

The e-Dipole

Radiating the News of the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club

October 2006

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THE MARCONI CHALLENGE

The October 5 speaker at the upcoming meeting is no stranger to Eastern Pennsylvania and the US educational arena. The Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club will once more be visited by Dr. Dennis Silage, K3DS.

The topic of the October meeting is one that he has invested a large amount of interest. Titled, "The Marconi Challenge," this presentation has as its focus the theme, "The Infrared Wireless Data Transmission as the 21st Century Crystal Radio"

This presentation had its premier at the 2006 American Society for Engineering Education National Conference in June 2006.

Newtown Square's Dr. Silage was first licensed 43 years ago. That initial call WB2LGJ was issued in 1963. Successive calls, both domestic and foreign, have included WB3AYR and G5EMU. With the growth of vanity calls, he chose K3DS.

The New Jersey native migrated to New England for his undergraduate studies. He was awarded his BSEE from Northeastern University in suburban Boston in 1969.

Academic growth continued in the Philadelphia during his pursuit of a Masters degree. In 1972 he earned his MSEE degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He continued in his academic growth through the earning of his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975.

As a Research Assistant and Associate Professor at the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, he returned to the classroom, but in a far different role. He also continued in his research during this period that extended from 1975 to 1984. In a move to North Broad Street and Temple University in 1984, he

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began his Temple career as an Associate Professor. This set in place additional growth, which resulted in being appointed a Full Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Temple. Dr. Silage has continued to expand his influences in the area of student and professional growth.

This growth has not gone unnoticed. In 2000, he was the recipient of the *Alumni Outstanding*

Faculty Award at the Temple University’s College of Engineering.

Silage’s honors and recognitions are only partially demonstrated through a collection of honor societies. They are Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi. Additional honors include Who's Who in Computer Graphics and Who's Who in Science and Engineering. As a Senior Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers he is a constant contributor to this professional society.

The Silage family has a history of Amateur Radio. In addition to Dennis, his father, Alex WB2UIM SK, and currently active sister Vickie, WB2PWI expanded the suburban Trenton, New Jersey Amateur Radio family

In addition to having been an office holder in ARRL matters, he was chosen as the recipient of the American Radio Relay League’s *Technical Achievement Award* in 2001

In addition to being an American Society for Engineering Education multiple award recipients, he also is active within a diverse group of societies within Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. In another area of professional activities, Dr. Silage is a participant with the IEEE Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. As an example of his allied, professional activities, he is also a member of the National Association of Radio and Television Engineers

Demonstrating his ability to provide creative documentation of current technologies, Dr. Silage has recently written the book, *Digital Communication Systems Using SystemVue* published by Da Vinci Engineering Press, Thomson Delmar Publishing in 2006

In addition to his other ARRL activities, Dr. Dennis Silage, a Life member of the League, is the Technical committee chair of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club WB3JOE and the Delaware County Amateur Radio Association W3UER repeater systems. He is also the former Technical Coordinator of the Eastern Pennsylvania Section of the ARRL (1992-1998), recipient of the 2001 ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement Award, and Assistant Director of the Atlantic Division of the ARRL (1998-2002).



Dr. Dennis Silage, K3DS, is seen participating in a local ARRL event.

Minutes of the September 7, 2006 Meeting

President Walt Faust N3FXR opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Jim W3DCL Repeaters are not busy. Take the time to call and see if any one responds

Bill N3ZAV Gave the Treasurers report. (Nat is ill and could not attend)

Walt N3FXR discussed the e-mailing of the Dipole. Letter will go out to all members that The Dipole is now e-mailed and on The Club web site. mnarc.org Next month meeting will be "Show & Tell". Bring something to talk about.

Jim W3JG Talked about Field Day. Most important part was the food. The food was excellent. Amy & Fred did their usual excellent job. Covered the members who attended the Planning meetings for 2006. Need to work on filters for next FD. Discussed how well the computer

logging program performed. Gave out copies of the FD stats.

Walt N3FXR Reminder next meeting: "Show & Tell."

50-50 winner Dominic KB3GNL

Attendance 20

Meeting was closed at 8:00 PM.

Bill N3ZAV

W3JS SK

The process of sharing the sad news that Nat Boonin, W3JS, had died was numbing. Even more awakening was the notice that appeared in the Tuesday, September 19 issues of The Philadelphia Inquirer and its sister paper, The Philadelphia Daily News.

NATHANIEL BOONIN, of Newtown Square, September 17, 2006, husband of Rose (nee Kashoff), father of Dr. Alan Boonin and his fiancé Kristin Degnan, and Deborah Dillon and her husband Steve, brother of Miriam Davidon; also survived by his grandchildren Allison and Daniel. Relatives and friends are invited to his services Thursday, 12:30 PM. JOSEPH LEVINE AND SON MEMORIAL CHAPELS (WEST), 2811 West Chester Pike, Broomall PA. Int. private. The family respectfully requests that contributions in his memory be made to the Tyler Arboretum, 515 Painter Road, Media, PA 19063.

As a credit to the person whose life was being celebrated on Thursday, September 21, and equally a credit to his Amateur Radio friends, the funeral service for the Delaware Valley's Nat Boonin, W3JS, was both a happy and emotional gathering. The simple, but moving collections of reflections by family and Amateur Radio associates provided a sharing of experiences between the two entities and other attendees.

The tone for the afternoon of shared experiences began with Nat's brother. During his remembrances, a faithful overview of both skills

and traits helped provide a foundation for the others that followed.

As the afternoon progressed, the attendees soon learned that the published Death Notice told only a small, abbreviated snippet of the many accomplishments and interests that were shared during the Funeral Service.

The first of the family members was Nat's brother. The brotherly love and pride fostered a wonderful collection of personal and family reflections. There were items that the humility of our W3JS would never have become known had this responsibility been that of Nat.

One of the early collections of successes shared by his brother told of Nat's automotive ability. Following this initial collection of these shared, humorous discoveries, the attendees discovered how little they really knew about the quiet, well-focused Nat Boonin. He seemed to be very comfortable at living a life that was being unraveled as being years of understated experiences.

As the family memories were very candidly shared by Alan Boonin, MD, the older of the two children of Nat and Rose, it was soon seen that the influences of the father were well received by his son. The love of cars grew one big leap when Dr. Boonin explained that this inherited love of cars went to a love of racing. This love of cars has resulted in a certification permitting the upstate physician to participate in racing as well as surgery.

The father-to-son transfer also embraced another of the areas of the Nat Boonin expertise. While his son's Amateur Radio license has expired, at one time there were two generations of Boonin Ham Radio operators.

The memories of a Debbie, the younger Nat and Rose offspring added softer memories. It was evident that her father also provided interests and skills that have vaulted the gender gap. She also recognized the influences of Amateur Radio in her vision of her father's daily activities. There was no reluctance in her expressions of her gratitude for what this hobby and its participants have given to her father. Little did she know that these feelings were also shared by the Amateur Radio world as well.

This was somewhat evidenced by the number of Amateur Radio operators who attended this moving service.

Daughter Debbie also told of her being shortchanged in the computer skills so well demonstrated by her father. Yet, embracing the persistence so often demonstrated by her talented Dad, she successfully mastered the challenge of having never scanned a photograph and then sending it to someone.

Not long after what Debbie Boonin Dillon hoped was the successful transmission of the image and accompanying text for the death notice to The Philadelphia Inquirer from her home in Erie, Pennsylvania a telephone call told of her success. The Inquirer obituary staff editor called to tell of the hard-fought success.

An abbreviated version of an earlier composed tome was shared with the attendees by Nat's grandson Dan Dillon. The poised high school student agreed to share the larger text. It is duplicated for readers of the *eDipole*.

Even though Nat was suffering from this illness this did not prevent him from being a strong influence in the production and distribution of the printed version of the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club's monthly publication, **The Dipole** and its recent successor, the *eDipole*, and electronic version.

During the highlights shared by Jim Biddle, W3DCL, Biddle outlined the professional involvement in every aspect of the preparation of the print and electronic publication. His fiscal talents helped in the justification behind the transition from the expensive print and postage version of the group's information item.

President Walter Faust, the second speaker representing the collection of Amateur Radio operators, began his observations of Nat Boonin. He strongly stated that Nat was the ideal, faithful treasurer. He has served in monetary and oversight roles since the formal creation of the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club.

His wisdom and experiences within the regional Amateur Radio group has been a faithful helping aid to each of the three presidents that have led the group. As was cited by President Faust and amplified by a segment of the Amateur Radio operators attending the service, Nat was a faithful and skilled teacher at the instructional classes provided for many years by the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club.

Faust also shared an ongoing joke about Nat and Rose's many vacation trips. Trips that became the topic of meeting presentations on many occasions. The joke dealt with the funding of these trips with the mythical use of the Club's money. Had Nat not been so loyal and ethical, both the treasurer and the members would not have enjoyed a joke of this nature.

Dr. Carter Craigie, N3AO, a skilled college professor joined the Amateur Radio members in lauding Nat Boonin. The retired Cabrini College professor has been visitor and program presenter at the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club on many occasions. This forum, plus Nat Boonin's membership in the neighboring Mid Atlantic Amateur Radio Club, prompted Dr. Craigie to share some of the special background facets of Amateur Radio.

It was not the retired professor, but instead, the "inner teacher" that provided both a background of the use of numerical equivalents for pre-established thoughts. He chose to highlight this concept by sharing a phrase quite commonly used by Amateur Radio operator, our "73." Not only did Craigie provide a faithful definition, but also in a short time he taught the entire group how to "send" Morse Code.

Using the sounds of the collection of "dits" and "dahs," the teaching doctor helped in his lesson by demonstrating the almost poetic sound of the mirrored elements of the code sounds for "73."

In his short lesson, everyone in the room, Ham and non-Ham, was saying in unison the code for this goodbye message. This contributed to a very fitting way to pay final respects to Nat Boonin. As an added outcome of this well-presented lesson, the image of Amateur Radio was pleasantly painted in a very favorable and understanding image.

The Amateur Radio contingent included American Radio League First Vice President Kay Craigie, K3KN, Marple Newtown Amateur Radio club officers and members, and students of SK Nat Boonin.

The following is an electronic note that was sent by Nat's daughter. These kind thoughts help establish the format for this piece about our Treasure SK...

9-27-06

Mr. Biddle,

My family would be very grateful if you would publish the following thank you to the radio club. I'll send my father's picture and my son's biography of my Dad in separate emails. Thanks again!! We know my Dad would be thankful, too.

Yours,
Debbie Boonin Dillon

Debbie Boonin Dillon included a very nice story to the membership of the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club. It follows:

Dear Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club,

My family and I cannot begin to thank all of you enough for the companionship and joy you have given over the years to my father, Nat Boonin W3JS. Your friendship went well beyond a shared passion for electronics; you were like family to him. I'll never forget one Thursday a few years ago when my father attended a board meeting he thought he would have to miss. He was in the hospital, and during the meeting, the other board members "conference called" him to wish him well. My Dad was thrilled. Plus, this was just more evidence to my family that all of you **must** communicate. Your club members are literally "well connected", and we appreciated how you kept my father "in the loop". It was so wonderful to finally "eyeball" with many of you last week. This was truly heart-warming for me and my family. We thank you for this, the beautiful fruit basket you sent, and the happiness you have shared with my father and this community.

We are still "singing" 73's to each other.

73's to you and yours,

Loads of Love,

Debbie Boonin Dillon, daughter of Nat and Rose Boonin

Following the gathering of family, friends, and the Amateur Radio community, daughter Debbie Dillon was asked if the picture she sent east to the Philadelphia newspapers could be shared with readers of the eDipole. Additionally, the text shared

by grandson Dan was far too short. The Erie, Pennsylvania family has kindly shared both the image of Rose, Nat Boon and their grandchildren. The picture was taken some years ago. Those grandchildren have grown to be talented and polite young adults.

The following is a noted that accompanied the story written by Dan Dillon.

Dear Mr. Biddle,

Here is the story my son, Daniel, wrote about my father. This is a little dated, since it was written about 4 years ago. Thanks again for sharing this with the radio club.

Yours,

Debbie Boonin Dillon

The following is the three page essay Dan Dillon wrote about his grandfather, Nat Boonin. This piece was written in January, 2003:

Dan Dillon 6-7

Nat Boonin

Nat watched the world speed by below him. He was on a test flight over the Delaware River in a helicopter. Suddenly, the pilot veered the helicopter downward, straight below the Delaware memorial Bridge. The pilot was very experienced, but Boonin still felt odd flying under something. As he looked up at the bottom of the bridge, the pilot remarked, "This is something to tell your grandchildren about."

Nathaniel Boonin was born on July 2, 1929, in North Bergen, New Jersey. He was the child of proud Mendle and Gertrude Boonin, and he already had a sister, Miriam. When the Great Depression began! Mendle was working on a highway called the Plasaki Skyway. After the work was complete, all the workers were laid off due to the Great Depression. As a result, the Boonins moved to Philadelphia and rived with Nat's grandparents and

his Uncle Milton (Gertrude's brother). The move occurred after Nat was finished with first grade.

When Nat went to school, the main differences were discipline and technology. If someone misbehaved, the person would probably get whipped with a belt. Computer and television-related learning methods were impossible without the computers and televisions. The teachers often used repetition methods to drill facts into the students' heads. There weren't any buses back then, so everyone had to walk to school.

Nat liked many things but loved going to movies. The Saturday matinee cost just ten cents and consisted a newsreel, a cartoon, a serial story, and the main feature. The serial story was shown in installments, so each installment usually ended with the hero in trouble to attract viewers the next week. The serial ran for weeks, so the Nat often went many weeks in a row. Movies were especially important to Nat since VCRs didn't exist back then. Each movie could only be seen once, but Nat still remembers adventure movies such as "The Lives of the Bengal Lancers" and "Mutiny on the Bounty" as his favorites. If Nat missed a movie, he wouldn't be able to see it until VCRs were invented.

Nat did also many other things as a child other than going to the movies. The toys were just as interesting then as they are now. Nat especially enjoyed his toy electric train set, car, airplane! and steam-powered boat. All of those toys were made of metal. However, they weren't made out of plastic, and they usually didn't contain any batteries or lights. Nat wasn't a huge athlete, but he did play football and baseball as a child. Nat enjoyed

following high school football, college football, and baseball. He also played games such as kick the can and other old favorites.

Mendle found no engineering jobs in Philadelphia, so he helped his brother run a grocery store. The family lived with Milton and Nat's grandparents for two years but soon found different a grocery store for sale in Upper Darby, PA. The time was ripe, and the Boonins bought the store. Housing was no longer a problem as Nat's family lived behind the store. The Boonins ran the store from 1932 to 1942. As demand for engineers grew during World War II, Mendle found work at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The family no longer needed the store and sold it.

When Nat turned eighteen in 1943, he was drafted into the Navy. This was very different for Nat as he had never been away from home. He wasn't used to sleeping with someone in his room, let alone 120 people. However, he was ready to fight for his country. Life on his ship in the South Pacific was actually okay, and Nat luckily never saw action.

After school, the Navy sent him to Drexel for college under the GI Bill of Rights. He followed in his father's engineering footsteps and majored in Electrical Engineering. Many veterans went to school under this law that granted government aid, so many people, including Nat, were older than usual college students. While in college, he married Rose Kashoff.

Nat soon got a job with RCA in Camden, New Jersey after graduating from Drexel. He was working on Radar systems for the government. He

only worked there for a year before finding work at Franklin Institute Labs across the Delaware River in Philadelphia where he worked on a readout system that was used to test steel at a steel plant. His job could be completed with a desktop computer today. Since he had married Rose, Rose and Nat had lived in an apartment owned by his sister Miriam in the area where Nat moved to from New Jersey, Upper Darby. Nat was all about to change.

Rose and Nat had a boy, Alan, in 1952 while Nat was working with RCA. Deborah Boonin was born three years later. Having trouble fitting the family in a tiny apartment, Nat moved the four of them to Lawrence Park, another Philadelphia suburb. Now that he had a family, Nat had to find a stable job.

Boonin jumped jobs for a few years until finding his niche in the Boeing company. A coworker at his last job before Boeing had worked there previously and was going back. Nat thought he would go along, and the person got Nat involved in building helicopters. This was a high-paying job that he found interesting. Nat had found what he had been looking for and subsequently moved the family to yet another suburb, Newtown Square. The house was of the same size but had more land around it. After a brief adjustment period, everyone was happy. Nat had found what he was going to do with his life, and he was going to stick with it.

Nat indeed did stick with the Boeing job until the children were well out of the house. He didn't retire from Boeing until 1987. In his retirement, he loves to tinker with ham radios, a hobby that dates back to the early 1940s. In fact, Nat is in a radio

club for ham radio enthusiasts such as himself, He and Rose take advantage of their free time during retirement and take many vacations. They love being able to go on a trip at any time, and it is always enjoyable for Nat to listen to traffic reports without having to worry about them. However, during his retirement, Nat is still extremely active. Nat gives to the community by delivering food to needy senior citizens in conjunction with the program Meals On Wheels. Nat talks to each of his children on the phone every week and enjoys talking to his grandchildren from time to time.

Nat has never been "behind the times." He already loved technology as a teenager with ham radios. He learned many modern technological skills with Boeing. Even now, Nat has learned much about computers. Family has always been number one with Nat, past and present. I am grateful to be one of his grandchildren because of his high regard for family. He is always ready to pass on knowledge to anyone that seeks it, including me, One would be hard-pressed to find a more interesting grandparent. He heads into the new millennium and beyond with good health, a loving family, and plenty of things to tell his grandchildren about.



Nat and Rosie and Their Grandchildren

A Word Problem

Beginning in the earliest years of mathematics, students quickly found challenging the concept of "word problems." These challenges not only aided in proving the student's ability to do the math, they were also given an opportunity to put math to a practical application.

The *eDipole* is providing an adult version of the "word problem." The answer will be found hidden somewhere in this issue of *eDipole*.

Word Problem

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop off, and on your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the Kangaroo. What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Easiest Quiz in the World

WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

(Passing requires only 4 Correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

All done?

Check your answers in another section of this edition of the *eDipole*.

For Lexophiles (Lovers of Words)

Note: Beware there are puns ahead. It could prove to be *punishing*.

1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
6. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
7. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
8. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
9. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
10. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
11. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
12. A grenade that fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.
13. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
14. Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.
15. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
16. A calendar's days are numbered.
17. A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
18. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
19. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
20. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
21. The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
22. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
23. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
24. If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
25. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
26. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

27. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
28. Acupuncture: a jab well done.
29. Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

SPECIAL NOTE: No trees were killed in the sending of this message, but a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced, with some being seriously abused.

Seeing Is Not Always Believing

The Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club's private leprechaun has once more provided a contribution to the group's publication, the *eDipole*.

What is never known is the character of the contributions submitted by John Malarkey's (W3SMT). In the past they have ranged from technical, spacey (outer space, that is) or wonderful humor. When readers of the e-Dipole read this month's contribution there will be no doubt about the classification of this item.

This month, the offerings are a collection of poignant signs.

From the "Did I read that sign correctly?" category:
TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

Found in a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

Discovered in a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

An office bulletin board posting:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY, PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

Included in yet another office posting:
AFTER TEA BREAK THE STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

Posted outside of a secondhand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING – BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN.

A notice found in the window of a health food shop:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park

(editor: hopefully found only there)

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen posted during a conference:

*FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW
IT, THERE IS A CHILD CAR ON THE 1ST FLOOR*

Notice posted on the edge of a farmer's field:

*THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD
FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.*

Message found in a leaflet:

*IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU
HOW TO GET LESSONS.*

A note tacked on the door of a repair shop:

*WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING
PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR – THE BELL
DOESN'T WORK*

Globalization

What is globalization?

The following collection of observations can easily qualify for "Globalization At It's Best!"

Question: What is the truest definition of Globalization?

Answer: Princess Diana's death.

Question: How come?

Answer: An English princess with an Egyptian boyfriend crashes in a French tunnel, driving a German car with a Dutch engine, driven by a Belgian who was drunk on Scottish whisky, (check the bottle) followed closely by Italian Paparazzi, on Japanese motorcycles; treated by an American doctor, using Brazilian medicines.

This collection was provided by an Englishman, using Bill Gates' technology, and you are probably reading this on your computer, that use Taiwanese chips, and is possibly displayed on a Korean monitor, assembled by Bangladeshi workers in a Singapore plant, transported by Indian truck-drivers (more properly called a lorry-driver, considering the source of this story), hijacked by

Indonesians, unloaded by Sicilian longshoremen, and trucked to you by Mexican illegals...

Readers of the *e-Dipole*, this is a believable example of Globalization!

Morse Ring Tones

The latest fad in cellular telephone circles is the choice of a cell user's ring tone. This information, one in a list of appreciated submissions by Charlie Higgins, W3CAU, may not applicable to all persons or organizations incorporated in a list of addresses.

As suggested, if you are feeling like you may need an Amateur Radio fix while at work, this suggestion might have appeal.

This suggestions deals with incorporating a Morse Code identifier instead of the more mundane use of simulated phone ringer sounds or music.

If readers of eDipole are wondering how this can be done, Mr. Higgins provided the answer. Through a visit to Planet of Noise, the desired CW identification can be supplied. As Charlie Higgins stated, "They have a neat CW generator that will create a sound file that you can download and save on your PDA or cell phone."

What are the possible applications for this unique announcement concept? One might be a way to practice CW. Another may be a form of answering the feelings of "needing a Ham Radio fix while at work.

How is this special ring tone source reached? The source of the CW custom ring tone is through <http://www.planetofnoise.com/midi/morse2mid.php>

Imagine the expressions of surprise on the faces of both Amateur Radio operators as well as the 'facial expressions of curiosity' displayed by non-Morse Code knowledgeable people when a cell phone or PDA begins to spout a friendly "CQ CQ CQ in Code.

This concept may become a contemporary way of creating interest in Amateur Radio. The question of "What was that which I just heard?" This is a wonderful invitation to provide a well-practiced, 45-second answer and invitation for others to join us.

Charlie Higgins thanks James Johnson for this new product information.

Scrabble Produces Definitions

Imagine playing the word challenging game of Scrabble. The letters selected from the pile may supply more than one word. In this collection supplied by Jon Scheer, KA3YMG, may prove to be humorous. In some instances there may be some dangers in the alternate word development that came from the rearranging of the available letters.

Jon was once a very common user of the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club's 147.195 MHz repeater. His move from the area has resulted in no more QSOs between "Young Macho Guy" and his father Barry Scheer, KA3YAV.

While some readers of *eDipole* may feel the person responsible for this collection may be one that has "too much time on their hands," there is an additional evaluation: this is the work of very knowledgeable person.

DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters:
DIRTY ROOM

PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters:
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters:
MOON STARER

DESPERATION:

When you rearrange the letters:
A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters:
THEY SEE

GEORGE BUSH:

When you rearrange the letters:
HE BUGS GORE

THE MORSE CODE:

When you rearrange the letters:
HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters:
CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters
IS NO AMITY

ELECTION RESULTS:

When you rearrange the letters:
LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters:
ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters:
I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:

When you rearrange the letters:
THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters:
TWELVE PLUS ONE

AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE,
one that may create a dangerous environment:
MOTHER-IN-LAW:

When you rearrange the letters:
WOMAN HITLER (OUCH!)

Answers to the Easiest Quiz in the World

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? 116 years
 - 2) Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador
 - 3) From which animal do we get catgut? Sheep and horses
 - 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November
 - 5) What is a camel 's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur
 - 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? Dogs
 - 7) What was King George VI's first name? Albert
 - 8) What color is a purple finch? Crimson
 - 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand
 - 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane? Orange, of course.
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The Answer to the Word Problem

If readers spent more than a few minutes in finding the answer to the word problem included in this issue of *eDipole*, they have violated the simple rule of **KISS**, **Keep It Simple, Smarty**. The simple

answer may prompt reader to reevaluate their place in life.

Think young and get off the merry-go-round!

Dramatic Skills Cited

A recent photograph that has begun its circulation around the Internet is a reminder, in part, of an incident that occurred in Philadelphia. During a fire in a high-rise office building that was a part of the former Girard Plaza, a collection of firefighters were trapped above the fire.

The fire was in the office building across from Philadelphia's City Hall. As a point of interest, this structure was considered to be "fire proof."

A Viet Nam-trained helicopter flying a medical evacuation 'chopper for a local hospital landed on the established heliport on the top of the high-rise structure and began its Samaritan efforts.

While firefighter lives were lost in this fire, more deaths were spared through this skilled pilots willingness to become involved. This was not the first instance of a helicopter saving lives in a Philadelphia fire. Many years before this Center City rescue, a similar effort took place during a morning, late drive time fire near the Philadelphia campus of The University of Pennsylvania.

This fire was in a retirement hotel-type operation near the campuses of Penn and Drexel. Repeated roof top landings and take-offs were credited with the saving of multiple lives. This is a great example of a news operation becoming a part of the news.

Any thinking that our current military pilots doubt the value of their services and compensation should reflect upon this current image. Look at this picture and spend a bit of time to thoroughly realize what you are seeing.



A dramatic roof top rescue demonstrates the accurate skill of US military pilots

A soldier in Afghanistan took this photo of a more current helicopter rescue mission. Reports accompanying this photograph adds local flavor to the image. It has been reported that the pilot is a Pennsylvania Guard member who flies Emergency Medical Service helicopters in his civilian life.

Contributing to the difficulty of this mission is the choice of "landing" methods chosen by the demands of this rescue. The pilot planted the rear part of his chopper on the small roof top area of a structure that is not much more than a mountain top shack.

This cliff location contributes to the problems of this type of landing. In addition to depending upon communications from the rooftop helpers for the actual landing effort, the air currents created by the rotating blades and the reflection of these currents from the irregular cliff environment all add to the difficulty of this operation.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a parallel skill test for each of us in our daily activities. Possibly trying to thread a needle with one of those mechanical arm games so often found in restaurant lobbies.

Murphy Once More

John Ferrier, KA3GRM, provided a collection of the lesser-known items in Murphy's Dictums. They reflect upon a collection of truths that may have been forgotten.

- 1) Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- 2) He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- 3) Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- 4) Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- 5) The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- 6) The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.
- 7) Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

- 8) The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
- 9) A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- 10) When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Special Contest

Thanks to the Southwestern Ohio's Dial Radio Club, news of a very unique Amateur Radio contest was forwarded from the Kenwood mail list

The description of the Classic Exchange "CX" contest told of the collection of HF and VHF frequencies and the indication that the CX event is a no-pressure contest celebrating the older commercial and homebrew equipment that was the pride and joy of ham shacks many decades ago.

The object is to encourage restoration, operation and enjoyment of this older "Classic" equipment.

It was noted that contestants need not operate a Classic rig to participate in the CX. While contestants may use any rig in this contest, it was strongly emphasized that in this contest the use of newer gear will have a distinct scoring disadvantage.

The message from the contest announcement added, "You can still work the "great ones" with modern equipment.

This Fall CX contest will again be conducted on two successive Sundays.

The first Sunday featured AM and SSB. In addition to the great old AM rigs, there are many "Classic" old SSB rigs, such as the Central Electronics 20A, Hallicrafters HT-30 and SSB augmented Viking Valiants and B&W 5100s.

The reasoning behind the decision to restrict this year's CX contest to AM and SSB the first Sunday, September 24, there will not be a conflict with the RTTY contest QRM in the CW bands during the same time.

The second Sunday, October 1 will be for CW participants only.

There will be CX recognition for high scores in AM, SSB, and CW as well as overall.

Additionally, there will be special honors for all getting into the CX with Classic 6 and 2-meter rigs such as the Harvey-Wells BandMaster, Heath

Lunchbox, Gonset Communicator and Johnson 6N2.

WHEN - WHERE - WHAT

WHEN

The AM and SSB CX ran from 1300 UTC September 24 to 0700 UTC September 25, 2006. (9 a.m. Eastern Time on Sunday to 3 a.m. Eastern Time Monday)

Call "CQ Classic Exchange"

The CW CX will run from 1300 UTC October 1 to 0700 UTC October 2, 2006. (9 a.m. Eastern Time on Sunday to 3 a.m. Eastern Time Monday)

Send "CQ CX"

WHERE

Suggested Frequencies (plus/minus QRM) for 160-, 80-, 40-, 20-, 15-, 10-, 6-, and 2-meter bands are the following:

AM 1.890 MHz, 3.880 MHz, 7.290 MHz, 14.286 MHz, 21.420 MHz, 29.000 MHz, 50.300 MHz, 144.300 MHz,

SSB 1.885 MHz, 3.870 MHz, 7.280 MHz, 14.270 MHz, 21.370 MHz, 28.390 MHz, 50.125 MHz, 144.200 MHz,

CW 1.810 MHz, 3.545 MHz, 7.045 MHz, 14.045 MHz, 21.135 MHz, 28.050 MHz, 50.100 MHz, 144.100 MHz

WHAT

Exchange your name, RST, QTH (state US, province for Canada, country for DX), receiver and transmitter manufacturer/model (homebrew send final amp tube or transistor type) and other interesting conversation.

The same station may be worked with different equipment combinations on each band and in each mode.

Non-participating stations may be worked for score if all required information is exchanged.

All QSOs must be simplex; no repeater contacts.

SCORING - EASIER THAN EVER!

TWO STEPS...

1. Calculate your score for each mode (AM, SSB, FM, CW)
2. Total those scores for your overall CX score.

To calculate the score for the mode: Multiply the total number of complete QSOs (all bands) by your CX multiplier.

Complete QSO requires successful exchange of name, QTH, RST, type of transmitter and type of receiver.

CX multiplier is the total age in years old of all receivers and transmitters you used in that mode. Do not include age of ancillary items such as separate VFO, amplifier, key or bug, antenna, tree holding up antenna, operating desk, operator, or operator's dog.

Each receiver and transmitter must be used in a minimum of three complete QSOs to be counted in the multiplier.

If the equipment is homebrew, count it as a minimum of 25 years old unless actual construction date or date of its construction article is older.

Transceivers score as separate receivers and transmitters of equal age.

Please send a copy of your log and a listing the equipment used with ages for each mode. If you operate 6 or 2 meters please note it in a way that the scores can be easily extracted.

Certificates and appropriate memorabilia are awarded every now and then for the highest score, the longest DX, exotic equipment, best excuses and other unusual achievements.

Send logs, comments, anecdotes, pictures, etc. to J.D. "Mac" Mac Aulay, WQ8U at WQ8U@ARRL.NET or by mail to: WQ8U 104 W Queen St. Hillsborough, NC 27278

The CX Newsletter and announcement of next CX will be posted on the CX Web Site.

Questions about CX, its origin, history, and idiosyncrasies, as well as accolades for being such a great event, should be sent to: Al Stephens, N5AIT or Jim Hanlon, W8KGI or Marty Reynolds, AA4R

Age Is No Hurdle

In increasing instances, our culture, the media and the worlds of sports and academics are taunting the accomplishments of the younger elements of our nation and the world. Indeed, there will always be the desire to recognize and to aid in the development of the prodigies of the world.

Without this acknowledgement and the willingness to permit talented youth to grow would be a mistake of great proportions.

What cannot be done during these instances when a special focus is being directed to the

accomplishment of our especially talented youth is to ignore the accomplishments at the other pole of life. Aside from the occasional headline of accomplishment of sporting accomplishment at ages some might consider, there are worthy goals being reached by what some may identify as our aged.

How many readers of the eDipole have begun to consider themselves to be too old? It is hoped that no reader has fallen into this trap. A glance at Amateur Radio events and allied activities demonstrates the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club has generated some examples of successful, ongoing activities. Our list is join by others who have ignored the question, "Do you think you are too old?"

Greg Felton, CLU ChFC, Global Marketing Director of the Slovenian National Benefit Society, a fraternal organization headquartered in suburban Pittsburgh has supplied a partial list of individuals who have demonstrated that outside of the annals of the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club there is a collection of successful performers at what some may view as "older ages."

At age **96**, playwright **George Bernard Shaw** broke his leg when he fell out of a tree he was trimming in his backyard.

Actor **George Burns** won his first Oscar at **80**.

Painter **Grandma Moses** painted her first picture when she was past **80** years old. She completed over 1,500 paintings after that; 25 percent of those were produced when she was past **100**

Michelangelo was **71** when he painted the Sistine Chapel.

Physician and humanitarian **Albert Schweitzer** was still performing operations in his African hospital at **89**.

It may be permissible to act your age, but this list and our own list of Amateur Radio colleagues prove that no one should ever permit the mind to become blinded by the perceptions that after some mythical age, the mind can retire.

The Upcoming Auction – Plan Now

It is that time of the year when planning can pay big dividends. With the possible weather restrictions that are associated with winter, it is a good time to make some changes within our Ham

Radio Shacks. Stated in a more frank manner, this is a good time to do some electronic housecleaning as well as beginning a collection of new items for an update of the Shack.

There is no better way to accomplish either one or both of the seasonal activities that to participate in the annual Marple Newtown Amateur Club action. President Walter Faust, N3FXR, suggests planning for this special event NOW.

The Auction is scheduled for Thursday, November 2. Please don't let this important date sneak up on you.

Suggestions and Ideas Solicited for Future Meetings

While the final three meeting topics for 2006 have been chosen, there are some program voids for the meeting programs for several of the upcoming six meetings in 2007. In making this announcement, President Walter Faust, N3FXR, added, "It is always a good thing when both a topic and a speaker are suggested. This does not mean we must always have both parts of this formula. If anyone has a good program topic, please share this. We will strive to find a knowledgeable person to make the presentation."

As has been demonstrated on multiple occasions, the topic and presenter do not have to follow the theme of Amateur Radio. "Anyone participating in the Tom Tenaglia hypnotic meeting can attest to that," stressed Faust.

Suggestion, topics, comments, and ideas may be directed to Walter Faust, 610-622-2200.

Field Day Is Still Alive

Because of the unexpected death of Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Nat Boonin W3JS, the special, in-depth coverage of the multiple organizations Field Day in late June 2006 was temporarily shelved.

This does not mean that Field Day has been forgotten. Indeed, it might be refreshing to reflect upon this warm weather event should the advent of Autumn bring in cooler temperatures.

The End Is Coming

Thanks to the Congressional activities, this month will be the last change of time from Daylight Savings Time to Eastern Standard Time in October. It is strongly recommended that each Shack be equipped with a Smoke Detector.

Following the twice-a-year suggestion, this last Sunday in October in 2006 is a good time to follow the suggestions of area Fire Companies. Plan ahead and purchase a new battery for each of the home's Smoke Detectors. If there is no protection in the Ham Shack, this is the time to purchase and install one.

A question for future consideration is timely with the new, expanded segment of Daylight Savings Time that will take place in Spring 2007. Will Mr. Gates and Company provided a "fix" that will make the change in displayed time correctly displayed on our PC in light of the new legislated time period?

MNARC DUES NOTICE AND PROFILE INFORMATION

For your convenience, the MNARC dues notice is included in this edition of the eDipole as a separate page.

See the next page for details.



2007 DUES NOTICE

With the receipt of this issue of the **eDipole**, you will notice that it is that time of the of the year when the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club requests that members continue their funding support of this regional Amateur Radio. To avoid being a member of the "Bad member" group please promptly return your dues for 2007.

Continuing the dues structure of the past few years, Membership Dues are \$20. If there are multiple members residing at the same address, these additional members may be enrolled at a reduced rate of \$6 each.

Payment may be returned by mail, using the address, below, or members can pay their 2007 dues at a meeting.

Checks should be made payable to the MNARC. Please complete and include the accompanying form with your check.

Correspondence, funds and the form are to be sent to...

Bill Bowers, MNARC Treasurer
1000 N. Orange Street
Media, PA 19063-2226

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