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SCOUTING HAMS AND HAMMING SCOUTERS--

OTSCHODELA COUNCIL AMATEUR RADIO GROUP (OCARG) IS DEDICATED TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO AND TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR RADIO IN BOY SCOUTING. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY AND ALL SCOUTERS, AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, AND SCOUTING AND HAM CLUBS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, PARTICULARLY WITHIN, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE OF OTSCHODELA COUNCIL, BSA. THERE ARE NO MEMBERSHIP DUES, NO OFFICERS, NO CONSTITUTION, NO NEWSLETTER CHARGES, AND NO ORGANIZED MEETINGS. ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARE VIA EMAIL OR HAM RADIO. ALL THAT'S REQUIRED TO JOIN IS AN INTEREST IN HAM-SCOUTING AND AN EMAIL TO THE ABOVE SENDER. OCARG IS AN FCC-LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATION WITH THE CALLSIGN KZ2BSA.

COPIES OF THE *OCARG EAGLE* ARE SENT TO MANY INTERESTED PERSONS IN ADDITION TO OCARG MEMBERS. IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS BULLETIN IN ERROR AND NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE IT, PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE SO STATING TO THE ABOVE SENDER <[MAILTO:K2FRD@ARRL.NET](mailto:K2FRD@ARRL.NET)>.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS BROUGHT TO YOU IN LIVING COLOR, COMPLIMENTS OF EUDORA PRO 5.1.3 EMAILER. IF YOU HAVE RICH TEXT FORMAT (RTF) OR STYLIZED TEXT CAPABILITY AND WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING AS IT WAS SENT, MAKE SURE YOUR RTF OR STYLED TEXT PREFERENCE/OPTION/CONTROL PANEL/SETTING IS TURNED ON OR SET. IF YOU WANT TO SEE IT ONLY IN BLACK TYPEFACE, TURN IT OFF. FONTS ARE COMIC SANS MS, CAPITAL, AND MISHIWAKA BOLD (WITH THE SLASHED ZERO), AVAILABLE FROM EDITOR IF DESIRED.

THE *OCARG EAGLE* IS MAILED ONLY VIA BLIND CC TO CUT DOWN ON YOUR HEADER'S SIZE AND TO AVOID PROVIDING A READY-MADE LIST TO SPAMMERS.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS DE KZ2BSA

'TIS THE SEASON! IN THE NORTHEAST HERE, WE HAVE LOTS OF SNOW - TOO MUCH WINTER, TOO SOON. BUT, ALL THE WHITE STUFF DOES GET EVERYONE INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS. NOT MUCH GOING ON SCOUTING-WISE THIS MONTH, AT LEAST AROUND HERE. EVERYBODY IS FOCUSING ON FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND SHOPPING. AND WHILE THE BANDS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE WITH TEN METERS BEING RELATIVELY QUIET QRN-WISE, NOT TOO MANY ARE ON. VERY FEW DXPEDITIONS THIS TIME OF THE YEAR AND NOT TOO MANY HARD-TO-REACH DX

STATIONS SINCE MOST PEOPLE ARE CONCENTRATING ON RAMADAN, HANUKKAH, CHRISTMAS, AND/OR KWANZAA. BUT, THE HOLIDAYS TEND TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN US WHICH GIVES US THAT WARM FUZZY FEELING ALL OVER. SO, NOT THAT MUCH NEWS THIS MONTH. WE'LL IMPROVISE STARTING WITH THIS LITTLE WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.JACQUELAWSON.COM/CORP_CARD.ASP?PV=XSO1CP](http://www.jacquelawson.com/corp_card.asp?pv=xso1cp) .

AND, AUTHOR UNKNOWN, THIS HAM'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS:

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND ALL THROUGH TWO-METERS,
NOT A SIGNAL WAS KEYING UP ANY REPEATERS.
THE ANTENNAS REACHED UP FROM THE TOWER, QUITE HIGH,
TO CATCH THE WEAK SIGNALS THAT BOUNCED FROM THE SKY.
THE CHILDREN, TECH-PLUSES, TOOK THEIR HT'S TO BED,
AND DREAMED OF THE DAY THEY'D BE EXTRAS, INSTEAD.
MOM PUT ON HER HEADPHONES, I PLUGGED IN THE KEY,
AND WE TUNED 40 METERS FOR THAT RARE ZK3.
WHEN THE METER WAS PEGGED BY A SIGNAL WITH POWER.
IT SMOKED A SMALL DIODE, AND, I SWEAR, SHOOK THE TOWER.
MOM YANKED OFF HER PHONES, AND WITH ALL SHE COULD MUSTER
LOGGED A SPOT OF THE SIGNAL ON THE DX PACKETCLUSTER,
WHILE I RAN TO THE WINDOW AND PEERED UP AT THE SKY,
TO SEE WHAT COULD GENERATE RF THAT HIGH.
IT WAS WAY IN THE DISTANCE, BUT THE MOON MADE IT GLEAM -
A FLYING SLEIGH, WITH AN EIGHT ELEMENT BEAM,
AND A LITTLE OLD DRIVER WHO LOOKED SLIGHTLY MEAN.
SO I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, THAT IT MIGHT BE WAYNE GREEN.
BUT NO, IT WAS SANTA, THE SANTA OF HAMS,
ON A MISSION, THIS CHRISTMAS TO CLEAN UP THE BANDS.
HE CIRCLED THE TOWER, THEN STOPPED IN HIS TRACK,
AND HE SLID DOWN THE COAX RIGHT INTO THE SHACK.
WHILE MOM AND I HID BEHIND STACKS OF CQ,
THIS SANTA OF HAMMING KNEW JUST WHAT TO DO.
HE CLEARED OFF THE SHACK DESK OF PAPER AND PARTS,
AND FILLED OUT ALL MY LATE QSLs FOR A START.
HE RAN COPPER BRAID, TOOK A STEEL ROD AND POUNDED
IT INTO THE EARTH, TILL THE STATION WAS GROUNDED.
HE TIGHTENED LOOSE FITTINGS, RESOLDERED CONNECTIONS,
CRANKED DOWN MODULATION, INSTALLED LIGHTNING PROTECTION.
HE NEUTRALIZED TUBES IN MY LINEAR AMP...
(NEVER WORKED RIGHT BEFORE --NOW IT WORKS LIKE A CHAMP).
A NEW, LOW-PASS FILTER CLEANED UP THE TV.
HE CORRECTED THE SETTINGS IN MY TNC.
HE REPAIRED THE COMPUTER THAT WOULD NOT COMPUTE,
AND HE BACKED UP THE HARD DRIVE AND GOT IT TO BOOT.
THEN, HE REACHED REALLY DEEP IN THE BAG THAT HE BROUGHT,
AND HE PULLED OUT A BIG BOX. "A NEW RIG?" I THOUGHT!
"A NEW KENWOOD? AN ICOM? A YAESU, FOR ME?
(IF HE THOUGHT I'D BEEN BAD IT MIGHT BE QRP!)
YES! THE ULTIMATE STATION! HOW COULD I DESERVE THIS?
COULD IT BE ALL THOSE HOURS THAT I WORKED PUBLIC SERVICE?
HE HOOKED IT ALL UP AND IN RECORD TIME, QUICKLY
WORKED 100 COUNTRIES, ALL DOWN ON 160.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY. IT WAS MY CALL HE SENT.
BUT THE CARDS AND THE POSTAGE WILL COST TWO MONTH'S RENT!
HE MADE FINAL ADJUSTMENTS, AND LEFT A CARD BY THE KEY:
"TO GARY, FROM SANTA CLAUS. SEVENTY-THREE."
THEN HE GRABBED HIS HT, LOOKED ME STRAIGHT IN THE EYE,

IS A TIME FOR THE GIRLS TO LEARN ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. FROM SOME READING I HAVE DONE IT LOOKS LIKE CANADA INSTITUTED USING AMATEUR RADIO TO GET IN TOUCH WITH SOME OF THOSE OTHER GIRL SCOUTS IN 1985. SINCE THEN OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE JOINED IN.

GOTA OPERATES PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS JOTA. BUT FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING FREQUENCY, ACTIVITIES, ETC, PLEASE VISIT [HTTP://WWW.GUIDEZONE.SKYL.COM/HASTART.HTM](http://www.guidezone.skyl.com/hastart.htm) .

PLEASE CONTACT ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

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FRANK KR1ZAN SLIGHTLY MODIFIES THE ABOVE URL:

THE ACTUAL "START" PAGE IS:
[HTTP://WWW.GUIDEZONE.SKYL.COM/I_HA_INDEX.HTM](http://www.guidezone.skyl.com/i_ha_index.htm)

LOOK FOR WC5GS DURING GOTA IN FEBRUARY. WC5GS IS AT CAMP WHISPERING CEDARS IN DALLAS, TX (WHISPERING CEDARS 5 GIRL SCOUTS).

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CIVIL AIR PATROL CONNECTIONS

ROZ STONE <[MAILTO:RSTONE1221@AOL.COM](mailto:rstone1221@aol.com)> OF TEXAS AND THE MOTHER OF A HAM-SCOUT WHO IS ALMOST EAGLE SENT US THE FOLLOWING ON THE CIVIL AIR PATROL WHICH HAS HAD CONNECTIONS TO SCOUTING AND AMATEUR RADIO FOR MANY YEARS:

HERE ARE A BUNCH OF SITE LINKS YOU MIGHT FIND INTERESTING.
ROZ- CARROLLTON, TEXAS

TEXAS WING AEROSPACE ED PROGRAMS
[HTTP://WEB.WT.NET/~TXWG-CAP/AE.HTML](http://web.wt.net/~txwg-cap/ae.html)

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UNBREAKING NEWS: HAM EXPLORER POST

IN WHAT PROVED TO BE THE SHORTEST-LIVED NEWS FLASH IN OCARG HISTORY, THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW AMATEUR RADIO EXPLORING POST DROPPED DEAD THE DAY AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE NOVEMBER EAGLE. AFTER RAISING THE HOPES OF EVERYONE WITH INFORMATION THAT THE NEWEST SCHOOL SURVEY SHOWED A SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN

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