

ON THE BEAM

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The Technical Committee chairman is Greg Rix (KB7MUP). Anyone wishing to help Greg needs to contact him. You do not have to be an electronics expert, just a member of the club and interested in helping and willing to learn.

TNC Project

We have 17 individual orders plus 4 for the club = 21 orders for the IMP TNC. Looks like it is a success. The TNC components have been ordered and I will see what total cost will be."

ARRL Ham Of the Year Award

Rev Morton (WS7W), ARRL Section Manager, is looking for inputs for the ARRL Ham Of the Year Award. If anyone wishes to nominate a person they need to do it soon. Anyone wishing to submit a name for this award should send a letter to Rev stating the reasons they think the person they are nominating deserves this award. Rev's address is:
Rev Morton, WS7W
1341 Trojan Dr.
Casper, WY 82609

1. From our president

Club's Official Name

The clubs name is officially the "Shy-Wy Radio Club, Inc." We are a non-profit organization on file with the Wyoming Secretary of State since 1976.

April Meeting Location Changed

Carey Junior High School will be having school activities on April 9. The school will not be available to Shy Wy for the normally scheduled club meeting. The meeting will therefore be held at the Laramie County Emergency Agency in the basement of the police station at 7 p.m..

Technical Committee Chairman Appointed

2. Welcome amateurs

All Cheyenne Area Amateurs

As April comes around each year, Shy Wy Radio Club begins its new year with new officers, committee members, ideas, and new activities. Also, the April edition of the **ON THE BEAM** (the newsletter) is sent out to all of the Hams in the Cheyenne area. We hope we can inform you about some of the activities that are currently going on in the Club and the Cheyenne ham community. We would also like to invite you

to our club meetings. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at Carey Junior High School at 7 p.m.. Come, visit, and we invite you to join the Shy Wy Radio Club.

Wyoming State Hamfest

The Wyoming State Hamfest will be held in Cheyenne at the Holiday Inn on May 25 and 26. Enclosed in this issue of **ON THE BEAM** is the information about the Hamfest and the advance registration form.

ARES/RACES Program

Marty Luna (KJ7JJ) presented a very informative program on ARES/RACES at the March Shy Wy meeting. Following his program, interested hams filled out ARES/RACES registration forms and received identification cards. Marty (KJ7JJ) sent this Newsletter the following letter: *The meeting held on March 12 was an extreme success, especially for ARES/RACES. The number of old members, as well as the new recruits signed up is humbling. With the old and new, we now have 41 emergency communication volunteers in the Cheyenne area. My next goal is to identify and recruit members in eastern Laramie County. A force this strong is greatly appreciated by the management of LCEMA. Training will be our next priority, so watch for notices, it won't be too long.*

Skywarn Training

Skywarn training is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 1996 at the

Laramie County Emergency Management Agency. This training will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Joe Sullivan (KC7ITG) of the National Weather Service. This training is important as our assistance to NWS as "spotters" is important to our mission, and to the folks of Laramie County. I look forward to seeing the past members for "retraining", and the new blood for new "eyes on the skies".73's Marty (KJ7JJ)
Editor's note: All licensed hams can participate in ARES/RACES & SKYWARN

The MS Walk

Local area hams supported the Multiple Sclerosis Walk on March 30. This was conducted by ARES/RACES by providing emergency communications for the walk. Thanks to Steve (WA7H), Haskell (K7DSK), Bob (WB7T), Joe (KA7VIS), Fred (N7JPR), Greg (KB7MUP), Beth (KJ7FC), Scott (KC7DVE), and Bob (AA7TB) for helping with the communications.

Shy Wy Net

The Shy Wy Net operates every Sunday morning at 11:00 on 146.750-. This net is run by GREG (KB7MUP) and is open to all hams. Discussion groups are held as well as a swap list.

VE Testing

Wilson Silner (WB7RRZ) announces that the next VE testing session will be held on April 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Transportation building.

Alternate Testing Sessions

George Anderson (N7PLJ) announces an alternate testing sessions. The date for these tests are May 18, Aug 17, and Nov 16. The time is 9 a.m. and will be held at the School Dist #2 bus facility. That facility is located by going east on I-80 to the College Drive exit, turn north onto the service road for the Industrial Park. George Anderson is the point of contact. You can contact him at 638-6998.

Repeaters Are Open Repeaters

The 146.750-, 147.105+, and the 147.165+ repeaters are **open repeaters**. This means that any licensed ham operator can use these repeaters at any time. During Sky Warn and ARES/RACES activation the 146.750 repeater is the primary repeater and the 147.105 repeater is used as the secondary repeater.

Hal's 3 Element Quad

Mark (N7SDK) and Chris (KB7ZWC) graciously opened up their shop again for another antenna building session. Sixteen hams showed up on Saturday, March 30 for the event. Many 3 element quads were built under the instructions of Hal (KA7USG) and Joe (KA7VIS). Thanks Hal and Joe for putting together another outstanding project.

Tuesday lunches

Have a gourmet lunch on Tuesdays between 11:30 and 1:30 with other hams at McDonalds on East Lincolnway. All hams are welcome.

3. Members

Officers

Shy Wy officers for the 1996 year remain Steve Cochrane (WA7H) president. Vice-president is Marty Luna (KJ7JJ), Secretary is Beth Harris (KJ7FC), and Pat Baird (N7SDI) is club Treasurer. Thanks for the fine job you did last year and congratulation for being elected for the 1996 year. Committee appointments are being made by the president.

Concerns

Benny James (W7SQT) was admitted to United Medical Center on March 26 for surgery. He was released on the same day. Benny's surgery was a success and is recovering well and resting at home. Get well soon Benny, our prayers and concerns are with you.

Packet Nodes

Randy Schein (KI7BU) has the continental United States vhf packet radio DX routes list and user information ready for use.

A current copy of the DX list has been donated to the Carey Jr High Ham Club and the School Space and Communications classes. The school's and the SHY WY's copy is at Carey Jr. High and is there for everyone to use and enjoy. The books will be updated when additions and changes to the routes happens.

Randy says. *I have also put together the Wyoming statewide packet link system text and map of*

the Wyoming packet link. Yes we do have a state link. I have also put together the Wyoming packet radio nodes and BBS list. It has 60 current Wyoming packet systems and is more accurate than the 1996 Repeater Directory. All of the current DX routes and state link route and Wyoming packet nodes lists have been confirmed by using the NETROM, route and protocol lists, on the air contacts, and talking to sysops across Wyoming. Randy has backed up all of the data and lists on the different nodes. He has worked very hard on this project and will answer any questions, and will give demonstrations concerning the routes, Wyoming links, DX link, packet nodes, or BBS list for Wyoming. You can get all 3 lists by contacting Randy at: KI7BU-1 Mailbox 145090

73 Randy

Laramie County Amateur Radio Operators List

Jim Garrison (W7NE) has donated his time, resources, and energy to creating and maintaining a list of Laramie County amateur radio operators. The list is provided as a free service to area amateur operators. Jim would like to pass on to everyone that *"this or any other list is only as accurate as the available information. If you know of any corrections due to errors, changes, or omissions, please call me at 632-3979"*. Please help Jim with this exhausting, endless, and very useful project.

Hamfest committee

The next hamfest committee meeting will be held immediately following the Skywarn training session on April 16 at the LCEMA in the basement of the Cheyenne police department. Hamfest committee members are reminded that, if they have not already been contacted about their shirts, to please contact Susan Parkins (KC7DDP) and give her your order for the shirts. Shirt ordering deadline in April 15.

New Newsletter Editor

De AA7TB (Bob) your new **ON THE BEAM** editor. Experienced, I am not, interested I am. Steve, WA7H has done a great job as the editor of the newsletter for the past year. But, as Club President along with his many other ham, EMA, and MARS activities, he has asked for someone else to do the newsletter. I volunteered to take on the Newsletter, but I am asking for help. The help comes from all of you by letting me know of anything in the ham community that is newsworthy. Keep me informed of activities and I, in turn, will get that information into the newsletter. This newsletter, my first, is composed of many articles submitted by other members of Shy Wy. Their information is greatly appreciated and is what makes a good newsletter. Thanks for your help. Enjoy your news in your newsletter. I will be trying something different in the newsletter. As you have noticed, I am inserting a calendar of Shy Wy and ham related events. Let me know if you like the calendar and please submit any dates that you would like put on the calendar 73s...de...AA7TB

It's Time to Pay Dues

It is time to pay dues for Shy Wy membership. Annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for family membership. This covers the period from April to April. At the bottom of this page, you will find an application form. You can use

it to send in your dues if you cannot attend the April meeting. If you are a ham who is not a member of Shy Wy and would like to join our club, please fill out this same form and bring it to the April meeting or send it to Pat (N7SDI)..The mailing address is included on the form.