

ON THE BEAM

SHY WY RADIO CLUB JUNE 1996

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Shy Wy Officers

President-Steve Cochrane

Vice President-Marty Luna

Secretary-Beth Harris

Treasurer-Pat Baird

June meeting location changed

Shy Wy will hold its June meeting at the American Legion Post No. 6, 2001 E. Lincoln Way on June 11 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.

Paul KI7TS, sent the following information to us regarding the use of Carey Junior High as a meeting place for Shy Wy:
"I have some bad news about Carey for summer meetings for the SHY-WY. The school board has appropriated \$400,000.00 for summer renovations and the school is going to be a mess for the next several months. I talked with my principal about the

meetings and he thought it would not be wise until the building is cleaned up to have ham meetings there. I am even going to be run out of my room this summer because of painting and tile work."

1. From our president

Wyoming Hamfest '96 was a great success. Everyone I've talked to had a good time. I want to thank the Committee for their hard work and dedication. I also want to thank the guest speaker, Tom Nelson N0GQA, for his interesting presentation on atmospheric discharges, commonly called Sprites. Thanks to Marshall Quiat AG0X Rocky Mountain Division Director, Walt Stinson W0CP Vice Director, Rev Morton WS7W Wyoming Section Manager and Lis Carey K0PGM Past Director for their support and the informative ARRL Forum.

All of us had fun, learned something and even brought home a few goodies (if you see a bunch of nerds walking around with 2 meter headsets on it's just the Hamfest committee).

As I sit here and write this I'm not sure if I will be here for the next meeting. FEMA is talking about sending me to North Dakota, so Marty decided to have the meeting at the American Legion on Lincolnway, same place as last month. I hope everyone has a great month and don't forget Field day 29 & 30 June. This year's Field Day Committee Chairman is Ward Noaks WB6DNE. Please give him the support he needs to make this a success. 73, Steve WA7H

2. Wyoming State Hamfest

The Party's Over

Yes, the party is over. The party?, you may be asking, was the Wyoming State Hamfest. Over 200 people attended and enjoyed the Hamfest on May 25 and 26 at the Holiday Inn in Cheyenne. The hamfest committee, under the chairmanship of Steve Cochrane (WA7H), put together an outstanding Hamfest. You might call it an international Hamfest as two individuals from the United Kingdom attended the "Fest" with one upgrading to the general ticket and the other left with his extra class in hand. It was great seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Grand prize winners

The Hamfest was not only fun and educational but it was quite rewarding to individuals who had the winning raffle tickets. Hourly prizes were drawn throughout the two day affair culminated with major and grand prizes awarded. Greg (KB7MUP), Chairman of the Prize committee gives the following list of grand prize winners:

Kenwood TS-50 won by KC7WZP, Dave Young from Laramie

AEA PK-12 TNC won by Gail Davis (Wireman) from S.C.

MFJ tuner and G5RV antenna won by WB7S Jerry Pyle from Basin, WY

Standard C508 HT won by WB7K, Mac McDonald from Laramie (Also the WY ham of the year for 1996)

Hamfest donations

Wy Com Company donated a 5/8 wave mag mount antenna for the Hamfest drawing. Thanks to you

Jan Cook.

Dennis Ritts of **Radio Shack** donated head set for the drawing also. Thanks Dennis for your generous contribution.

The packets were donated by the **Cheyenne Visitor Center**. The State maps and Visitor magazines were donated by the Travel **Commission**. Pens were donated by **Motorola**. **Kinko's** donated note pads.

3. ARES/RACES

ARES/RACES training

I will be offering the FEMA course "Workshop in Emergency Management: Amateur Radio 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 a week night. I will pick a date in July (probably within second week), so 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.

ARES/RACES net

In a very short time we will be starting a tri-county VHF ARES/RACES Net. This will involve Area 1 which is Laramie, Albany, and Carbon Counties. We have also invited Sweetwater County to participate. It will be held on VHF so that all ARES/RACES personnel can participate. Look and listen for the opening dates.

73's

Marty KJ7JJ

Laramie County ARES EC

Laramie County RACES Officer.

4. From our section manager

Section News from our Section Manager

Rev Morton (WS7W), our Section Manager sent the **ON THE BEAM** the following newsletter: "What a thrill it was for me to present the 1995 A.R.R.L. Ham of the Year to Mac McDonald WB7K. Mac is involved with A.R.E.S./R.A.C.E.S. throughout the state, Net Mgr. for the Cowboy Net, V.E., active member of the University A.R.C., and most importantly to me, a great Section Emergency Coordinator. Thanks Mac for all your work to promote Amateur Radio in Wyoming. For those who missed the State Hamfest in Cheyenne I am sorry for it was a class act. A big thank you to the SHY-WY A.R.C. for a job well done. Unfortunately no club volunteered to host the 1997 Hamfest and I hope that a club who needs to make some money will step up and host the event. If no one does, I will organize a low key type of hamfest in Casper, but when I say low key I mean it. So, if your club has an inkling to host this event, please do. By the time you read this Field Day will be history and the Wyoming Cup might be looking for a new home. I hope everybody had a successful Field Day and needless to say I look forward to presenting this years "cup "to the

champs. 73's Rev WS7W."

*****Special Bulletin*****

Rev included with his newsletter a special bulletin titled "ARRL NEW ENGLAND DIVISION SPECIAL bulletin 96-9A" Editor's note--(Due to its length I will not quote the whole bulletin. I have it available for you if you would like to read it. I will quote just a part of this bulletin). It reads: ARRL NEW ENGLAND DIVISION SPECIAL BULLETIN 96-9A** QST to all amateurs, MAY, 1996, Strafford, Vt..

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"2 Meter and 70 cm BANDS THREATENED"

"This is no joke!! ARRL has learned that in preparation for the World Radio Conference in 1997, representatives of the Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) Industry proposed a list of candidate frequency bands for reallocation to, and exclusive use of the mobile satellite service. This list includes 144-148 MHZ (the current amateur 2 M band) and 420-450 MHZ (the current amateur 70 CM band)!" "If this effort were to be successful, it would mean the end of Amateur Operations on these two most heavily utilized amateur VHF/UHF bands.

Read Dave Sumner's upcoming editorial for July QST. ARRL, as the principal representative of Amateur Radio in Washington, is actively pursuing this issue as this bulletin is being written. Dave's call to action is serious!! We could lose these bands if we do not take action now!!"

5. Members

It's contest time

This contest has nothing to do

with QSO's, number of contacts, or county hunting. 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.

Contacts needed

Pat Baird (N7SDI) forwards the following request to our members:

We have a member Marcel Regnier who was a member last year and is again this year. He lives in Belgium. He lived here last year but has returned to Belgium. His call is ON9CMR. He would like a list of hams in the area (W7NE?). He also wants to contact hams in Cheyenne and says he will make it a priority if he hears a familiar call. Good way to work Belgium, maybe. He has had some contacts in Colorado but not Cheyenne. He maintains a local address, 4205 Fort Morgan Way, 82001. He would like to write or call some hams he knew, Paul Crips, Wilson Sellner and others. Pat

Field Days--Is a Go

Yes, Field Days is a go. Thanks to Ward Noaks WB6DNE. Ward volunteered to be this year's Field Day chairman. He already has two members KB7MUP and KB7ROG who want to be the food committee. If you are interested in attending Field Days and helping with this event, please contact Ward.

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

Club dues were due in April. "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.

At the bottom of this page, you will find an application form.

Tuesday Lunches

Have lunch on Tuesdays between 11:30 and 1:30 with other hams at McDonalds on East Lincolnway.

All hams are welcome.

From The Editor

Thanks to all who have contributed to this month's **ON THE BEAM**. Your efforts in getting news articles to me is greatly appreciated. It's your news that makes this news letter interesting. If you have news for the newsletter or important dates for the calendar, please get that information to me at least one week before the club meetings. TNX. Bob (AA7TB)