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What do we do to go to hell? NOTHING! Surprised? We need do nothing to go to hell because we have already done it. We all stand as guilty sinners before God, we deserve to be punished (Ezek. 18:4).

Most do not fear God today because they do not realize how awful hell is going to be. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth in hell! (Matt. 13:49,50). God also says the smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever (Rev. 14:10,11).

Do not feel God is harsh to allow people to go to hell. He surely does not want anyone there. God's holiness and righteousness demand that sin be punished.

You do not have to go to hell for God provided a way--ONE WAY!! Your good deeds won't do it, your church membership or regular attendance won't do it, your lodge membership won't do it. You can quit smoking, drinking, acting ugly and going to picture shows and that still won't do it.

God made it so simple that even the little children can understand. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16,17).



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On October 7th, 8th, and 15th, Amateur Radio Operators, from the St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club, participated in the third annual Suncoast Powerboat Regatta, a hydroplane racing event. Racing was held on Lake Maggiore, in St. Petersburg. Lake Maggiore is one of the fastest hydroplane racecourses in the country. Radio Amateurs performing coordinating and emergency racecourse communications were K4KXC, W4GPL, K4CNB, WA4EDL, K4NAN, K5IHH, N4NL, W4EGM, and WD4KGY. Special thanks to Rex, W4GPL, for stepping-in as Control when K4CNB became ill and was unable to continue. Radio communications were on 2 Meter FM, simplex. Many compliments from the race officials and the sponsoring Suncoast Powerboat Club, concerning the qualitative and effective radio communications, were heard at the close of the race day. A job well done and much to look forward to in public service in the coming years.

The Radio Amateurs that provide radio communications for the two hydroplane racing events each year have much of which to be proud. They are usually called upon at short notice to spend a not so pleasant weekend in the sweltering sun, or in the freezing cold. They do a good job, add to the safety of the racecourse, and serve their community selflessly.

Radio Amateur Operators have provided radio communications for hydroplane racing in St. Petersburg for over 20 years. Because of their efforts, good communications ability, and continuing good reputation, radio Amateurs are more and more sought after each year, to provide radio communications for various community activities in St. Petersburg. These radio operators are not amateurs, but unpaid professional communicators, proud of service to their community.

Brian, K4NAN

W4GPL

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The Prez Sez:

It was fine to see so many who attended the November SPARC Club meeting. Certainly was gratifying to meet Pres. Bill Hite, K4RHD, and Jim "Tracy" Black, WA4TGQ, and all of the others from METRO. Then to have our Canadian friends Steve & Dotty Nage there too, Steve has let his license laps and plans to correct that very soon.

Our very efficient Nominating Committee of K4SQ, WB4DWA & WB4OIG gave us the following nominations for the 1979 Club Officers:

For Pres. - WD4COL John McDonald	Advisory Member - W4NOK Jack Adams
V. Pres. - K4DRN Ed Harney	- W4CF Al Friend
Sec. - WA4WOU Faith Lakeman	- W4IRA Herb Tuell
Tres. - W4VIP Frank Ryll	

(Looks like a winning group)

As there were no nominations from the floor, this is the whole slate. At the December 1st Club meeting, we will hold elections and a write-in nomination may be made at that time should it be desired. Then at the January 5th Club meeting we will have installation of officers.

DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 16th ! More on this else where in this issue of SPARC GAP.

On the evening of December 2nd a group of 5 or 6 Hams will furnish communication for the "Parade of Bands" for the Sun Coasters. This will be held at Al Lang field. SPARC has been asked to coordinate this effort and final plans are not as yet made. More on this on the evening repeater net and via telephone.

HAVE A GOOD THANKSGIVING and we hope to see you at the next meeting.

73 es 88's,

PS - Don't forget the Repeater Team Meeting on November 17th.

Rex

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 732 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT NOVEMBER 9, 1978 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The FCC has proposed an amendment to the Amateur Rules which, if adopted, would establish a quiet zone extending into large areas surrounding the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, WV and the Naval Radio Research Observatory at Sugar Grove, WV. The proposal would require any Amateur Radio licensee wanting to set up a new amateur repeater station or modify an existing repeater in a way which would affect its frequency, power, antenna height or directivity, or location, to file applications with FCC and the Director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Amateurs wishing to respond to this Notice of Proposed Rule Making must send their comments to FCC, Washington, DC 20554 not later than February 1, 1979. Amateurs who may be affected by this proposal can obtain a copy from ARRL headquarters, Newington CT 06111. Full details will appear in January QST. AR

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Congratulations to the Radio Amateurs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the successful launch of Radio 1 and Radio 2 inaugurating the RS satellite program. The orbit achieved by the two satellites is the highest yet accomplished by an amateur program. Orbital data for the RS program is now included as a regular part of the WIAW OSCAR bulletin. Details as available will appear in QST. Reference orbits and data will first appear in January QST. AR

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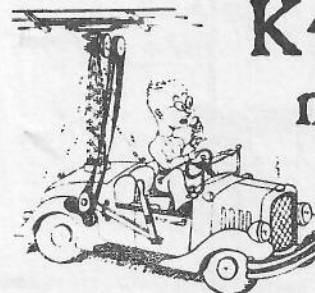
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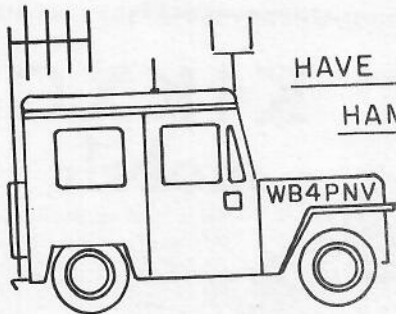
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The "Balance Due" payment of \$1106 on our new repeater has been made on schedule. The factory is working on our machine. A couple of problems with our control code plan had to be worked out. The problem of disabling reverse autopatch seems to be unimaginably hard for the factory engineers, but they want to work on it and give us a cost proposal.

Continuing our list of contributors since last month, we have:

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25.00	W4APV.		

This is a total to date of \$1267.00 or 57% cost of new machine. Our grateful appreciation to all those who have contributed to make our machine the best possible.

W40JH officiated at the AMWAY party held at home of K4SCL/K4RXO Oct. 14. About 45 people attended and proceeds were \$31.10. A good time was had by all and Fran enjoyed serving food and punch.

Speaking of good times, the SPARC dinner at Chef Lazar's Oct. 28 was superb, with about 49 people attending. Our congrats to WA4TJG for setting it up.

The SPARC Repeater will soon be an Autopatch Machine. Members properly equipped with "touch-tone" pads will be able to make phone calls through the repeater for personal or emergency purposes. It is essential that calls can not in any way be construed to be business communications. All calls will be recorded, in addition to being monitored by a control operator. No long distance calls are to be made. Autopatch access code is to be given to members only by certain club and team officers and never given over the air. Members are requested not to repeat the code to other members or non-members. A non-member, e.g. visitor, may use the autopatch if a member will access the patch and generally supervise his use of our equipment. All users must take special care, including briefing of persons talked to on the phone, to ensure that illegal or undesirable language is not used. Genuine emergencies take precedence, otherwise communication in progress takes precedence. You DO NOT HAVE A RIGHT to break up a conversation in progress just because you want to make an autopatch call. If you can convince parties in QSO that your need is so urgent and important they should let you have the machine, fine, but don't expect it to be automatic.

73 de K4SCL

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HISTORY OF
ST. PETERSBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Continued

1962

Officers: President, W1MRG/4-Burt Daisey; Vice-President, WA4BGW-Al Friend; Secretary-Treasurer, W4VLH-Ken Goodman; Trustee, W4WPF-Marvin Kaniss.

Installation Dinner held at the Kapok Tree Inn, at Safety Harbor, again a big success with good attendance.

W4RUR-Ed reached a milestone in his on-the-air code transmissions when he made the 1000th one on March 14th.

Novice & Advanced Code Classes continued to be offered.

Another member joined the Silent Keys, W4ANH-Ward Curley, who was Secretary-Treasurer in 1956.

K4QOK-Bill Beck, new appointed Pinellas County EC. SPARC members participated in AREC S.E.T. which was a huge success.

W4GAC moved from Radio Room in City Hall to the Fallout Shelter, at 11th St. & 3rd Ave. So. The old 75-meter transmitter, originally built by K9UQX-Lowell White, an ex-City employee (& ex-W4DBP) back in the 1920s & given to the Club, has been retired & moved to the Antique Radio Display at the City Museum.

The regular annual "Old Time Hamfest" was held at Phillippi Park, with the usual success. W4HYW-Tom Moss, our QSL Manager, from Atlanta, honored us with his presence. Needless to say, W4HRC-Little Bo, from Jacksonville, is always there.

Field Day was a very successful event at the usual Vinoy Fill set up. The Pinellas County CD Communications truck, housing the SSB equipment, was loaned us & appreciated, as helped to swell our score.

W4BAV-Cathy appointed SPARC certificate custodian.

SPARC-GAP Editors, W4WPF, W4TDK & W4BAV, put out an appeal in October bulletin for volunteer to take over the job, as they have had it for eight years.

Annual Xmas Party held in the Club house was gala affair. The SPARCYLs also had their annual Xmas Party.

W4NOK-Jack Adams appointed SPARC-GAP Editor.

(The foregoing history was compiled by W4BAV-Cathy, appointed Historian, from scant records in earlier years & from SPARC-GAPs after 1954 on. Following compiled by W4NOK each year under the heading of "The Year That Was--") W4BAV.

1963

The annual banquet for installation of officers was held January 18th at the Kapok Tree Inn with Marv Kaniss, W4WPF as Master of Ceremonies. Installed were: Jim Dillman, K4USK-President; Al Friend, WA4BGW-Vice-President; Dick Norloff, W4KCG, Secty-Treas.; Burt Daisey, Past President-WA4MHR; Earl Hill-W4UFR; Ed Blatt-W4RUR; Jack Adams-W4NOK; Directors & Marvin Kaniss-W4WPF remaining in the office as Trustee. SPARC-GAP with Jack Adams-W4NOK & Cathy Seeds-W4BAV, Editor & Co-Editor resumed monthly publication.

February

A Novice Code Class was started on February 19th under the direction of Vice-Pres., Al Friend-WA4BGW. Naomi Spence-W4TDK published the area directory for the umpteenth time with the usual fine copy.

MARCH

SPARC joined with the 4H Amateur Radio Club operating a traffic booth at the Pinellas County Fair. With very short notice & little available facilities; 1001 messages were handled. A very good showing of Amateur Radio to Fair goers.

Compiled By Cathy Soehl
W4BAV

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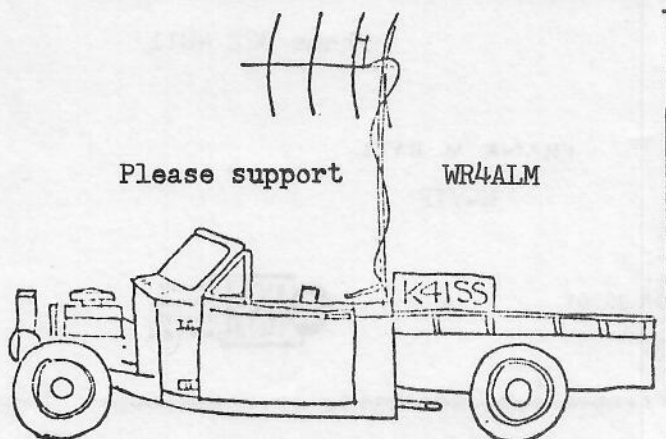
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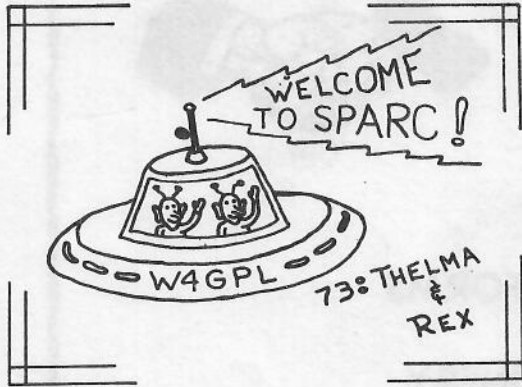
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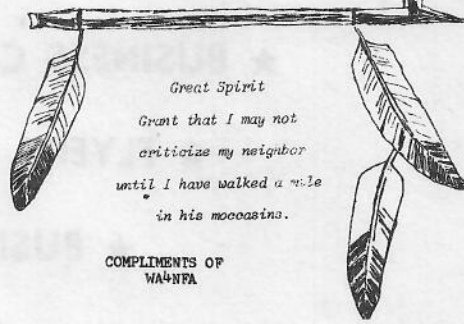
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