

AHSTC

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AHSTC October Meeting *"Scary Stuff"*

A lot of scary characters showed up at the October meeting of AHSTC! For instance, Paul, N9QLO came as Bill Clinton, Justin, N9ZDA came as "Motorola Man", Steve, KB9MWR, came as a TNC, Kristy, N9YOB came as a bagheaded swamp monster, and Chad, N9PAY, came as the honorable Corey J, complete with red hair and pocket tool compartment. Scott, KB9AMM dressed up too, but they didn't put much effort into dressing up. (I'm sorry Scott, but cheeseheads are too common around these parts to be considered strange). Anyway, there were plenty of treats to pass around, and everyone had a good time! Quite a few people joined or renewed their membership at the meeting, have you?

Phone & Full Time Autopatch

Well, after cutting though all the red tape, we finally have our own phone line to support 24 hour 7 day a week autopatch. As you may know, we have been sharing a school phone system line, which we could only dial out after school hours. Now that we have to pay for each call made, we ask that you **limit the amount of personal calls made**. Of course, if there is an emergency situation, this policy may be disregarded. Since we have our own line now, we will have the ability to make use of the reverse autopatch. Eventually, we will have the National Weather Service use the reverse patch to contact us to request our services for net. When a

reverse patch is being made from the weather service, a ringing sound will be heard, and the computer voice will say "Call for hams from weather service". To answer the patch, key up, **ID** and enter in 160*. The code cannot be entered when the repeater is speaking. The repeater will respond with "Call Connect". After the call is complete, enter in *. The repeater will respond with "Patch Clear". This will be an open code to licensed ham operators involved in the weather net activities. It is open to encompass the non-AHSTC members who would need to answer the patch if the NWS would call. The code is not to be used by non-club members any other time. Also, please do not talk about the code on the air.

Club members can use the code to answer a call to them. The repeater would ring, then say "Call for N9PAY", if Chad were to be getting a call. Currently, only the control ops have the ability to make a reverse patch.

Repeater and Shack Update

At the last meeting, Chad, N9PAY donated his Motorola Mitrek mobile radio for the use of the club for the packet station. The membership approved the purchase of the crystals, and they will be ordered shortly. Also, the crystal came in for the UHF control receiver, and the Spectra tac cabinet is all cleaned up after its bath in the bay a few years ago, (if you haven't heard the story, ask Andy, he likes to tell it), and it will hopefully be up and going before to long. Oh yeah.. Some of the repeater codes will be changing soon, so be sure to be a paid up with your dues to get the new code sheet!

New Members

Next time you hear Paul Schultz, N9QLO, and Steve Lampereur, KB9MWR on the air, welcome them to AHSTC! They are our newest victims! I mean, members. Silly me.

VE Testing Dates

November 20 - Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
November 30 - Onalaska, Wauwatosa (MRAC)
December 8 - Ashwaubenon/Green Bay (AHSTC)

IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Upcoming meetings, and other stuff you need to attend!!!!

Tuesday, November 19, 1996 6:30 PM until ???
1148 Maple Ave, "The Batcave" (AKA Tower Electronics Office Complex)
Swapfest planning/work meeting
Pizza and soda will be provided.
This meeting will replace the regular November club meeting!

Saturday, December 7, 1996 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
2391 South Ridge Road, Ashwaubenon High School
Hamfest setup of tables, signs, ect.
All able and willing needed to help!!

Sunday, December 8, 1996 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
2391 South Ridge Road, Ashwaubenon High School
AHSTC Swapfest

Wednesday, December 11, 1996 7:30 PM
Old Country Buffet in the Green Bay Plaza (Corner of Military and Mason)
Swapfest Recap/Christmas Party
This meeting will replace the regular December club meeting.

The FCC now requires applicants to show original Amateur Radio License to the VEC. A copy of the license must be attached to the 610 form. You should also have a photo ID, or other suitable form of identification. ARRL/VEC examinations require cash or check for \$6.05 payable to ARRL/VEC.

For more information about VE testing in the Green Bay area, contact Keith Summers, N9NOF, at (414) 336-6087.

Don't forget to Renew...

Although most of the club members renewed, we are still waiting to hear from:

N9RDC	N9ZRU
N9NCI	KE9PW
N9PAV	N9XOD
N9VOM	N9UPU
WL7MO	WA9ZCO
W9HSH	KB9LRG
N9VJL	N9OLY
N9NOK	KE9PQ

Expiring this month:

N9CFN	KA9YAW
N9NOF	N9WOA
N9QZF	N9PAW

Severe Weather Courtesy Tone Changes

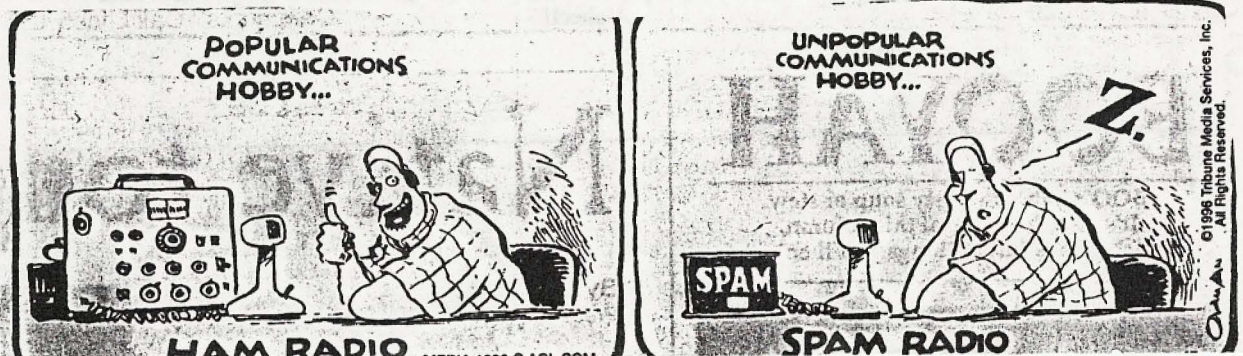
You may have heard the "W" (. _ _) courtesy tone on the 147.075 repeater during severe weather and tornado watches. There is now a slight change to separate the two types of watches. Now during severe weather watches the repeater will have a "S" (. . .) courtesy tone and a "T" (_) during the tornado watches. Please remember that the courtesy tone is changed manually by a control op, so please be patient if it isn't changed to or back right away.

AHSTC Web Site

Special thanks to Dana, N9UGM, for creating the cool web page for the club fest:

<http://www.sparknet.net/~n9pay.fest.html>

Check it out!



By Jack Ohman