



REMARCS

JULY/AUGUST, 1993 FUN HAMFEST HAMFEST FUN

With the August 8 hamfest little more than a month away, every MARC member should be talking it up on the air. Tell your friends, tell your enemies, tell people you don't even know ... this is a good hamfest that supports a local radio club's services and activities. We want sellers. We want buyers. We want people who enjoy buying, browsing, and shmoozing.

One ham's comments published in another club's newsletter sharply criticized our hamfest . . . and by implication, all the club fests in the region, in fact. To that sort of atty-tood, one can only say, "Everyone's entitled to his opinion . . . and don't let the door hit you." Our hamfest feeds ham radio in the Delaware Valley, not some outsider's bank account. The market (that's you and me) will decide if local ham radio clubs can afford to continue as we now enjoy them. If we as a ham community don't support local club hamfests, then we will get what we pay for: Two days of hotsy-totsy commercial show, and 363 days of . . . what?

More than ever before, we have to promote our hamfest aggressively to others and support it ourselves. A lot of effort has already taken place, and more will be needed in the remaining weeks before H-Day. Contact ROB W13S (384-3163) to find out how you can join the MARC hamfest gang.

HAMFEST TO OFFER LICENSE TESTS

For the first time, the MARC hamfest will offer license tests. The session will begin at 9 AM, at the Days Inn on Route 611, 245 Easton Road, just north of Turnpike Exit 27. It is not necessary to buy a hamfest admission ticket in order to attend the test session,

Pre-registration is strongly recommended. If you want to take an exam, call BOB W3ZQN at 265-6032 to reserve a spot. Walk-ins will be accommodated only on a space-available basis. As always, bring positive ID, your license and a photocopy of it, originals of any certificates needed to prove elements passed, and \$5.60 fee. There may or may not be a fee for elements 1A (5 wpm CW) and 2 (Novice theory) -- please check with Bob closer to exam time.

"SUPER MORSE" AVAILABLE THROUGH MARC

"Super Morse" is a share-ware program for IBM-compatible computers that teaches Morse code. Whether you are a complete beginner with the code or working towards 20 wpm, this program has a good reputation for success. The author asks a \$15 donation from those who use it; his address is on the disk, and what you do about that is up to you.

The program is available on 5.25" 360k disk or 3.5" 720k disk. A hard disk drive is not required, although you can copy the program onto a hard disk if you have one. Copies will be available at MARC meetings. A small donation (about 50c) may be made to the treasurer to recover the cost of the disks. There is no restriction on copying the program, so you can give it to others.

It is a good idea to exit Windows before running Super Morse, because CW programs' timing routines may not work properly with Windows taking up some clock ticks.

MARC TO ISSUE ARRL RAG CHEW AND OLD TIMERS AWARDS

For several years, MARC has had an ARRL Local HF Awards Manager, KEVIN K3NTD (296-8888), who is authorized to check cards for the Worked All States award. Recently, KAY WT3P (993-9623) volunteered to issue ARRL Rag Chewers Club and Old Timers Club awards for the club. To qualify for RCC, you just have to rag chew with someone on the air for at least half an hour. That's all there is to it! It's a popular first award for many new hams. To join OTC, you must have been licensed for at least 20 years. No fees or QSL cards are involved. Use the clip-out on page 7 to get your certificate in the job queue.

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