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THE CMRA SQUELCH TALE

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WDØDVG Repeater 146.16/76

New Business

One new member was voted on and accepted into the club. He is George Evans, KD6CKY. Two new applications for membership were received from Irvin L. Brooks, KB4HXW and Kenneth Robinson NØRJZ. Mac announced that 3 or 4 people were needed for the March of Dimes Walk a Thon, May 2. (Hopefully we were able to help out - ed.)

Old Business

Ann, WBO7EG Net Manager announced that if you are interested in being net control on Wednesday nights please contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 Mac McKenzie gave a program on lightning and proper grounding techniques for towers, antennas, and equipment.

VE Exams followed the program.

For Sale: IBM compatible 386sx 16mhz motherboard. \$100.00
For more info call "MAC" K4CHS
442-7619

THANK YOU: I (Eric Hoehn) want to extend my great appreciation to Jesse Bowen, WM0Y, who has been printing the address labels for the newsletter these past months. I still haven't got the club's database running on my machine, and if not for Jesse there would be no newsletter mailings. Thanks!!!

The date for the rabbit hunt has been set for May 30th. As of this date the time is not set but will probably be in the afternoon. If you have not contacted the members of your team the time is running out to do so. If you are interested in the rabbit hunt but are not signed up contact Dan NØFPE as soon as possible. He can be reached in one of the following ways: 2 meters on the 146.685 or the 146.76 repeaters, packet on 146.090 at NØFPE-1 or CMRA PBBS, or 444.975 uhf. Try the phone as a last resort at 474-3851. Lets have a great time!

Due to time constraints, and problems with the computerized mailing list, we had no newsletter last month....so this month we have a two parter! Thanks for your patience.

March Meeting Minutes

The March CMRA meeting was held on March 10. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jim Lawler, WY0B. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurers report was given, including an item for repairing the generator. **TECHNICAL REPORT** : At the weather spotters meeting held March 5, we were told that the new doppler radar will be commissioned in St. Louis in December '92 or January '93. At that time St. Louis will take over WXL-45 weather radio in Fulton. The Columbia office will no longer be issuing weather watches for our area and to the East of Boone County...so we need to get moving quickly on RACES. We need to look into additional training for weather spotting because the weather service's staffing is becoming minimal. The Columbia Weather Office will be relying even more on Ham Operators for storm chasing. The tornado drill was held on March 3rd and logged 20 check ins. There were no public service requests to report. **HAMFEST COMMITTEE REPORT**: A decision was made for uniform attire which will be a gold T-shirt with the CMRA logo printed on the back, and Name and Call sign on the front (optional). We will be taking one large order prior to the Hamfest. T-shirts are being purchased from D-Sport. Commercial exhibitors are lined up. Missouri Radio has been notified and we're waiting on confirmation. QSL card contest...We are asking people to bring their cards to the QSL card booth where we will have ballots so everyone can vote by number which cards they like best by categories (style, color,

etc.) and the winners will receive a prize. There was no field day report. **OLD BUSINESS**: Dan, NOFPE is still taking names for the rabbit hunt coming up. **NEW BUSINESS** : One new application was received from George Evans, KD6CKY. The club received thank you cards from the Donald Barnhart family and the Ben Smith family. Gary, NOPBM and Al, NORAF worked on the generator at the club station and fixed the gas leak that Don, NUOT found, but also found problems with the muffler system. The meeting adjourned at 7:40. **PROGRAM**: Laura Estabrook from Joint Communications gave a slide presentation and discussion on day to day operations at JCIC that included the enhanced 911 system. VE exams followed the meeting.

Seven hams took exams at the ARRL-VEC test session following the February CMRA meeting. Eight test elements were attempted and five were passed. Congratulations to the three hams who earned higher class licenses! Upgrading to advanced was Lowell Hunter, N00LV. Andrew Irvine, N0QEO and Karen Irvine, KB0JTG, from the Kansas City area both upgraded to Amateur Extra. Examiners were John Turner, ND0N, Dewey Bennett, WMOH, Bill Turner, KFOKC, and Jesse Bowen, WMOY.

Dues for 1992 are \$ 15.00 individual, \$ 20.00 for family at the same address. Dues can be paid at the club meetings or by mail to CMRA P.O. Box 283 Columbia, MO 65205.

April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting was called to order by President Jim Lawler, WY0B.

No treasurer's report was available. Technical report: Interference has occurred in the past 30 days on the .76 machine and the police bands. Police bands are restricted and amateur radio operators should know not to be transmitting in that frequency range. As for the use of the .76 machine or any other repeater, always ID. Remember the proper radio procedures for using repeaters. As for the ATV, a program is being set up to broadcast videotapes starting with ARRL videos maybe an hour a week. Announcements will be made over the Wednesday night emergency net.

Rabbit Hunt: Teams are set up. If you still want to participate, get in touch with Dan NOFPE. The date is set for May 30. That's the last Saturday this month. Teams will start at different parts of the city. A trophy will be presented to the winners.

Hamfest Committee: Mailing lists are almost complete. We'll be sending out about 700 hamfest fliers. Vendors will be coming from Arkansas and Kansas City. Tennessee Paper and Box Company has been contacted to see if we can purchase a 20 packet exhibit holder for the QSL card contest at \$ 1.50 a piece. Hopes are high for good participation in the contest. A list has been started to see how many people would like to purchase the gold T-shirt with the CMRA logo for the hamfest. If you are participating and would like to order one, contact George, NOIMS.

QSL CARD EXHIBIT AND CONTEST: As part of this year's HAMFEST we are planning a QSL card exhibit and contest. We want to try to provide an additional interesting attraction for the public that is not involved in ham radio. Many QSL cards after all are works of art and show graphically the universal appeal of radio. The contest assuming there are enough entries will be judged on the basis of "most interesting exhibit". Entrants can arrange their exhibit in any way they wish and pick their own theme. Use of plastic display strips holding 10 cards is suggested. One type is called "EZ-IN 20 card Double Packet". It is available in any number at \$ 1.50 each from Tennessee Paper and Box Co. Similar strips probably are obtainable from other suppliers. Please inform Earl Lubensky, KA0OKS (443-5576, 1408 Bradford Dr., Columbia, MO 65203-2302) of your intention to exhibit. He will consolidate orders for the plastic display strips and will organize the exhibit. Please respond as soon as you can.

STOLEN : Walter Anderson KC6ESN reported a stolen Kenwood TH25AT.

Columbia '92 Hamfest 92 & Computer Expo

Saturday, June 13
Hearnes Center
MU campus
Opens at 8am

CMRA members:
mark your calendars—
your help will be needed
All-Indoor flea market
\$5/space with table
Set up 7-8am