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This newsletter is sent out to all who have called in on the AWA net and who have email facility, and those who have paid for mail envelopes, with the hopes that it will encourage you to call in again and help to keep the AWA net alive and well.

Should you not want to receive any further publications of this newsletter, drop me a note and I will take you off the mailing list. Should you prefer to receive a hard copy via snail mail, please send an SASE for the period you would like to receive these and I will process for you.

Silent Key:

It is with sadness that we record the passing of John Hugo ZS2J. John was an ardent supporter of ZSOAWA and also a fine collector and restorer of antique wireless'. To his family and friends, we extend our heartfelt condolences.

Happenings:

So far for the New Year, Alan has proposed a date for the AWA open day at Rand Airport again, being Saturday 21 April. This being pretty close to Marconi day, it was felt to be quite appropriate.

There has been a suggestion from Alan too that the Kzn, Eastern Cape and Western Cape, try to organize a get together on the same day, where we can interlink with each other. Of course you are always welcome to come and join us at the Rand Airport should you want to. Hopefully this year we will manage to get the flea market on the go too with lots of antique goodies to whet your interest.

So please diarise this date, and we look forward to seeing as many as possible again this year.

We are also hoping to introduce a 40m Valve contest/sprint/whatever you want to call it. Anyone will be welcome to join in, but of course the valve rigs will score the higher points. Details still have to be worked out on this, but it does look like a good possibility.

ZS0AWA/CW.



The CW net continues along with very little activity over the past month probably due to band conditions. Heard on frequency this last month has been Barrie ZS6AJY, John ZS6ABJ, Ian ZS5IAN, Ben ZS5SIB and Andrew ZS6AAA. 40m is definitely starting to improve as can be heard on the morning SSB net. Join us on Saturday afternoons at 14:00 SAST. The net is run at 12 wpm and so should meet the needs of all interested in CW. 7020 is the frequency.

AM Net:

Please come up and join us if you have the time and the inclination. 19:30 Wednesday evenings on 3615. Where only the brave hang out after dark.

Having listened around on the bands, there still seem to be a few ardent AM'ers around. I know there are different times and frequencies these are happening, but if you happen to know of another AM net running, or come across one, let us know the times and frequencies that these happen so we can publicize them. I am sure there will be a few ardent listeners out there.

SSB Net:

This past month we have been plagued again with short skip conditions, but unfortunately we do not have 80m to fall back on to. For a few weeks we have had pretty good conditions on the net, but every now and then, the gremlins creep in, destroying all our faith in the bands again. Rest assured, there are quite a few out there who seem convinced that things will improve, eventually, so lets just keep at it.

We appeal to all of you, when calling in on 40m, should you not be able to hear the control station, please try 80m if you are able to. Otherwise we have people doubling and it really does make life difficult for the net controller.

Promotions:

Remember to promote the AWA to any Hams you might know who have an interest in the old valve rigs. I have spoken to many at flea markets and other gatherings who are not really aware of the AWA and what it is we are doing. Remember, our mission statement says that it includes all "Like minded amateurs who have an interest in.....". We need to be looking out for those who have an interest in antique wireless.

Restoration News:

We want to remind you again of the valves which have been collected. They are there for your use as a member of the AWA. We are not asking exorbitant prices for the valves, but want to encourage the restoration of the old rigs by making these valves available to anyone who needs them.

All we ask is that you make a donation to the coffers of the AWA, which help for the costs of our annual license and any small sundry items that may creep in.

Brian ZS2AB, has also said he has a collection of valves and anyone wanting valves which may not be on our stock list, should contact him.

Shack News:

I came across a very interesting article the other day and have copied it down as I read in this particular journal :

“I am going to talk about an old, old story.....The Amateur is a Gentleman.....Well that at least is as we all used to know it. Today one must think that the past tense is more applicable.....

Once that Amateur was a Gentleman. Our well known good manners are, it seems, fast becoming a thing of the past. Various Branch Newsletters and Headquarters bulletins have dealt with this fact and have called on us to put a stop to this and to improve both our operating technique and our attitude to the beginner.

It has for quite some time past been an accepted fact that the most well mannered people, on getting behind the wheel of a car, tend to lose their good manners, and most road accidents can be blamed on lack of courtesy on the part of the driver of a motor vehicle. What the psychological reasons for this are, I would not attempt to say, but it appears that this same sort of thing is happening with regard to the radio amateur and it is certainly to the detriment of our hobby.

In much the same way as every road hog thinks that he is in the right and only notices the bad driving of other road users, the ham is quick to discover bad operating techniques in others, while failing to find the same faults in his own operating. Basically, All bad operating, is really due to bad manners, and the sooner we set our own house in order, the better it will be for amateur radio in general and our own League in particular.

It is not really necessary to enumerate all the little things that go to make for frayed tempers, but overmodulation, band swishing, considering a frequency occupied by a weak signal as being clear, and the endless testing by loading in to an antenna and whistling and blowing into the mike, must certainly be near the top of the list.

How nice were the good old days when a station would come back to one and tell one that one's signal was overmodulated and offer to stand by to assist with tests, or even when a newcomer was visited by his more experienced brethren and offered every assistance. How nice when having inadvertently caused QRM to a station, one was invited to join the QSO having been QRM'd. How nice were those good old days when the Amateur was a Gentleman. “

This article was written by Len Chait ZS1JP, and published in the December 1953 Radio ZS. Make your own conclusions as I did.

Below are scans of the front and first pages. I found this Magazine in an old AM transmitter that was given to me.

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Members and other Radio Amateurs the world
over*

A Very Merry Christmas

and

**A Happy and Prosperous
New Year**

Swap Column:

Any swaps or items for sale in the antique line ? Let me have the details and we will advertise it here.

There is an online swap shop on the website of the Highway Amateur Radio Club for ALL amateurs and interested parties to use - it is not restricted to members only. We have been invited to make use of this facility too. Should you want to, use the link to the HARC at the end of the page to take you to their website.

If you would like to forward this newsletter to any other interested parties, please feel free to do so. Print it out and put in on your club notice board, or give it to someone interested in valve radios. If you know of any who report in on the net but don't have email, print it out and give them a copy.

Net days and times:

Saturday 08:30 SSB net - frequency – 7070Mhz

Saturday 09:15 AM net – frequency 7070Mhz

Saturday 14:00 CW net – frequency 7020Mhz

Wednesday 19:30 AM net – frequency 3615 (-5 for QRM)

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Thanks for the bandwidth.

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