

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

THE OCTOBER 12, 1989 MEETING OF THE BRANCH COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WAS HELD IN ROOM 301 OF THE BRANCH AREA CAREERS CENTER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:31 PM BY PRESIDENT LARRY CAMP, W8BR. SEVENTEEN MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. CLUB OFFICERS WERE INTRODUCED AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE NOVICE CLASS, TON SARNA.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER BY HOMER, W8DOP, AND WAS SECONDED BY JIM, N8KNA, THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ANDY FLEMING, W8LGO, REPORTED A TOTAL OF \$439.25 IN THE TREASURY.

LARRY, W8BR, STATED THAT THE REPEATER WAS "HUNTING ALONG".

UNDER OLD BUSINESS LARRY REPORTED THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WAS MAILED IN ON TIME AT A COST OF \$10. THE CLUB HAS ALSO PAID \$10 TO REJOIN THE MICHIGAN AREA REPEATER COUNCIL.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE HAS MET AND WILL HAVE PROPOSED CHANGES READY FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING. THE FINAL DRAFT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP IN JANUARY FOR A VOTE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING AS THE CONSTITUTION DIRECTS.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS LARRY, W8BR, INITIATED A DISCUSSION OF BESTOWING NO COST MEMBERSHIPS TO NEW AMATEURS AND NOVICE CLASS ATTENDEES. AFTER DISCUSSION A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM BLACKMAN, N8KNA, SECONDED BY GERALD NETZGER, W8GTN, TO ISSUE NOW VOTING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS TO NOVICE CLASS ATTENDEES FOR THE LENGTH OF THE CLASSES. ADDITIONALLY, UPON RECEIVING THEIR LICENSE THESE NOVICES WOULD BE EXTENDED A ONE YEAR FULL PRIVILEGE MEMBERSHIP AT NO COST. THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

THE QUESTION OF AN AUTOPATCH FOR THE CLUB REPEATER WAS POSED BY PRESIDENT LARRY TO THE MEMBERSHIP. DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE TWO TELEPHONE LINES FOR CONTROL PURPOSES. IT WAS THOUGHT THE UPKEEP FOR THESE LINES WOULD BE ABOUT \$30 PER MONTH. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE TO GIVE A FORMAL PRESENTATION ON THE FEASIBILITY OF AN AUTOPATCH AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING: MATT, N8JMC, JIM, N8KNA, GERALD, W8GTN, CHRIS, AND TON SARNA.

JIM VOSS, K8SD, WILL CONFIRM THE RESERVATION OF WEST AIRPORT INN FOR THE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY.

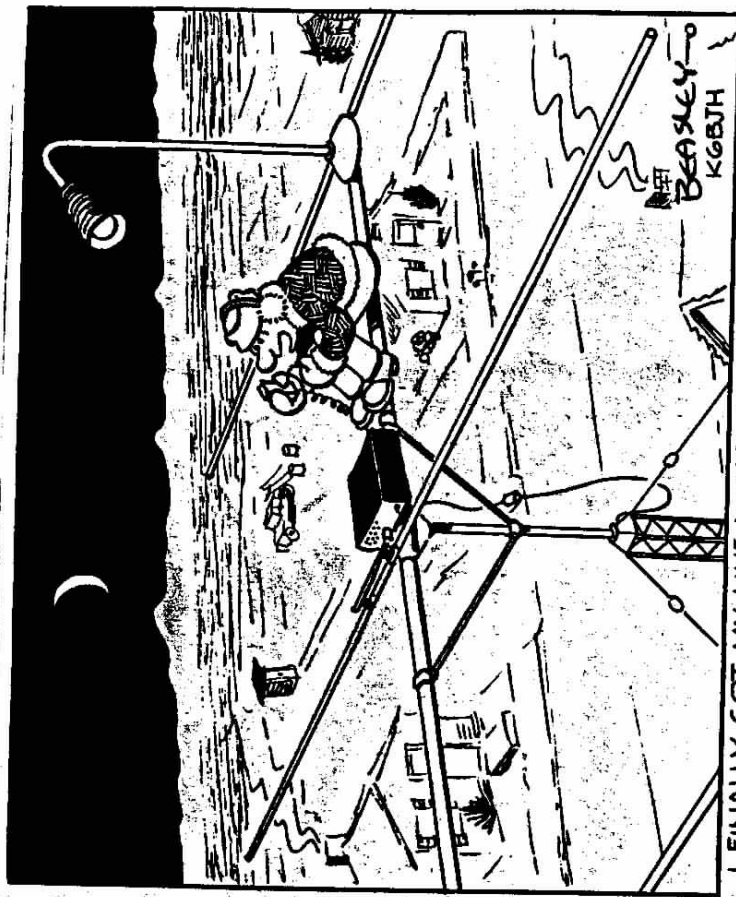
THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 1990 SLATE OF OFFICERS WILL BE CHRIS, N8JMC AND GARY, W8FUP.

IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE REPEATER BE TAKEN OUT OF TUNE ACCESS ON THURSDAY EVENINGS. SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL TRY TO DO SO.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY CHRIS, N8JMC, AND SECONDED BY MATT, N8JMC AND WAS PASSED AT 8:00 SHARP. THE 50/50 DRAWING WAS WON BY PAUL HERNAN, N8GNS, RECEIVING HALF OF THE \$14.00 TOTAL.

A PROGRAM CONCERNING ARES/RACES AND THE 1989 SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST WAS PRESENTED BY CHRIS PAVKA, N8JMC, FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED - JIM VOSS, K8SD, SECRETARY.



I FINALLY GOT MY LINE LOSSES DOWN TO ZERO, BUT IT'S A LITTLE NIPPY HERE IN THE SHACK! (WORLD RADIO)

TEN YEARS AGO

THE NOVEMBER MEETING WAS HELD AT THE CAREERS CENTER AND THE PROGRAM WAS A RITTY DEMO. 37 MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE. WARC-79 APPROVES 10 METERS "AS IS" WITH NO CHANGES. IN THE CONTEST: JOHN, W8DFK, 208 CONTACTS - BOB, W8SRKT, 48 CONTACTS, 48 COUNTRIES, 19 NEW ONES! HOMER, W8DOP, 29 CONTACTS, 67 NEW COUNTRIES, 16 NEW ONES - JIM, N8NS, 36 CONTACTS, 31 COUNTRIES! (WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD THAT KIND OF WEEKEND? ED.) A COMMITTEE WAS LOOKING INTO PURCHASING A COPIER. THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS TO INCLUDE A POT LUCK SUPPER.