

MANIFEST CALENDAR

Grosse Pointe Woods - April 1, 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., Grosse Pointe NHS, Vernier Rd. Between Mack and Lakeshore Dr.. 146.14/74 talk-in. \$4.00

Marshall - March 17, 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., Marshall High School. 146.06/66. \$3.00

Maumee, Ohio - March 18, 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M., 147.87/27. \$4.00

Dayton, Ohio - April 28,29, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., \$12.00 at door.

LEAGUE LINES.....

The FCC issued Notices of Violation to more than 240 amateurs for transmitting phone emissions on frequencies not authorized for phone operation. The FCC stated that "These transmissions violated Section 97.305(c) of the Commission's rules, thereby creating interference to an amateur station on Bouvet Island. Amateur service stations were cited for these violations during the period between January 2-13, 1990".

This is a banner year for the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX)! Two NASA Shuttle missions will carry radio amateurs into space. Dr. Ron Parise, WA4SIR, has been cleared to operate voice and packet radio on STS-35 in May, and Lt. Col. Ken Cameron, KB5AWP, has been authorized to operate voice, packet radio, and amateur television aboard STS-37 in November. An ARRL foundation grant provided more than \$8,000 worth of hardware to be carried on the shuttle. League involvement in the project now shifts to an informational and educational role.

The FCC has amended its rules by expanding the 6-meter repeater subband from 52-54 MHz to 51-54 MHz to permit establishment of additional repeaters to meet increased demand. The Commission stated that voluntary band plans will assure adequate protection for weak-signal work in the DX window and other amateur uses.

We've entered a new era in amateur space communications. The next generation of amateur satellites, UoSATs D and E and four Microsats (PACSAT, WEBERSAT, LUSAT, and DOVE), began their journey into space from the launch site in Dourou, French Guiana on Sunday, January 21. Once in space, UoSATS D and E became OSCARS 14 and 15 and the Microsats became OSCARS 16-19.

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For all those born before 1945.....

Consider the changes we have witnessed:

We were born before television, before pencillan, before polio shots, frozen foods, zerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill.

We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners drip-dry clothes..... and before we walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during lent, and outer space was the back of the Riviera Theatre. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness..... not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

Back then "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred on how you did on your exam. Pizza, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. We hit the scene where there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for 5 and 10 cents. Sanders or Wilson sold ice cream for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and 2 postcards. You could buy a new chevy coupe for \$600.....but who could afford one? A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!

In our day, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the principal's office. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today! But, we survived!!!!!!

What better reason to celebrate!

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