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Shy Wy Officers

President-Steve Cochrane

Vice President-Marty Luna

Secretary-Beth Harris

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July meeting location

Shy Wy will hold its July meeting at
the American Legion Post No. 6,
2001 E. Lincoln Way on July 9 at 7
p.m.. The meeting room is in the
west side of the building. There is
handicapped parking, ramp, and
entry on the west side of the building.

1. From our president

From the President.

Thanks to all the people who came
to Field Day and helped make it a
success.

We had a lot of fun even with all
the rain. A special thanks to Susan
and Todd for the Elk steaks and of
course, Greg and Linda for
bringing the radio and antenna.

The club meeting for July, August
and September will be at

American Legion Post 6 on
Lincolnway. Please come in the
west door.

With summer storms, Frontier
Days and tourist season upon us
please keep your radios on and
close by so we can render aid and
assistance when and if it is
needed.

I'm looking for some extra Hams
for the Frontier Days parades. We
may need some extra people to
"shadow" some parade officials so
they have a means of
communication during the
parades. We are expecting more
people than ever for our four
parades. The days that we may
need assistance are; Saturday 20
July, Tuesday 23 July, Thursday
25 July and Saturday 27 July. If
you can help out on any of these
days please let me know.

I hope everyone has a safe and
happy Independence Day.
Steve, WA7H2.

2. Field Days-

A Great Success

For the Shy Wy members and their
guests who attended the 1996 Field
Days at Tie City, it was a great
success. Thanks to Ward Noaks
WB6DNE for volunteering to be
this year's Field Day chairman.
For you who could not come or did
not want to come to this years Field
Days, the loss was definitely yours
and not ours who attended. It was
great having the entire families
(including their canines). Although
mother nature dampened the
campground occasionally the group's
enthusiasm was never dampened.
Cheers were heard throughout the
entire camp ground when some of
our members made their first contact
on H.F.. No prizes will be won by our
Club for rare dx's, high contact points

or number of club stations we had on our site. There was however a prize much more rewarding to all of the people who attended. That award was fellowship. We all had some time on the "Rix Rig" and logged a respectable number of contacts for our size group. We logged an equal amount of time around the campfire having multiple picnics, good conversation, and outstanding fellowship with fellow hams, their families, children, friends, and camp pets. Ken (KB7ROG) even logged the longest time spent sleeping in front of an HF rig. (He says HF static makes him sleepy.

3. ARES/RACES

PARADE MARSHALL PROCEDURES

Marty (KJ7JJ) would like to have a short training session for all hams who are going to help with parade communications this year. The meeting will be Monday, July 15 at 7:00 P.M. at the Laramie County Emergency Management Agency. Parade Marshall communication procedures will be discussed.

ARES/RACES training

8 August--7 P.M. --LCEMA

I will be offering the FEMA course "Workshop in Emergency Management: AmateurRadio Resources. This course is designed for EMA Coordinators, Public Safety personnel, and Government Officials. I am first going to offer it to all Laramie County ARES/RACES members to prepare you and help you understand what ARES/RACES role is with local and federal government. It is a three hour class, and will be held on **August 8 at 7:00 P.M. at the LCEMA.** Please plan to attend. This course is being presented on behalf of the Wyoming Emergency Management Agency, and

Laramie County ARES/RACES. Participants will receive a functional student workbook for a later reference guide, as well as a certificate of completion. Let's get a good showing.

73's

Marty KJ7JJ

Laramie County ARES EC

Laramie County RACES Officer.

NOAA RADIO***162.475 MHz

NOAA Radio operates on 162.475 MHz and many of our VHF rigs are programmable in this frequency range. If you have been listening to any of the NOAA broadcasts lately you may have discovered that they now indicate if the weather potential might be such for the day that spotter activation might be possible. The National Wx Service says that this notice to spotters will continue to be in their forecast formats. It should be noted however, Wyoming's weather can change every 5 minutes. Skywarn activation will still officially be activated on our designated ham frequencies. Just use NOAA as a potential indicator for each day. The spotter announcements are only on from 10:00 until 13:00 each day.

4. A bit of History

Jim Garrison (W7NE) was appointed Club Historian back in the early 1990s. He took on this exhausting job and his finished product is one of great interest. He has the history as he knows it available on 3 1/2 floppies. I have had the pleasure of reading these documents and I would like to share some of that history with you in the next few issues of On The Beam...AA7TB...BOB

SHY-WY RADIO CLUB HISTORY...

Compiled by Jim Garrison W7NE
DISCLAIMER

If you are looking for a work of literary art, keep looking as this is not one and was never intended to be. The editor does not warrant that any of the minutes or other information is valid. The following information seems to be the facts, but I have no way of verifying it.

RAMBLING WITH THE EDITOR (W7NE)

The club history is something that has needed to be done. Some of the minutes and other information have already been lost. I spent over a year locating what information I could before starting to type it in. This history as with other histories has its share of errors.

Finding the records and getting them sorted out has taken more time than I thought it would. I am still looking for any old club records or any newspaper articles or other records about the club. Once we get caught up to the present year, it should be easy to keep it going. It will be easy to keep up to date if the club secretary will provide a copy or the original meeting notes when they no longer need them. Shari Baird N7UFJ provided the minutes for the past 2 years mostly as ASCII files and saved me having to type them all in. The biggest problem with doing a project such as this is that the majority of the people who knew what happened are no longer with us. They left written records of their activities but due to carelessness or other reasons, part of them have been lost or destroyed. There will be some

printed copies of the history as well as a number of copies of the ASCII files given out to present club members, it will then be harder to lose the information we have collected.

This document is made up of club minutes, notes and other available information. Not all of the minutes and other information were 100 percent clear and to the point. Any dates that are minutes will just have the date. Other information will have the date and include "Program" or "Newsletter" etc. There are some notes that I added that will indicate who wrote them. These are usually personal additions by individuals and are not minutes.

The minutes have mostly just been typed in without any changes other than the addition of the whole name and call and a few spelling errors. The word processor's find and replace was used to insert full names and call signs. It is possible that some call sign changes do not change at the correct date.

The first rough draft was printed and given out to some of the "old-timers" to review. This gave me some additional information to add to the history.

There are enough photos, newspaper clippings etc. for a scrapbook. Copies of old club by-laws and long letters etc. are also available. At the present I have NO plans to tackle that project. If you think you might like to give it a try, let me know and I can show you what you have to work with. The club membership should decide what to do with the old club records. They should be boxed up, clearly marked and preserved if at all possible. Storage should be in dry place.

Almost nothing has been found in the minutes or anywhere else on the public service the local Amateurs provided during the 1979 tornado or of the 1985 flood.

If you have anything on these events, I would like to have them or at least make copies of them. The CHEYENNE AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE was affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) on 15 March 1932. The club must have been around for some time before 15 March 1932. The club name was later changed to the SHY-WY Radio Club sometime before July 11, 1941.

There is a photo of the 1916 radio operators license held by Sam Zuckerman W7FT. The Department of Commerce issued the license as there was no FCC at that time.

An autographed photo of Lee DeForrest that was given to Sam Zuckerman has been located. DeForrest was the inventor of some of the early radio equipment. The original 1932 ARRL club affiliation certificate has been located and is now in the possession of Jim Garrison W7NE. The SHY-WY Radio Club received a 50 year affiliation certificate in 1982. I still hope to find the 50 year certificate. There are some small photos of the certificate and of the presentation. Most of the world's technology has been developed since the Radio club was formed. When the club was first started, the communications age was just beginning. Most common day things such as the FM radio, television, VCR's, tape recorders, computers, cars, telephones, Copy Machines, FAX, Cellular telephones or even electric lights

were not available to the average family. People in small towns or in the country still used wells and outhouses.

Almost all of the information before 1955 seem to be lost. The years between 1963 and 1980 are also missing but there are some pieces of information. Most of the club minutes for the other years were located but there are still some gaps. Most of the club Secretaries did a good job of taking minutes, unfortunately this was not always the case. Even the "barebones" type minutes are still helpful as they may jog someone's memory.

Some years the club had one meeting a month and other years they had two. A lot of years there were special meeting for Field Day, Civil Defense or other purposes.

When this history write-up was started in 1992 the club was at least 60 years old. During this time it seems that the club has had some very good times as well as some bad times. Individuals come and go in any club and sometimes they work well together and sometimes they don't. The fact that the club is still around says a lot for the ability of most of the members to get along with other people.

The few serious disagreements in the membership have not caused as much of a problem as apathy. If we can keep enough interesting things going, the club will continue to attract members.

The only information for the years before 1953 is a copy of a group photo taken on 13 October 1947 by Joe Shaffer W7PMF during a visit by Arthur Budlong W1BUD

of the ARRL. Two of the group still live in Cheyenne. They are Jack Hayes W7CGK and Bud Roberts W7HLA.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE KNOWN CLUB MEETING

LOCATIONS: They are not in the correct order.

Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Co.

Civil Defense Quanset hut at 25th and Maxwell Ave.

The Base Mars station in the Service Club building.

Old Cheyenne Airport building (Next to present branch Post Office)

Highway Department Building.

State EOC on Bishop Blvd.

Blue Cross/ Blue Shield building (Now a Real Estate office) across from the present Airport terminal building. 1972?

Old Naval Reserve building on Evans Ave.(Now Federal Express) Homes of several Hams.

Oil Refinery- Small building on west side.

Laramie County Community College

CD Office in basement of Sheriff's dept (Old city-county bldg.) 1980's

National Weather Service.

Sometimes on the night of the weather spotter's class.

State EOC on Bishop Blvd.

Building on corner of 19th and Bent. (Location of the new downtown fire station.)

LAST PLACE: Police Dept (LCEMA - located in basement near 911 area)

PRESENT: Carey Junior High School.

Some of these locations were used for a short time. Others were used at different times over a period of years.

The August issue of On the Beam

will explore some of the clubs history in the early 1950s.

5. Members

It's contest time

Shy Wy is sponsoring a contest for a new letterhead and logo. Be creative and submit that logo in black and white by the month of August so they can be judged by the September meeting. Prizes for this contest will be next year's (97) free membership and a Pico Pocket antenna.

Part 97

Sometimes it is interesting and necessary to go back and refresh our memories about the rule and regulations governing amateur radio. The following comes from the FCC Rule Book, part 97.21.

"Each application for an amateur service license and each application for a reciprocal permit for alien amateur licensee must show a mailing address and a station location (the addresses may be the same) in an area where the amateur service is regulated by the FCC. The mailing address must be one where the licensee can receive mail delivery by the United States Postal Service. The station location must be a place where a station can be physically located. (A post office box, rural delivery service number, or general delivery is unsuitable as a station location.)"

Remember you are required by Part 97 to submit a change of address to the FCC anytime you

change you station address.

Incidentally, the mailing addresses Shy Wy uses for mailing the newsletter or any other communications to its membership comes from the FCC address listings. If you or someone you know is not receiving their newsletter, they should make sure their current station address is good at the FCC.

Frontier Days Activities

This year, 1996, marks the 100th year of Cheyenne Frontier days. All indications are that Cheyenne will have more people in town this year for the event than ever before. (The Frontier ticket committee says that it has sold over 200,000 tickets already for this year's festivities. With this large influx of people into Cheyenne for the week, the need for amateur radio services is greatly increased. Three major activities that Shy Wy will be concerned with will be the parades, the WEMA emergency communications trailer at Frontier Park, and as always in the summer the possibility of Sky Warn activation

PARADES..Bob Lewis (WB7T) is your point of contact to volunteer for providing emergency communication at the parades. Parades are Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. You can volunteer to work any or all of these days. Extra hams are needed this year.

FRONTIER PARK...A chairman is needed for this to organize a schedule of operators. Operators are needed for both the day shows and the night shows. Manning the WEMA trailer is extremely

important this year for the emergency management agencies with the large number of people attending this year's show.

Contact Marty (KJ7JJ) or Steve (WA7H) to help with this activity. SKYWARN...Keep your eyes to the sky and monitor 146.775 (primary) and 147.105 (secondary) in case we have Skywarn activation.

Welcome New Members

Shy Wy would like to welcome its new members. Your interests are important. If the Club does not have a group going that satisfies your interest, let it be known and a new interest group could be formed. There are others in the Club who probably share your interests.

Shy Wy Net

The Shy Wy Net operates every Sunday morning at 11:00 on 146.775-. This net is run by GREG (KB7MUP) and is open to all hams. Discussion groups are held as well as a swap list. Greg would like to share the fun of being the control operator. He has put together a pamphlet with all of the information needed to be a control operator. Please give Greg a breather and volunteer.

Repeaters Are Open Repeaters

The 146.775-, 147.105+, and the 147.165+ repeaters are **open repeaters**. During Sky Warn and ARES/RACES activation the 146.775 repeater is the primary repeater and the 147.105 repeater is used as the secondary repeater.

Club Dues

"Here's the dues information out of the Bylaws. Annual dues \$15 per year. A spouse or child of any member may join for an additional \$5. Individual youth membership is available to individuals 17 years of age or younger for \$7.50. Dues is due on the 1st day of April each year.

From The Editor

Thanks to all who have contributed to this month's **ON THE BEAM**. Bob (AA7TB)