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The President's Column

Its hard to believe - but another month has past. Sorry we missed the last newsletter. But business travel and long commutes caught up with us. This month were looking for submissions for the poetry contest mentioned elsewhere. We'll have a presentation on packet and I will have my computer there with a bottom end logging program for those who have never seen one.

Also don't forget that April is Elections and we need some more candidates to fill out the slate. Don't worry about qualifications--there are none--other than trying to do your best. See you at the meeting...

Stan KD1LE

The Treasurer's Report

\$117 in cash---\$750 in bank
73's, Ben, KB1FJ

This Months Speaker

Bruce Blaine will be doing a presentation on --
Beginning Packet and
Improving your Packet

From the Ex-Editor

No, you weren't left off the mailing list and the Post Office didn't "screw" up the mail. There were no February issue of the Signal. In way of explanation, not excuse, I was out of town for awhile, worked a couple of 60 hour weeks and got no input from the 'regular' contributors. So there was no effort made to push an issue out at the last moment. I will repeat, The Signal is for and **BY** the members of NVARC. If there is something you would like to see in the Signal or something you think others would like, drop a

note. You can write it and We'll publish it or give us an idea and We'll write it, or find someone more knowledgeable to write it. This newsletter is what **YOU** and I make it.

Clint Talmadge KD1OL

March Madness

Announcing the great March Madness Poetry Contest!

With winter in full gear and the temperature "forcing" us indoors and onto the radio, what a grand time to do something fun. Here's the scoop. Mother Goose has been spinning yarns about animals who race, youngsters who run all over town during the night in their pajamas and hens who bake bread. You know, Little Boy Blue Come Blow Your Horn and all the others. Problem is this. Kids today have a difficult time relating to kings with pipes, it's not even politically correct. trolls, elves and fairy godmothers give an unrealistic view of life. I think it's high time we brought the Mother Goose rhymes up to date. How about you?

At the recent Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, a friend of mine stumbled on an obscure techy magazine that proposed a similar idea. They took a shot at a couple of famous nursery rhymes. See if you recognize them:

**Are you beeping? Are you beeping?
Brother Jack? Brother Jack?
Get your pocket pager.
Get your pocket pager.
Call them back. Call them back.**

Or how about...

**Mister Cole has remote control
And remote control has he
He gets CNN
He gets HBO
And he gets his MTV.**

**Surfing through the dial
All night from dusk to dawn
Grazing four and eighty channels
And still there's nothing on.**

Now I'll just bet you have a couple of ideas. Great. Start writing them out today. Send your entries to the Club address

Entries will be judged the second Thursday of April at the board meeting and winners announced at the club meeting in April. Winning entries will be submitted to various magazines in an article that will mention NVARC.

Categories are:
Famous Poems, Nursery Rhymes, Songs, Other.

Special emphasis will be placed on Amateur Radio Themes but overall selection will be made on cleverness and appropriate use of modern technology. Good Luck.

Need Some Help?
Here is a list of parts that might start your creativity churning.

Poems:
Roses are Red, Violets are Blue.
'I Think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree..."
Nursery Rhymes:
Hickery, Dickery, Dock, Mary Had A Little Lamb
Songs:
I can see clearly now...

A Note to the New Hams

And not-so-new Hams. As of March 1 1994, a new FCC form 610 has been in use. No other form will or can be used. All the test sessions should have the new forms by now...Unlike the past where the FCC would accept the last few versions they will not this time. This has to do with their systems/computer upgrades. The new form is laid out to coincide with the data entry screens. They are working toward an FCC BBS system that will allow electronic filing. The FCC envisions a 2-3 day FCC processing time once this is accomplished (This is still a year or two off--ed).

Another change is that each candidate must provide a copy of each CSCE submitted for the VE's to attach to the form 610. You don't want to give up the originals, so you must bring a copy
Stan Pozerski KD1LE

ARRL Notes

From the N.E. Div. Dir Bulletin 94-5

QST New England Style? The March QST has six articles by New England Hams.

The ARRL has begun a program of notifying members prior to the expiration of their licenses. The mailing will include a new form 610 to use when applying for renewal.

Mark Your Calendar


RACES discussion by FEMA rep at the Groton Emergency Service Bldg. Apr 20 7:30 contact Dan Daigneault 448-2994 for info/reservations.

The Rochester Flea Market -- May 6,7

Boxboro Convention -- Oct 1,2

The Swap Shoppe

2 serial printer buffers, A/B switch box, 1200 baud ext. and 2400 baud int modem, 2 daisy wheel and 1 wide carriage dot matrix printers. Stan KD1LE



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