

ZERO BEAT



"Your files should include copies of the FCC
Regs; OPNAVINST 2070.3A & 2070.2H. Also a
station SOP should be available...."

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NAVY MARS -- Your DNC-8 will have Annex B before too long. Now at the printers, and will be distributed when ready. Contains the Frequency Annex, and indicates geographical and time-sharing plans for Navy MARS frequencies. The new Annex will be effective -
WHEN DIRECTED. . . .

Now you see what you're missing by not belonging to Navy MARS?

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STATION LICENSE -- Take a look at your station ticket hanging on the wall, (at least, it should be there) and check the expiration date. You'd be surprised how many times I hear from one of our stations that they almost let it slip past. You can't do much good with all the fancy equipment and a melodious voice if you don't have a valid ticket to make it legal. There is no fee involved for Military Recreation type station license renewals, so that should be no bar to prompt request for the new five-year paper.

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4NTR finally put Dave to work. Trimmed a little worn out coax and now have the TA-33 back in operation. So, you may hear us on fifteen meters again in the afternoons as we were way back when. Will be looking specifically for the west coast and Hawaii somewhere in the vicinity of 21430.

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ZERO BEAT may hit the newsstands a wee bit late for the occasion, but please take note of the event of the year scheduled for 10 October. This happens to be the birthday of our 'Honorary Marine Traffic Handler', MAE BURKE, W3CUL. I seem to have lost count of the number of candles required, but I'm sure she is at least SIXTEEN, again. . . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAE! ! !

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HEARD AROUND THE BANDS --- (With appropriate comments supplied)

"Ha-a-a-a-llo, test.....one, two, three, four, test, test, test...." Wonder what ever happened to the dummy load idea?

"I'm normally stationed at Camp Lojorge, but we're over here on an alert with the 43293rd jet squadron. Be here for about two weeks, then on board the USS Sinkinblastin for a trip to Umjoobie....." E-e-e-e-tai!!!

"This is WQ7ZZZZ, running overseas military phone patch traffic for military personnel at the military personnel section on this military base... Would appreciate a clear channel.

"This implies that the military has a priority on the Amateur Bands...T'ain't so... And why the long speech, anyway? Anyone with an ounce upstairs would realize the frequency was in use, but the foregoing example will most assuredly bring down the QRM about thy shoulders abruptly, etc...

"You clod. Get off the frequency. Get a receiver so you can hear when someone is using the freq...."

Come on, now... Be nice... Show a little upbringing'.....

"Why don't you QSY somewhere else....I've got a sked on this freq, and I've been using this freq daily for thirty-seven months, and you know it...."

Which FCC regulation assigned that frequency to this bird?

"This is WQ0ZZZZ, located at the home of the glorious 821479th Airborne, the greatest, bestest, fastest, etc....." OK, so you're proud of your outfit....The HAM bands are not the place to make with the khaki tinted Chamber of Commerce routine.

, test.....one, two....." Him again????

Oh very well. I'll admit they sound pretty far-fetched, but a few brief hours of turning around the bands will usually reap a goodly harvest of similar type operations. Leave us do our little bit toward cleaning up the frequencies by starting with ourselves. I'm sure we can set a good example, and others will follow.

F'r'instance - - Check your copy of the FCC regs...Section 97.87 gives the correct, and only acceptable method of transmission of call signs. Doesn't say a thing in there about it being proper to say, "4PYV, 4NTR".... Should be, "K4PYV, this is W4NTR"....Simple?

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Brings up a good point....Do you have your own copy of the latest FCC regulations in your station? Get one, and use it...Order for \$1.25, from:

Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC,
Zip Code 20402. Cost includes any future changes which may come out after you purchase Volume VI.....

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Now I'll get off my soap-box, and on to more pleasant items. Traffic, anyone?

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TRAFFIC - TRAFFIC - TRAFFIC

As we mentioned in the September issue, we are listing all stations by their totals for one year, through the current month. Standings:

STATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL	STATION	QTC	PP	TOTAL
W6IAB	32186	5533	37719	KP4AZJ	2299	1567	3866
W4LEV	18736	4993	23729	KR6MB	913	2952	3865
W6IDK	22182	1427	23609	W4FFC	3279	223	3502
KH6BGS	11391	7469	18860	KG4AM	2726	635	3361
K6MCA	7723	978	8701	KR6FQ	1105	1489	2594
W6ZJB	5267	1473	6740	K4MCL	1302	35	1337
KR6GF	3515	2592	6107	W4BH0	123	48	171
KR6DI	2656	3255	5911	WA7AAJ	Yuma - No Reports		
KR6MD	2425	2343	4768	I4HJJ	Cherry Point - No		
KH6AJF	2646	1617	4263	KR6CP	Courtney - No Reports		
KR6MH	1410	2519	3929	W6FCS	El Toro - No Reports		
W4NTR	3157	707	3884	<u>W4HBC</u>	<u>Parris Island - No</u>		
				<u>1965</u>	<u>115041</u>	<u>41855</u>	<u>166906</u>

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ROSES - ROSES, and a Pat on the Back.....

KG4AM - In July, Don received a Meritorious Mast from the CO, MB, Gitmo, for his operation of that AmRad Station. Also a letter of Appreciation from MCB-1 for his efforts in running phone patches for that unite. The 20 October issue of Navy Times also published a letter from the same unit, concerning Don's work. Congrats, Don, and keep it up.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW???

Bud, K4EIK, formerly at K4MCL. Now located at MB, NNSY, Portsmouth, Va.
Joe, former CHOP at W4PFC. Somewhere over there. Doubt if you'll hear him on the air, except maybe on the NavMARS frequencies.....

Bud, W5GPS. Departed Cherry Point, and has turned up at KA5MC. Listen for that one.

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WA7AAJ - Suddenly received a QTC from Ed, who tells us he is now CHOP at the MCAS, Yuma station that has been silent for so long. Understand they're acquiring a beam and rotor to get the big signal on the air. Sure be nice to have you with us, Ed.....

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Dick Kiter, WA6DZM, is now Coordinator for the OKI group. Sez his September traffic included 145 phone patches completed for patients at Kue Army hospital. Now there is a real morale booster type operation.

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NOTES FROM THE WILD BLUE, Etc,

Bob and Bill really have K6MCA stirring the kilocycles from 29 Stumps.....They're putting a bodacious signal into the East Coast these days. Doing a FB job on the air, and on top of that, their traffic report was submitted on time. Don't hardly make them kind no more. You can find them on daily with the Interstate SSB Net on 14275....

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Glen, who has been here there and everywhere, is now the CHOP at W4LEV. Had a very informative letter from him this month. Casually mentions that they're running TWO complete S-Line outfits, with monoband antennas for 15, 20, 40, and 80. All this and teletype, too. Then comes the understatement of the year: "This station has a great potential"..... Only one item not mentioned; Glen, have you applied for Navy MARS, yet?

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SELF OSCILLATIONS - - - by Arthur Unknown....

The following letter was received by this contributor recently. States a few simple facts on the subject of what happens to a station with no regular operator, and indicates the valuable morale potential that is lost through inactivity. We need all these stations on the air....

"HI...

Just finished the September ZERO BEAT. I will send our card file card as soon as I can find a typewriter. We are unable to keep active on MARS. We just received a letter stating that our membership has been dropped because of inactive status. (No Regular Operator to meet the net skeds) We couldn't meet the night skeds because we get into the theatre amplifiers. We can't fix it because they are on RCA contract etc., in short, red tape and complications.

Concerning W---- at---- ---- they face the same problem that we do, No Operator. The gear is just a roost for roaches and cob webs. --

I am operating W---- on a strict temporary basis. Around noon each weekday (providing no training films in progress) we sked Rosey Roads and then on a few days a week we also sked Gitmo. We have completed almost 300 phone patches and some formal traffic so far this month

----- We are trying to get a KHM-2 and Henry 2-K here. Sure hope we get it. Say hello to all the guys for me in the next Zero-Beat.

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The foregoing covers two stations that could be extremely valuable to all of our activities. Literally thousands of pieces of traffic could be handled for personnel at both locations, if their stations were active and handled correctly. Equipment is on hand already, their licenses are valid, but no one to push the buttons.

END OF SELF OSCILLATIONS.

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That's about the size of it from this end. ...Will be looking for your traffic reports prior to the tenth of the month, and would also like some material to fill the blank spaces in future issues. Anything of interest occurred at your place lately? New gear, skeds, TVI, or ingrown toenails. Pass it along and we'll hack it up.....

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