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THE VIENNA WIRELESS SOCIETY

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ON THE AIR MEETINGS:
THURSDAYS, 7:30PM

147.51 MHz



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The Vienna Wireless Society is sending out this flier to radio amateurs in the Vienna and surrounding areas in an effort to let them know of our club activities and hopefully recruit additional members into our organization. The VWS meets at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE on the SECOND and FOURTH Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Refreshments served.

NEXT MEETING will on Friday, February 12th. Following a short business meeting, Terry Fox, WB4JFI will give a presentation on COMPUTERS (HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE) AS THEY APPLY TO AMATEUR RADIO. Terry is a Director of the Amateur Radio Research and Development, Inc. and a control operator for the 147.21/81 FM/RTTY/DATA repeater at Tysons Corner. He is a career electronic technician with CBS TV Station WDVM.

The SECOND MEETING this month will be held on Friday, February 26th. Ken Heitner, WB4AKK will speak on BASICS OF RTTY--A REVIEW OF HOW RTTY WAS STARTED IN AMATEUR RADIO, AND WHERE IT IS GOING IN THE COMPUTER AGE. Ken will discuss how RTTY works and weather permitting, some gear will be displayed and demonstrated.

NOVICE TRAINING

A reminder that the next novice training course begins on February 22nd. Call the Vienna Community Center for registration information.

VWS HISTORY

From time to time someone asks if there is a written history of the Vienna Wireless Society. No such composite history has been written. With the 20th Anniversary of the VWS coming upon us, an effort should be made to prepare such a document. A group will be formed of those members who have been active and/or held office to discuss the procedures and direction such a venture should take. "Two Decades with Vienna Wireless Society" deserves our best efforts. Please contact Bill Moran, W4MIB to help.

MEETINGS-PRESENTATIONS

A sincere effort is being made to arrange for interesting presentations at our meetings. Don't stand back if you can make a presentation. If you have built an item which can be shown or demonstrated in ten minutes or so, bring it along and use our "Show and Tell" time at the meetings. If you care to give a full presentation you will be scheduled for the next available meeting opening.

FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES

The VWS would like to know members and others willing to assist in emergency operations during extreme weather conditions who have four-wheel drive vehicles. Please call Art, WB4WPW (938-1852).

AMATEUR EXAMINATIONS

Allen, WD4LHF, reports the FCC office at Baltimore now only gives tests on Monday of each week. Those taking code tests should arrive there by 8:30.

VWS EMERGENCY NET

The following is an outline of the 1982 program drafted by the VWS Emergency Net Manager, Jeff, W4NFA. Please study it and make comments to him by telephone (281-4249) or on 147.51 on Thursday evenings at 7:30.

1982 PROGRAM VWS EMERGENCY NET

- A. CONTINUE WEEKLY SCHEDULE--7:30 PM every Thursday except November 11, November 25, and December 30.
- B. EXPAND TRAINING AND PREPARATION FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
 1. Provide regular liaison to ARRL NTS.
 2. Perform more traffic delivery and originations (Members originate personal greeting messages, officers originate messages concerning club business, NCS's originate net reports to net manager, etc).
 3. Provide liaison to other area nets.
 4. Develop net call-up telephone tree in cooperation with EC.
 5. Schedule simulated emergency tests in cooperation with EC.
- C. INCREASE PARTICIPATION
 1. Distribute net responsibilities to more participants.
 - a. NTS liaison stations.
 - b. Bulletin stations.
 - c. Local net liaison stations.
 - d. Assistant net manager.
 - e. More NC ops.
 2. Revise net participation awards.
 - a. Bonus points for performing net duties.
 - b. Nominal quarterly awards (NCS's and net manager not eligible).
 - c. Special outstanding net participant annual award (everyone except net manager eligible).
 3. Revise weekly meeting features.
 - a. Add buy/sell/swap session.
 - b. Expand bulletin to include W1AW, WESTNET, and other sources.
 - c. ~~Compress formal session and close early if business is completed--encourage rag-chews upon conclusion.~~
- D. EXPAND PUBLIC SERVICE OPERATIONS IN COOPERATION WITH EC
 1. Publish emergency communications phone numbers regularly in club column of "AUTOCALL", "RELAY", and Town of Vienna "NEWSLETTER".
 2. Provide emergency number in any club press release or other publicity.
 3. Publish a flier explaining the VWS Vienna Emergency Net public service/emergency service and distribute to town officials, Chamber of Commerce, fire and police stations, and general public at Winterfest, July 4th Celebrations, Oktoberfest, etc.
- E. PUBLISH A NET MANUAL

The VWS expresses sincere sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Davoli and family over the passing of Frank Davoli, father of Henry, WB4GKN.

WHOOPS

Steve, WB4NBI, tenders his apologies to those "outstanding" members who were stuck with "postage due" before they could receive their award certificates. He promises to calibrate his postal scale according to USPS standards.



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LOOKING AHEAD

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1982 could go down as being one of the most important years for Amateur Radio and the ARRL. Many things are in the works and it will be interesting and exciting to see how it develops. The new 10 mhz band, the possibility of the Amateur Radio Service writing and conducting the Amateur Radio examinations, the possibility of phone band expansion, A new general manager at ARRL, new ARRL officers and possible reorganization of the ARRL advisory committees and the field structure plus many other important things could change Amateur Radio drastically in 1982. It is going to be an interesting year to say the least. Are you going to be part of it or just a spectator on the side lines? It is up to you. The most important and exciting ARRL Board meeting for many years is about to take place in Newington, Ct. Gay Milius and I will be there to represent you. Now is the time to let us know your views, ideas and suggestions that you might have. Let us make 1982 a great and good year for Amateur Radio. We need and want your input.

Gay and I will be attending all of the major conventions and hamfests in the Division this year and will be looking forward to seeing most of you. Until then, have a good year and may Amateur Radio be great for you.