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BOB WA3PZO WINS ARRL NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Nominated by Club for UX0ZZ Campaign

Bob WA3PZO has received the 1995 Philip J. McGan "Silver Antenna" award for his PR campaign on behalf of **Nick Bortnik UX0ZZs** trip to the USA for medical treatment. The award recognizes the years most outstanding public relations work for Amateur Radio and is conferred by vote of the ARRL Board of Directors. A committee of outside PR experts sifts the nominations and recommends a winner to the Board.

Bob began the campaign in 1995 as the club's Public Relations Chairman and continued it to successful conclusion in 1996. He worked with ham radio media to promote donations for Nick's expenses and with the electronic and print media in the

Delaware Valley to publicize Nick's problems with getting a visa from the US Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine, to enter the USA.

The campaign to bring Nick to the USA is the front-page headline story in the September issue of *WORLD RADIO*.

The nomination was written by present Public Relations Chairman **Bill W3KRB**, in cooperation with President **Bob W3ZQN**. [More about Nick on page 6]

NEW HAMFEST SITE A WINNER . . . NEW CHAIRMAN NEEDED NOW!

The weather was a breath-holder, as Hurricane Bertha drenched the Saturday set-up crew, but the new hamfest site at the fairgrounds in Kimberton, Chester County, was proclaimed a winner by everyone. Sunday's weather was bright and HOT. A very good number of volunteers showed up on both Saturday and Sunday. The food was 1000% better than the stuff at the drive-in theater.

Start-up expenses for relocating the hamfest and publicizing the new venue ate most of the revenue. The net from the hamfest was only \$800. However, the Board believes the bottom line will improve nicely in future years, as we become more proficient at running an indoor / outdoor hamfest.

MARC's 1997 hamfest will be known as The Valley Forge Hamfest, and the date will be July 13. The Board decided that a name change would spiff up the image of the event and communicate its location better to non-locals.

Edie KA3NKP, who did such a super job in '96, will not be able to chair the hamfest in 1997. We need a hamfest chairman, and we need one NOW.

We're already working on publicity flyers and other plans. Please contact President **Bob W3ZQN** if you're able to pick up this important responsibility for our club. If not you, who?

WHAT'S NEW IN HAM RADIO

VANITY CALLSIGN GATE 2 OPENS SEPTEMBER 23. Extra class hams may apply for vanity callsigns for themselves and club stations for which they're trustees. Applications received before the start date will be returned, *so don't jump the gun!*

NEW FCC RF SAFETY STANDARDS that become effective January 1, 1997, could affect the way some hams operate. As a result of a Report and Order adopted by the FCC on August 1 (ET Docket No. 93-62, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Radiation), Part 97 will require hams running more than 50 W PEP to conduct routine RF radiation evaluations to determine if RF fields are

sufficient to cause human exposure to RF radiation levels in excess of those specified. Don't panic. Do read up on the subject. A place to start is on ARRLWeb (<http://www.arrl.org/news/rfsafety/>). [tnx ARRL LETTER]

ARRL SURVEYS MEMBERS ON HF CW REQUIREMENT. All League members should respond to the survey printed on pages 49-50 of September QST. Only if large numbers of members express their opinions and desires will it be possible to determine where the mainstream flows on this controversial issue. If you don't put in your 2¢ now, don't complain later.