

FROM THE EDITOR'S JUNK BOX



WT3P's Rule #1 : *Never antagonize a crazy person.* The way the world is these days, the minute you perceive a whiff of bad karma, it pays to step quietly to the exit and get the heck out of Dodge..

Consider, for instance, the genius who phoned the Pack Rats hamfest chairman about their October hamfest. The Rats, you know, also hold their show at the Route 611 Drive-in. "And when does your club have their SUMMER hamfest at the drive-in?" this guy wanted to know.

"Oh, that's another club's hamfest," explained the Rat, "not ours."

"No!" barked Mister Know-it-All. "You're WRONG! Your club DOES have a hamfest in the summer. Tell me when it is!" Wisely, the Rat down-shifted, told him when the MARC hamfest was scheduled, and got off the phone real fast. This guy had too many loose bricks in his chimney.

Which brings me (if *no one* else) to WT3P's Law of the Conservation of Ignorance: *If you don't know something, you can't find out anything else.*

You have to start learning somewhere, and most of us started at zero. Maybe there are no dumb questions....

Baloney. There ARE some dumb questions. You can spot the guy who's going to ask a truly stupid question. He's the one who's convinced he already has all the answers!

MARC should always be a club where we are neither too afraid to ask an honest question nor too stuck-up to answer one. On the whole, I think we are that kind of club. "Atty-tood" just is not our style, which is why the occasional example of it sticks out like a sore head, er, I mean "thumb."

I hope your family enjoys the holiday season. Please pause a minute, as we will here at Malfunction Junction, to be thankful for the privilege of being hams ... and may the only turkey in your life be the one on the dinner table!

-- 73 de WT3P

BOEING EMPLOYEES CLUB HOLDS NET ON '13

MARC has given permission to the Boeing Employees ARS (BEARS/3) to hold their weekly net on our 145.13 repeater, on Wednesdays at 8 PM. BEARS/3 has no repeater of their own. Provisos have been written into the agreement, signed by officials of both clubs, to make sure '13 is available for the MARC traffic net at 8:30 PM, if 147.06 should be out of service. The agreement is for 6 months, after which it will be reviewed by both clubs. Either club can end the agreement at any time, if things don't work out.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At their September meeting, the Board heard a progress report from the Nominating Committee.

Expense reimbursement was authorized for an official representative to an eastern PA packet sysops conference. Complex repeater link codes will be distributed to all licensed members. The agreement with the Boeing Employees club is in effect. Bruce N3JOV was nominated as our VHF awards manager. The newsletter editor was authorized to seek sponsors for each issue of REMARCS, to defray printing expenses. A new hamfest chairman will be needed. The Board officially thanked Carole KA3UUQ for working with the treasurer to review our financial records. The treasury balance was \$9,903.71.

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MORSE CODE CLASS



The CW class got underway with a good-sized group of students for instructor Carter KD3AO. The students are Bob N3JIZ, Bill N3WBG, Jon N3VBZ and his dad Steve N1HDP, Christopher N3VXB, Dan KA3KHR, Sean N3EOG, Jim KD3NI and YF Libba, and Libby Bruno, YF of Bill WB3IZX.

Members who've been coming along to help include Bill, plus Bob W3SA and Kay WT3P. We began by introducing the characters, several each week. SuperMorse was given to those who wanted it, and the W1AW schedule was distributed. A code oscillator was also available to borrow.

MORE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At their October meeting, the Board decided to follow past practice and change the date of the November meeting because it would normally fall on Thanksgiving. The November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30. Reports were received from committee chairmen, including the Nominating Committee. A subcommittee plans to visit a possible new hamfest site. The treasury balance was \$9,841.79.