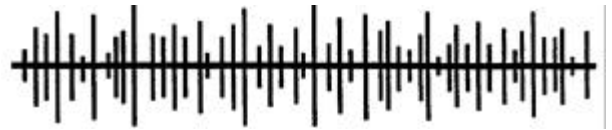


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ANDY CLARK W4IYT, PROMINENT RADIO AMATEUR BECAME A SILENT KEY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.

THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE IS SENT BY SANDY DONAHUE, W4RU, ARRL SECTION MANAGER OF GEORGIA.

Andy Clark, W4IYT, long time amateur radio editor and public service leader in South Florida died Dec 31, 1998, after a long battle with cancer.

Andy, first licensed in 1939, founded and edited Florida Skip, a monthly newspaper dedicated to ham radio activities in Florida, from his home in Miami Springs, since 1957. His address, 41 Lenape Dr, was famous for years as the place net managers and club presidents sent word of their activities. Andy, with the help of a few friends, lovingly and patiently wrote the whole paper, set type, printed and mailed 12 issues a year, which reached a peak of approximately 5000 subscribers before selling the publication to Gerry Wentz, KC4EHT, Melbourne, following a stroke in 1992.

Andy was a leader in emergency communications. He was SEC of then East Florida section of the ARRL, and EC of Dade County for 25 years before retiring from that job after Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida. He created emergency stations for the Red Cross, the National Hurricane Center, and the City of Miami Springs. He was trustee of W4EHW at the NHC and K4OSQ at Miami Springs. With George Thurston, W4MLE, he authored several books on emergency preparedness and traffic handling.

Andy was a Navy veteran and fought in the Battle of the Coral Sea in WWII. He was employed by Aeronautical Radio (Air-Inc) as a communicator, from 1950 to his retirement in 1978. In his final years he ran a small business providing cable access programming for Miami Springs Cablevision. The city gave Andy his day. Dec 14, 1998, was Andy Clark day in Miami Springs, for his nearly 50 years of service to his community and his hobby.

Andy Clark, W4IYT is survived by his wife Betty, W4GGQ, a son Andy Lee, KA4MHL, five daughters, and 3 grandchildren.

(Authors note: When I lived in Miami after graduating from college in the late sixties Andy was my amateur radio mentor pushing me toward public service. I also helped him edit and distribute Florida Skip.)

Sandy Donahue, W4RU
Section Manager, Georgia
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*The officers and members of the Palm Beach Packet Group
extend their condolences to Andy Clark's family.
He has left his indelible mark on amateur radio in South Florida
for which we all will be forever indebted.*

**IT'S A SMALL WORLD
WITH
AMATEUR RADIO**
Bill Manley KB4XE

During the afternoon, Christmas Eve, I was working with the computer while half listening to the chatter on 12M from my IC756. I was aware of a pile up on a Caracas Venezuela station. A discussion developed when he connected with a Toronto station. As the conversation evolved, both hams disclosed that they were physicians.

The Caracas station mentioned that his specialty was Oncology which he studied at Roswell Park in Buffalo NY, which was not far from the Toronto station.

My interest and attention now stirred. I am from Buffalo and one of my closest friends, as a teenager many years ago, was a person who went on to study medicine at Syracuse University and from there also studied Oncology at Roswell Park.

When I Toronto station signed, I called the Caracas station. We established quickly that he also knew my buddy.

We chatted, musing about the coincidence, and when the band threatened to fade out extended Seasons Greeting to one another while looking forward to extending our QSO in the near future.

It is *indeed* a small world, with amateur radio.

On the Packet BBS
Bill Manley KB4XE

Bill N4XEO has posted notable tables authored by Don KB4FEA as packet bulletins. They have been updated for the new year. Check them out on your favorite bulletin board. You will find interest in

Florida Nets On VHF and UHF
Florida Digipeaters
Florida BBS Stations by QTH
Florida Hamfests
Florida HF Nets
Florida Nodes Over 100'

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We've included in this issue of *White Noise* the update to

Florida Packet Switches

A NEW MILLENNIUM 2001AD

Bill Manley KB4XE

Huh?

Everybody knows that the next millennium starts January 1, 2000. Right?

Actually that is wrong.

The beginning of the 21st Century begins January 1, 2000 but the beginning of the 2nd Millennium starts January 1, 2001. The reason is that our calendar began with the year 1AD. The 2nd Millennium is 2000 years later of course.

So in spite of all of the misinformation from the media, and all of the hype associating the Y2K issue with the change in millennium, the correct fact is that the second millennium will begin January 1, 2001. The Y2K issue is more properly associated with the change in the century. It is correct to plan to celebrate the beginning of the 21st Century as January 1, 2000.

Just think, we get two raucous parties: The beginning of the 21st Century on January 1, 2000 and the beginning of the Second Millennium on January 1, 2001. Sounds like a win-win situation.

(See how informed you can get by surfing the web. Frankly I'd have not given a second thought to this distinction if I had not run across the explanation by Arthur C. Clarke through the Reuters News Service - ed).

PALM BEACH PACKET GROUP MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 1998

MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was brought to order by President DOUG (WB4KGY) @ 19:20hrs. Introductions of members and guests were made.

Treasure's report was given by Marvin (KD2CK), he has been on vacation for awhile, so report reflects conditions as of October 31, 1998. Checking acct. \$449.83, Savings acct. \$500.55. Interest YTD \$99.36. A more up to date accounting will be published in *White Noise*.

Technical committee report: Doug (WB4KGY) and John (WB4MOZ) converted Okee site to FPAC and stopped by Stuart to updated software on Nov. 28, 1998. WPB switch has had no problems. This coming Sunday the UPS purchased at Okee Hamfest will be installed at PBPG site, all are welcome to visit. Good bargains were to be had at Okee Hamfest this year.

OLD BUSINESS

The Club is looking for takers of the donated computers. There are 17 operational computers and monitors to be donated. One was installed at the Okee switch site. *White Noise* was mailed Dec. 7th. The POLO shirts status is still unresolved, due to miscommunication between the shirt vendor and local distributor, more on this at a later date.

Several packet books are available for lending from KE4GUM. BBS happenings > Like Short Wave? Try "L> swl" for frequency and time listings. Handouts of: New switch lists; Intro to Packet.

NEW BUSINESS

Time for elections for 1999. A motion was made by John (WB4MOZ) that nominations to be closed, seconded by Jamie (KD4LXB).

Ballots were distributed, and the results are as follows:

PBPG OFFICERS FOR 1999

President	DOUG (WB4KGY)
Vice President	MIKE (K2GPI)
Treasure	MARVIN (KD2CK)
Secretary	BURCK (KC4UEV)

Hamfest: Ft Myers - Jan 9th./10th. 1999. The membership is encouraged to lend their talents to The Club. BARDS meeting Dec. 19th. At Motorola. Memberships are being accepted by KE4GUM.

There is a new "free internet connection out there, try NETZERO.NET Information was provided by Howey (KB2BBG)

ADJOURN/BREAK/WORKSHOP

Bob (WD9ATM) was scheduled to present W4BKX and The Internet Gateway, however he was called out of town,

President Doug (WB4KGY) made an excellent presentation. You guys should have been there !!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted:
Wm. H. Rabun (KE4GUM)

******NOTE******

These will be my last minutes submitted by me as your Secretary. This has been 2 years I will not soon forget. Had it not been for the support of the members and more specifically Doug (WB4KGY), Things would have been in total turmoil. I do thank you all for your help and assistance, and I have benefited from the experience. Your new Secretary Burck, will bring real class to the PBPG. I wish him well !!!!!

THANK YOU
HAPPY TRAILS !!!
BILLYBOB (KE4GUM)

Broward Amateur Radio Digital Society
December 19, 1998

Carl, W9ZGU, has been working with the Agrelo DF Jr. Doppler direction finder. He had seen a demo at the Dayton hamfest and was looking forward to working with one. He has gotten the chance and been asked to trace and interfering signal. He described the problems and solutions he has had so far using the DF Jr.

The January 16 program will be by Bill Rafus, WD4FRB, on the happenings at the AMSAT symposium. February and March programs will be on filters by Jim Dailing, WA4CSQ.

Bob, N4CU

ARTICLES FOR *WHITE NOISE*

The Palm Beach Packet Group accepts articles from other clubs and individuals wishing to have them published in the *White Noise*. This is offered as a gratis service for those not otherwise having publication services at their disposal. Article content should be amateur radio related, including all operating modes, applications including computer, experiences, announcements and reports of meetings. Advertising is not accepted.

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