

SHACKNEWS

HIGHVELD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Sunday morning BULLETINS - 145.7875 MHz & 7062 KHz @ $\pm 08h45$.

COMMUNICATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

MEETING Was held on 1st August at the usual venue. Not a very good turn out at this meeting. We all had a look at a number of published articles on antennas and other items of interest to the radio amateur taken off the Internet. This led to a lively discussion.

SSC The meeting was held on Saturday 9th July. This was held at Shaun's QTH. A most interesting get together of a few of the members with lots of discussion on non-amateur radio topics. A big thanks to Shaun's parents for the use of their home as well as the catering.

Brain teaser No.1

A traveller undertakes to walk, alone and without help, across a desert entirely lacking in resources. Every 20 kilometres on the 100-kilometre trail there is a shelter. (20 kilometres is exactly what a traveller can walk in one day.)

*The traveller can only carry three days food. He can stock food only in the shelters.
How many days will it take to cross the desert?*

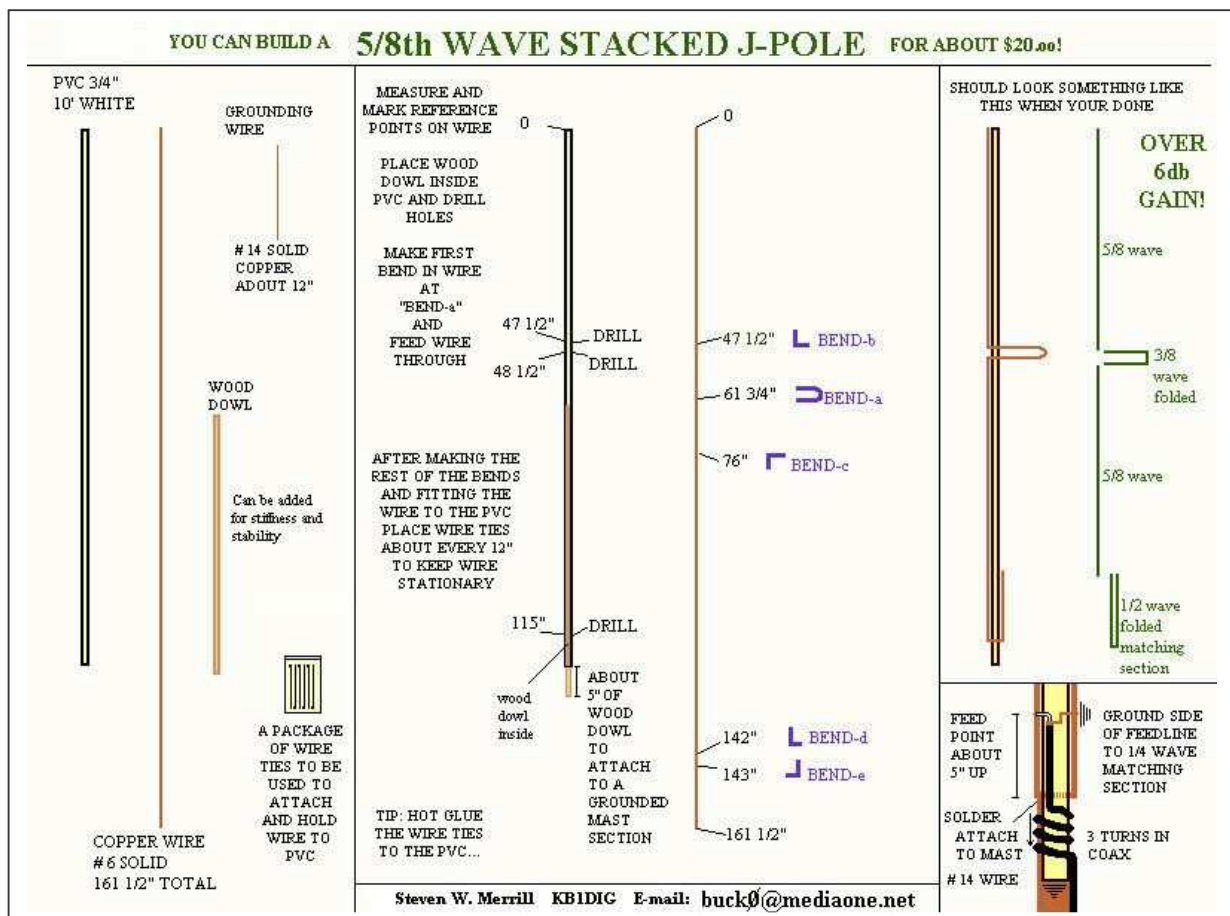
Answer: Let the four shelters be A, B, C & D. During days 1 through 8 the traveller makes four round trips to A, each time leaving 1 days food in the shelter. On day 9 he arrives with 2 more days' food, which makes 6. During days 10 and 11 he makes one round trip to B, leaving 1 days food. On day 12 he arrives with 2 more days' food, which makes 3. With this, he can reach his goal in 3 days. He crosses the desert in 15 days.

A BIT OF HUMOUR

One Day Albert wanted to go golfing. He got out of bed early trying not to wake his wife he got dressed and sneaked out of the house. He got to the golf club and went into the restaurant for a cup of coffee before hitting the course. Once finished he went out the door but noticed it was too foggy to play golf so he got back into his truck, real upset, and headed back home. Albert was real slow and careful on sneaking

back in, took off his clothes and went back in bed quietly snuggling back to his wife and saying its terrible weather out there. The wife said, "Yep! And to think my stupid husband, went golfing in it!"

Lifted from the WEB (Last in the series)



Sorry all the measurements are American

Brain teaser No.2

Great-uncle George has always enjoyed fireworks, and this year, having just celebrated his birthday, he bought as many rockets as he is years old to mark the occasion. But half of them got damp, the children borrowed a third of the good ones for a private celebration, and the sticks were missing from 21 others. "Never mind," cried the old boy, "it just means that there'll be one for every ten years, instead of one for every year." It was a poor show, though. We'll have a better one when great-uncle George is 100. When will it be?

Answer: If N is the total number of rockets, we can see that one tenth of N is equal to one-half of N minus one-sixth of N minus 21. So, N, which is also George's age, equals 90. He will be 100 in ten years time.

The Divorce Negotiation

A married couple is driving along a highway doing a steady eighty km/h. The wife is behind the wheel.

Her husband suddenly looks across at her and speaks in a clear voice. "Darling," he says. "I know we've been married for twenty years... But I want a divorce."

The wife says nothing, keeps looking at the road ahead but slowly increases her speed to 90 km/h. The husband speaks again. "I don't want you to try and talk me out of it" he says, "because I've been having an affair with your best friend.

Again the wife stays quiet, but grips the steering wheel more tightly and slowly increases the speed to one hundred and ten.

He pushes his luck. "I want the house," he says insistently.

Up to 120.

"I want the car, too," he continues. 130kph.

"AND," he says, "I'll have the bank accounts, all the credit cards and the boat."

The car slowly starts veering towards a massive concrete flyover. This makes him a wee bit nervous, so he asks her... "Isn't there anything you want?"

The wife at last replies - in a quiet and controlled voice. "No, I've got everything I need." She says.

"Oh, really?" he enquires, "So what have you got?"

Right before they slam into the wall at 160 km/h, the wife turns to him and smiles.

"The airbag."

Gap filler

Three priests went for a hike one day. It was very hot. They were sweating and were exhausted when they

came upon a small lake. Since it was fairly secluded, they took off all their clothes and jumped into the water.

Feeling refreshed, the trio decided to pick a few berries while enjoying their "freedom". As they were crossing

an open area, a group of ladies came along from town. Unable to get to their clothes in time, two of the priests

covered their privates, but the third one covered his face while they ran for cover.

After the ladies had left and the men got their clothes back on, the first two priests asked the third why he covered

his face rather than his privates.

The third replied, "I do not know about you, but in my congregation, it is my face they would recognize."

NOTICE OF MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Highveld Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Germiston Methodist Church office, Lady Duncan St Germiston on **Saturday, 6 September 2003 at 14:30**

Nominations for the committee must be in writing and must be received by the secretary not less than **one week** before the
AGM

HIGHVELD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I.....hereby nominate

Name:.....Callsign:.....

to serve on the committee of the Highveld Amateur Radio Club

I confirm that I have received the agreement from the above person to serve on the Committee

Signed:.....

Callsign:.....

NOTICE OF PROXY

I.....hereby give my proxy

to.....

in order that he/she may vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Highveld Amateur Radio Club

Signed:.....

Callsign:.....

News from HQ

RAE FEE INCREASES

On 25th July we received communication from ICASA that a new schedule of application fees, as published in Government Gazette No 22874 of Nov 2001, will apply with effect from 28th July 2003. In this gazette the Telecommunications Act was amended by the introduction of a new schedule E.3 which details application fees for various services. The following list shows some of the items, which will affect us.

E 3 Application Fees

1. Amateur Radio

- (i) All classes of licenses (including CEPT Format) R 140
- (ii) Beacon R 100
- (iii) Change of call sign on request R 100
- (iv) Guest or special event license R 100
- (v) Listener R 100
- (vi) Repeater station including radio link R 100
- (vii) Digipeater/Bulletin Board R 100
- (viii) Experimental station for weather satellite reception and retransmission R 210

8. Certificate Application

- (i) Amateur R 100

Other fees are for the present unchanged, e.g.: The licence fee remains at R27-00 pa, and the fee for issue of a certificate is R30-00.

These new fees will have a substantial effect on the combined RAE fee charged by the SARL. As you know, the existing fee of R250-00 included all costs of the examination as well as the necessary fees to ICASA. From the above schedule it would appear that two additional amounts are now payable, i.e.: the application for the licence at R140, and the application for the certificate at R100.

It is not clear how the new fee schedule quoted in the Government Gazette will be applied. We will attempt to clarify this with ICASA as soon as possible. A worst case scenario indicates that the fee will have to increase to

somewhere between R450-R500. This will obviously have an adverse affect on RAE applications throughout the country.

Unfortunately this increase will have to be applied to all applications for the October 2003 examination.

Please would you pass this information on to all persons engaged in conducting RAE courses.

73

Peter Hers

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SARL Councillor: RAE, Club liaison and Membership development

What does Amateur Radio do to you?

Does it make you push out your chest?



Does it make you feel special?



Do you shout it from the rooftops?



If your answer is YES on all these accounts, it means you enjoy
AMATEUR RADIO to the Full!!

So ... share it with us!

RADIO ZS WANTS YOUR NEWS!

Send it by e-mail, fax, post, pigeon post, runner, bush telegraph, telepathy, semaphore,
.....but just get it to us!!!! The editor wants to be buried in the stuff! The
more I get, the more I can create a magazine that shows a vibrant and
active South African Radio League and active radio hams.

Tell me about the events your branch/club is planning, that DXpedition
you were part of, that competition you took part in, that project you built
to improve your shack, tell me what Ham Radio is South Africa is doing!!!!!!



Send your news in MS Word, WordPerfect, Acrobat or text format; send pictures as jpg or bmp
files. E-mail it to radiozs@sarl.org.za or post it to PO Box 1721, Strubensvallei, 1735

Articles in Afrikaans are also very welcome

HIGHVELD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Balance Sheet at 30 June 2003

FUNDS EMPLOYED	2003 R	2002 R
Balance Brought forward	2030	2164
Excess of Income over Expenditure	224	(134)
	2254	2030

EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS

Cash at Bank	_____	2030
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Income Statement for the 12 Months ended 30 June 2003

INCOME	2003 R	2002 R
Membership Fees	1270	995
Interest received-Current account	0	3
Repeater Fund	0	200
Maps sold	0	30
Donations	0	0
Total Income	1270	1319

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation SARL	0	485
Bank Charges	286	302
Licence ZS6HVB	27	27
Repeater Licence ZU9HVB	48	48
Post Box	215	200
Maps	0	0
AGM 2003	200	0
Social Events	150	0
Donation	120	300
Total Expenditure	1046	1362
Excess of Income over Expenditure	224	(335)
	1270	1027

Note 1 Includes 2001/2002 and 2002/2003

Note 2 Donation made to Germiston Methodist Church for the use of their premises

Note 3 Fuel assistance to ZS6ANA

Chairman _____ Treasurer _____