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Don't Forget the Wednesday Evening Net.

From Will VA3WEW.

Just a reminder that Our Club net is on 147.120 + at 7:30PM local time every Wednesday. Plan to be there.

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Hamfest.

From NSARC Executive

Mark April 19th 2008 on your calendars.

Remember to set aside some time on April 18th in the evening for setup.

If you are able to help with security, be sure to notify Steve VA3TPS. He is in charge of the security detail this year.

IF you wish you can email the executive and we'll redirect your information to Steve.

Be certain to tell all of your friends.

<http://drhamfest.tripod.com>

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From the NSARC Archives.

Courtesy Ralph VE3CRK.

This article appeared in the April 1983 Bulletin.

Some of the unusual activities of our pal Grommethead Schultz are almost unbelievable. Other flop somewhere short of the credibility gap. November will always bring to mind, for example, the time he invited us over for Thanksgiving goose. His secondary hobby then, we recall, was taxidermy. Stuffed birds perched all over the place.

Grom showed off the new shack while his auto-range expertly roasted our dinner, a most aromatically appetizing procedure. Plenty of fresh rare QSLs on Schultz's wells, stuff we'd been stalking unsuccessfully for some time. This turned our chatter to antennas, particularly since Grommethead's skyhook was nowhere in sight on the premises.

"No outside antenna allowed in this subdivision", explained Schultz, "but we make out okay."

"Oh, good old #40 wire in an invisible beam," we surmised.

"No chance," said Schultz, The super comes through here twice a week dragging heavy chains."

"Aha, an underground antenna," we concluded.

"Not exactly, Tried a deep one but QRM from Chinese commercials was rough, Here's what I'm using now, a sort of Marconi with zip, Stand back!"

Grom turned o the rig, counted to ten, listened on frequency briefly, and sent

some V's. You wouldn't believe it. Every time he pressed the key a shiny lance-like object shot up through a tiny hole in the floor and popped out through a similar hole in the ceiling. Every time he let up on the key the darned thing whizzed back and disappeared somewhere below. Two VU2s appeared on frequency and complained about QRM.

"I call it the piston," said Grommethead, leading us down to the cellar, "Simple but effective."

Simple for Grommethead Schultz, maybe, in the basement we saw two huge flywheels whirring in opposite directions, with a test key Grom showed us how the flexible whip was flipped out by one wheel, retracted by the other, almost instantaneously. "Nice c.w. Shaping when properly adjusted," he added.



—Reprinted from September, 1954, QST

Upstairs once more, the savoury fowl with trimmings appeared before us on a table-setting conveyor unit. Delicious! We chomped thoughtfully.

"Say, Grom, isn't that thing kind of dangerous?"

"Yup," munched Schultz, passing the gravy, "But this roof is unclimbable, haven't been able to do anything about the birds, though, Especially on 160, Messy." Our drumsticks began to taste funny. Then somebody pounded furiously on the front door.

A large weather-beaten rustic wearing a big bright star dashed in, grabbed Schultz with one huge paw and the goose with the other. "I was watchin' that flock pass over last night when another bird disappeared, out of season. Dunno how you do it, fella, but I'm runnin' you in!"

We bailed him out later and settled for an anchovy pizza. Grommethead Schultz stays on 6 or 10 meters now, spearing only an occasional sparrow.

-Rod NewKirk
W93RD.

(Reprinted from the "How's DX?" column of "QST" for November 1968)

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How many of you attended the ARES meeting this past Saturday? Shortly before I was to leave the house our 14-year old dog decided to initiate her own version of the "Operation Funny Cloud" exercise. The fumes while not toxic were definitely noxious. The lack of a prevailing wind, meant that when windows were opened to aid dispersal, the only thing that happened was that the house internal humidity increased, causing the odors be cling that much more. My wife being first on the scene assumed the role of incident commander with the LOUD, ANGRY VOICE (LAV) protocol. The dog responded with the "bambi-eyes-Head Down in Shame" protocol. Being the only other available responder, I opted for the Tactical "Yes-Dear" protocol. As most of you know the LAV protocol requires a lot of energy for the sender and the receiver. Experience has taught me, "Yes-Dear" saves on data repeats and front-end overload on the receivers. Experience teaches us all that the "bambi-eyes-Head Down in Shame", works only for animals. As with any "disaster", small or large it's not the cloud of fumes but the spills that are the real issue. The spills while not hazardous, were definitely dangerous, especially at close range. The dog was moved outside quickly and the clean up ensued. It was just after 10:30 when the "all-clear" was sounded. It should be no surprise to you that the dog was not phased by all of this.

After all she is old, arthritic, willful and profoundly deaf. The fact that she still loves her walks, is reasonably companionable and still seems to enjoy her existence, means that in spite of her failings, she'll be around for a while longer. Yes the old dog survived this incident fairly well. I can't say she came out of this smelling like a rose. That will be sometime this week when she has her bath. The dog's rugs and blankets were washed and the dried. By lunchtime the communications were back to normal, no more requirement for LAV or Yes-Dear. Needless-to-say I missed the ARES meeting. I am looking forward to the next one. As with any endeavour, Practice Makes Perfect. I'm getting quite good at hustling the dog outside. The art of cleaning the hardwood floor is something I'm working on now. I'm looking forward to more practice time on ARES.

Remember that Hamfest is this coming weekend.

Your scribe,

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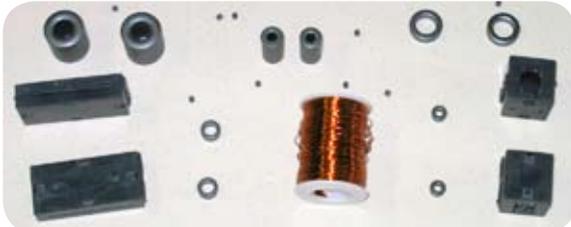
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