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W6VIO CALLING NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR STORIES TO BE SUBMITTED FOR
AUGUST ISSUE WILL BE 1 AUGUST 1983 - MONDAY. IF YOU HAVE AN AD
OR A STORY THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT, PLEASE MAIL C/O ADDRESS
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AUGUST CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 10 AUGUST 1983
12 NOON - BLDG. 238-543. ALL WELCOME - BRING LUNCH!!

AUGUST BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON 24 AUGUST 1983
12 NOON - BLDG. 238-543. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!!!!

REMEMBER THIS SATURDAY - JULY 16TH. - JPL FAMILY PICNIC!
PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT SILVERLAKES PARK IN NORCO SO PACK
YOUR CAR AND COME AND WORK IN THE JPL ARC HOT DOG BOOTH!

LETTERS COLUMN (This letter was received by the JPL ARC on 23 June 1983)

Dear Sirs:

Much to the disappointment of my friends and myself, the JPL Shuttle Audio Broadcast seems to have been discontinued. I am a radio listener and scanner hobbyist and have heard many inquiries about the Shuttle Audio on 145.460 mc. There was mention of the 10,000 disappointed Ham Operators. I realize that the Shuttle Audio Broadcast is designed for Ham Operators, but at least according to the station identifier it's purpose is to promote general interest in space.

At least the Hams can voice their disappointment! I'm sure you are aware that there are thousands of other listeners who look forward to hearing the Shuttle Broadcasts during each mission. What you may not be aware of are the additional scanner and radio listeners who are not Hams that also are interested in space. I won't belabor the point further as I'm sure you will receive many hundreds of letters saying much the same thing.

Please continue Shuttle Audio Broadcasts on future missions. If this letter will help, please feel free to forward it to the proper individuals. Is it a matter of money? I'm sure if you let it be known how much all of us look forward to the broadcast and the great interest and knowledge these broadcasts generate, NASA or the FCC or whoever will be inclined to allow them to continue.

If it's not possible to broadcast on 2 meters, could you possibly use one of JPL's 160 mc. frequencies?

In closing I wish to thank JPL and all related for the past Shuttle Audio coverage, and let you know, that the silent thousands want you to continue these fine broadcasts.

Thank you for your time!

Dan E. Shaffer
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Response: The decision to not carry the Air-to-Ground Audio for the latest flight of the Space Shuttle Challenger, STS-7, was a difficult one. While the JPL Amateur Radio Club is fully aware of the interest by non-amateurs, the colossal interest and wide propagation of the audio originally transmitted on the W6VIO Repeater on 224.04 MHz was due entirely to the overwhelming interest by the Amateur Community. Very strong arguments can and have been made both pro and con regarding the appropriateness of this kind of activity on the Amateur Radio Bands.

We knew before applying for an additional extension to the special waiver that it would be denied. In keeping with the conditions expressly stated in the extension to the original waiver, we did not formally apply for an additional extension. We (The Club) did not feel that pressing the issue for the STS-7 flight was in the best interests of Amateur Radio.

We do not know what will happen for future flights. We will be continuing in our effort to do what we feel is in the best interest of Amateur Radio. Taking on the FCC by storm is not in the best interest.

Flight STS-9 will have Amateur Radio direct from Dr. Owen Garriot, W5LFL, on Two Meters. That activity will be at least, and probably more exciting, than all of the previous Air-to-Ground activity. (Jim Lumsden WA6MYJ)

HAMS OF THE MONTH

Steve Brown - N6OE holds an Extra Class License and has been a ham for 22 years. His former call signs were WA6LAO and G5AWO. Steve was born in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey and grew up in the Boston area. Steve is single and his family includes son David 8 who knows 1/2 the code and his daughter Julia 4. He has brothers who are hams KA6AQX, WA6AZO, EX WN6JHX and cousins K1HRV, W1JSM, WA2DTN and a W3 that he's lost touch with. His great uncle is Silent Key W3HB. Steve is not set up now except for 2 meters (and then he has to replace his batteries). His ham awards include a certificate for QSO's with Shizuoka, Japan Amateur Radio Club Members. He's a life member of ARRL and his other hobbies include piano, flying, stamps and coins. His best DX was Pasadena (!) while operating mobile in Edinburgh, Scotland. He got cards twice from Czechoslovakia SWL's. The occasions were years apart but both times he was in QSO with different relatives. That should happen to his brother KA6AQX because his wife is of Czech parentage.

Ron Zenone - W6TUZ holds an Advanced Class License and has been a ham for 17 years. His original call sign was W3IHW. Ron was born and raised in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Pat have a daughter Annette and a son Steve. Ron operates on 40, 20, 15, 10 meters and 220 MHz. He is a member of Aerojet ARC and also the ARRL. He held the positions of Secretary for two terms and Vice President for one term in our own JPL ARC. His hobbies include Building and Flying Radio Controlled Sail Planes and Target Shooting plus Tennis.

Michael D. Griffin - AJ3A holds an Extra Class License and has been a ham for 19 years. He is the former N6WU and WA3AZL. Mike was born in Aberdeen, Maryland and grew up in Maryland, Virginia and Georgia. His wife Denise and he have a daughter Allison who is two. Mike operates on HF CW Bands mostly. He is a member of the JHU/APL Radio Club and was a Past President, Contest Chairman and Newsletter Editor for the JPL ARC. His other hobbies include golf.

JPL ARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Board Meeting - 22 June 1983

Present: J. Adams, N. Chalfin, P. Goodwin*, J. Lumsden, J. Repar*, S. Sander, M. Stewart*, J. Walsh.

A quorum was not present and no official business was conducted. Members present briefly discussed the following items of interest:

1. Field Day: Club Field Day operations will be conducted at Mt. Disappointment on 25-26 June. A handout has been received from Brian Stapleton and will be distributed to FD participants. Stan Sander is assisting in equipment preparations due to Vince Wirth's absence on travel. Jim Lumsden reported that the food plans are complete. (Note: The FD food was outstanding; many thanks to the Lumsdens!). Norm Chalfin will prepare a press release on the FD activities.

2. ERC Picnic: The Club will again sell hot dogs at the ERC Picnic at Silverlakes Park in Norco on Saturday, July 16th. The Club is doing this as support to the ERC, rather than as a fundraising activity, but a nominal profit is expected. John Repar is coordinating, Bruce Beaudry is arranging transportation and equipment, and Mike Stewart will purchase the supplies. Volunteers are needed - please contact John at X7261.

3. Education: A "Continuation School" class for those who have completed the Novice classes will be conducted from July 5th. to Labor Day on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1200 in 238-543. John Walsh, N6UK, X3303 will instruct in CW and selected theory topics.

4. Facilities: Norm Chalfin volunteered to construct the beam rotator remote control box. Stan Sander reported that the dipoles will be installed for the Club Station after Field Day. Stan also discussed the needs for upgrading the ØIII satellite station; new equipment and antennas are required, and this will be the next major facilities work to be undertaken.

5. N. Chalfin reported that the ØIII satellite was successfully launched and that he had received the downlink. The satellite is currently in a transfer orbit and is expected to be fully operational in about two weeks.

6. John Walsh reported that a packet radio repeater is in operation at Mt. Otay on 144.92 simplex.

7. A brief discussion was held regarding the Shuttle audio coverage. The consensus of those present was that the previously made decision was correct (i.e., not to apply for another FCC waiver extension, and therefore to discontinue providing the service on the Club's repeater). (See Letters Column Page 2 for more info)

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1250.

Submitted by J.M. Stewart - Secretary

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DX NEWS

by Bob N6ET

No preamble this time due to lack of time, just DX tidbits today.

Bangladesh - S2BTF is available on many 14&21 MHz nets. He'll be leaving in mid-July.

Farve Island - G5YC/OY, G4MIM/OY and G4SAR/OY were active through 10 July, I understand. Wish I'd heard them!

Mali - T28DC active through 24 July on 1419 kHz and 20 kHz from low end of 10, 15 & 20 CW bands.

Taiwan - BV2A is active on 14032 from 1330Z while he signs BV2B on 14218 at 1430Z.

Yemen - J28AZ claims to have a 70 license for 8 days in late August. This would be the first time in many years for 70-land.

Good Luck - Bob N6ET

SHOP TALK

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Field Day was an enjoyable and memorable experience again, as it usually is. I always get a few palpitations when I see someone, in this case Stan Sander, perched precariously on a pole, holding an unsupported tribander by one hand and hoisting it into position. I always have the vision of a pile of scrap metal at the base of the pole. The layer of clouds and smog were below us so some of us were breathing air of unaccustomed purity. Activity whetted the appetite. We were fortunate to have Jim Lumsden and the XYI to provide ample and delicious cuisine.

Our next activity is not a Ham Activity per se. We will run a hot dog booth at the JPL picnic to be held on July 16th. at Silver Lakes Park. There will be less competition than there was last year. I've participated in these types of affairs in other organizations. Sometimes the effort was simply to have a good time and at least break even. On other occasions, it has been an effort to make a few pennies. Usually the amount of labor involved was quite high compared to the returns. The ERC has been very helpful to us over the years and some of us feel obligated to help them make this a successful event. We have a few people to man the booth. However, we would appreciate additional help, especially from those who plan to attend. If you can give us an hour of your time, it would be appreciated.

John Repar WA6LWD

Editors Note: From past experience (Hot Dog Booth Chairman for 3 years) I can say that the worst time of all is at close-up time when noone is there to help tear down the booth and put things away. Please help. Many hands make light work-and bigger smiles!

THE JPL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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