission. Also keep in mind that most of your SSB stations have a voice that can be monitored by ANYONE IN THE WORLD. If you feel that you can't control your temper and that you must vent your spleen, then by all means secure your MarCorps rig, go on to your own rig and call and bellow like crazy if you must. You can draw the ire of the WOUF-HONG to your own call and not to the Corps club station.

And while we are at it the phrase "A CLEAR CHANNEL FOR MILITARY PHONE PATCHES WOULD BE APPRECIATED" is one that is bound to get you QRM'd right off the band. The phrase implies that you have some special prerogatives, WHICH YOU DO NOT. Most operators will gladly steer clear of a patch, but let's face it, when you run a patch between cities just a stones throw apart then you are really asking for grief. Phone rates are plenty cheap as it is and most of the gab that takes place on these short patches are ridiculous.

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LET AN EMERGENCY SPEAK FOR ITSELF

REMEMBER, PRACTICE COURTEOUSLY EVERY WAY, EVERY DAY

ALL OPERATORS ARE NOT LIDS, BUT ALL LIDS ARE OPERATORS?

SUMPER FI

Heard a very strong rumor that NavMars may possibly turn 14.385 into a continental traffic net. If your queried in this regard please reply with emphasis. Wouldn't a QRM free freq be nice.....

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What's new in MARS? Who knows for sure..... but one thing for sure is that the 4V2Y net is off the ground on 7385 Kc each and every day at 1400Z daily and each Wednesday night at 2300Z. All stations are invited to participate. All that is required is to be a member, be in the right area or have traffic in the proper format for the net. What say FELLOWS lets hear from you. NOASM is the NCS

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TRAFFIC - Moving along real well for the past month

Participate in any EMERGENCY type activity Lately? Tell us about it, let the rest of gang in on your secrets. Its not bagging you know.

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STATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL
March			
KH6BGS	13	650	663
APRIL:			
W6IAB	3682	776	4458
W4LEV	2620	581	3201
W6YDK	2847	219	3166
KH6BGS	136	1946	2082
KR6FQ	24	1489	1512
KR6MB	303	567	870
KR6MD	284	545	829
KR6GF	486	328	814
KR6MD	434	348	782
KH6AJF	357	422	779
K6MCA	613	153	766
KG4AM	388	216	606
W4NTR	390	69	459
KP4AZJ	152	279	431
W4PFC	402	16	418
KR6DI	81	328	409
K4MCL	89	---	89
APRIL:	13, 288	8, 282	21, 571
1965:	<u>62, 129</u>	<u>24, 476</u>	<u>86, 606</u>

A letter from Fox Queen tells us that the boys in the land of the Hula Skirt really deserve a big pat on the back for the big job they are doing in handling patches and traffic in general. Thanks a lot fellows, the folks back home appreciate it more than you'll ever know. Nice job.

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AFCEA is about to get off the ground and as with the bumble bee, folks will think it won't fly,, It will, it does every year and we'll pass more on the deal next time around, meantime, best of luck to all hands.

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BOSO HEREJust sneaking in a note while GUS isn't looking. This whole edition has been put together by GUS, since yers tooly is a little tied up. GUS has really been getting a workout at NTR, and has been a whole lot of help. Mucho gracias.....

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Well gang that looks like a dam good month from where I sit and I know that it rep-represents a lot of hard work and extra hours on your part. Should be able to get the QTCs out of the field by using several methods that only a Marine in a tough spot could devise.

That just about wraps up May's issue of ZERO BEAT. If'n you don't like it blame BOSO, if'n you think its half way decent Blame Gus and if'n you don't got an opinion -- forget it. This pub can only be as good as you folks in the field help us make it and it seems to be getting better. Thanks for all your help and keep up the good work.

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