

Coffee break

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Our apologies for no COFFEE BREAK column last week but the old flu bug sort of got the better of us.

The other day we heard several CB'ers discussing the use of our so-called 'call channels' as 'chat channels'. Several weeks ago we wrote on this subject in detail, but with the increased use of channel 19 by motorists and the removal of channel 11 as a call channel by the FCC on September 15, we felt that a reminder would not be redundant.

Throughout the country, areas will set aside, by common consent or tradition, certain channels which they will use more or less as call or monitoring channels. The FCC has no official call channel after September 15 but certainly channel 19 will, unofficially, remain to be the channel that motorists and truckers will use throughout the country. In our area channels 5, 13, 21 and 23 as well as 19 will undoubtedly remain as channels which certain groups or individuals will monitor. If these were used by each person starting a transmission to the FCC limit of 5 minutes, certainly the use of these channels would be drastically impaired. For this reason it is important, for the benefit of all using the CB airwaves, that other channels be used for carrying on extended conversations. We have stressed that courtesy and common sense have and will continue to make our area one of the better areas for CB'ing.

With channel 19 so busy with motorist traffic and, in our area, the channel where motorists can get information and help, it is even more important that 19 not be used as an extended chat channel. Earlier we recommended that no conversation last more than about 30 seconds on one of the 'call channels' and that anyone needing a longer period of time switch to a channel not in use. This especially should be the policy on channel 19 if we are to handle the traffic that is coming from ourselves, motorists, and the trucking industry. Let's all get in the habit of going to a 'clean one' as soon as contact with the one called is made unless we know that our conversation will be a short one. There are a few individuals who seem to persist in staying on 19 for idle talk, tying up this channel for long periods of time. If we could get into this habit, think of the fewer breaks that would be necessary! Every break is interrupting someone (unless the break is called when there is an empty channel and the breaker just wants to have his voice heard for no apparent reason and he doesn't break for anyone in particular).

When contact has been made and the parties are about to switch to another channel, is there any particular way in which this should be done? Common sense says YES. One of the important things is to be sure to choose a channel that is not in use at the time. Thus, the stronger station should probably do the choosing since he can hear weaker

signals better. If we are considering two base stations, there may not be much of a difference and either party could effectively do the choosing.

If one of the parties is base and the other mobile, there is no question as to who should do the picking of the 'clean one'. This should ALWAYS be done by the base station. There are several reasons for this, one being that in all probability the base station can hear others on the air better than the mobile and thus avoid walking on someone who is already occupying the channel chosen. Another reason for the mobile unit not to do the choosing is for the safety of the driver of the mobile unit. Consider what is necessary to get from one channel to another. If the mobile does the choosing, he has to take his hand from the wheel and turn the channel selector until he finds a channel not being used. He probably will take his eyes from the road to do this. Then he must find the number to the channel he has chosen. This means taking eyes from the road again, and in most cases, leaning down to the radio so that he can see the small numbers on most sets. (The Royce 605 is a notable exception to these small numbers) Then he has to go back to the original channel where his partner is waiting to inform him of the selection. Again, he has had to take his eyes from the road to find this one. After telling his partner to go to channel X, he must again find channel X by looking at the dial once more. By having the base station do the choosing, the motorist only has to find the selected channel. It is also a good idea to keep channel changes with mobiles as short as possible. Choose a channel close to the original one used. If this is done, many times changes can be made without looking at the radio. Certainly one can go from channel 19 to 20 without looking—just one click. Pass this idea around and let's see if we can have ours a CB'ing area really safe for motorists.

August 15 was the annual picnic of the Standing Wave Radio Club at Norfolk. Although the inclement weather kept the crowds from being what they were last year, everyone had a good time. The winner of the complete CB'ing outfit was Paul Rodwell of South Colton and the winner of the scanner was Al Bartzold of Syracuse. The winner of the trophy for the longest travelled CB'er went to a resident of the state of Washington. The kids were all winners, each getting several balloons and certificates for ice cream cones. The SWRC donated \$25 to Troop 57 (Potdam) Boy Scouts for their excellent job of cleaning up the field on the following day. Special thanks also go to the Potsdam Rescue Squad which stood by in case of accident or illness.

Our CB community was saddened this past week by the untimely death of Robert Runions, formerly of Madrid, known by the CB handle of 'The Hippie Kid'. Robert was killed when the CB antenna he was installing at his new residence in Pennsylvania came in

contact with electrical lines. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Runions (Big George), and others of the family.

September promises to be an interesting month for Coffee Breaks. On Saturday, Sept. 25, one will be held at the Potsdam Montgomery Ward store. Representatives from two leading CB radio manufacturers will be present to discuss upcoming changes in CB sets. Door prizes will be given and of course free coffee all day.

On the following day, Sunday, Sept. 26, a first in coffee breaks in the area will feature a 'Skating Coffee Break' at the Malone Skateland. From 1:30 to 5:30 on that day, there will be a coffee break with free skating for all who present their Standing Wave Radio Club membership card. This should be a fun afternoon for all. Further details on these will be in future columns so be sure to watch and reserve these dates early.

The college students will be returning this week, many with CB sets either in their cars or base sets for their rooms. Let's all give them a big welcome and at the same time show some of those from other areas what a good CB'ing area we have. Many will be from areas where one has to fight and be rude to get on the air. Show them that's not necessary here and help them in making any adjustments necessary to keep ours a good area.

73's & 88's to all. 10-7.

Personal Touch

By Louise Collins
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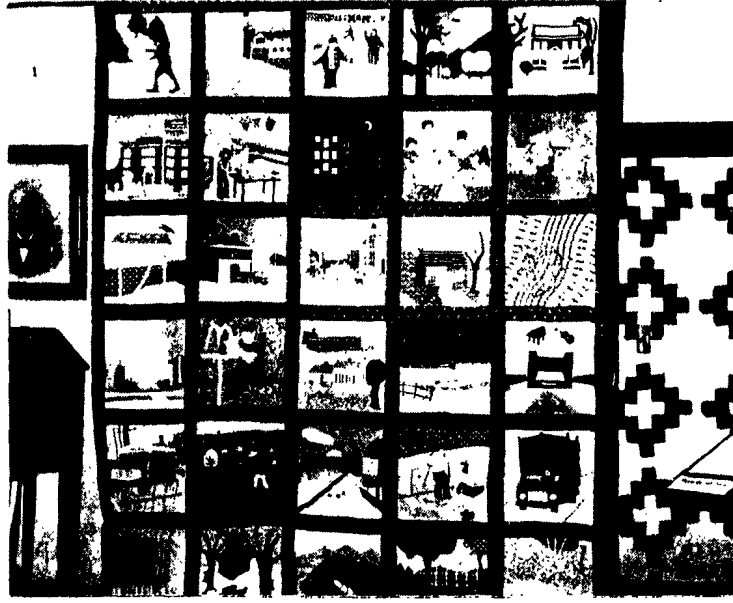
Mr. and Mrs. Earle Mousaw and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Collins went Wednesday, August 18 to Watertown to attend the Annual State Convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the state of New York which is being held in Watertown this week August 18-21.

Hazel Hitchcock of Cape Vincent visited Mrs. Guy J. Collins on Saturday, August 14. She came with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sullivan who attended the Sullivan Family Reunion held on that date in Parishville with more than 100 members in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shimmel and Christen left Monday on a week's vacation trip to Buffalo where they will visit his mother, Helen Shimmel and sister Barbara Braun and family.

Blanche Huckle is visiting her brother and family in Syracuse Mr. and Mrs. Herman Howard.

Daria and Bobby Jr. Weist, children of Gloria (Pierce) Weist and Robert Weist of Victor, are spending two weeks with their grandmother, Mrs. Rupert Moulton.



POTSDAM'S BICENTENNIAL QUILT was awarded third prize at the New York State Fair in the Quilts Made by Many Hands category. It will be on view at the Art and Home Center in Syracuse from August 31 to September 9, after which time it will be exhibited at the Potsdam Public Museum. (Victoria Levitt photo).

Baule to be director of historical association

John Alvin Baule of Dubuque, Iowa, has been appointed Director of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association.

Kelsie B. Harder, President of the Association, made the announcement. Baule is a graduate of the University of Dubuque, Summa cum laude. He has done graduate work in American history, with an emphasis on nineteenth century, at Loras College. He obtained his Master of Arts of Arts degree in history museum studies in 1976 from the Cooperstown Graduate Program.

Formerly president of the Dubuque County Historical Society, he brings to his new position experience in museum work that extends back to 1968, when he was employed by the Dubuque Society as an interpreter, registrar, administrative head, and exhibit planner. He has been employed in fund-raising efforts, public relations, recruitment, and oral history tapings.

In 1974, he was a participant in the Williamsburg, Virginia, Seminar for Historical Administrators, a nationwide project. He is a specialist in museum administration, curatorial practices, and historic preservation.

Listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

he holds many honors. He served for three years as a member of the Barn Community Theater Board of Directors and The Barn Players in Dubuque. His military service included a tour of Seoul, South Korea.

Baule will be involved in the restoration project of the Silas Wright Home, a familiar landmark in Canton, now owned by the St. Lawrence County Historical Association. The house is being planned to serve the county as its historical museum.

He will also direct all administrative work of the Association and its properties in both Canton and Richville.

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High school registration is August 31

Registration for new students who plan to enroll in the Potsdam Senior High School, grades 9-12, will be conducted Tuesday, August 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

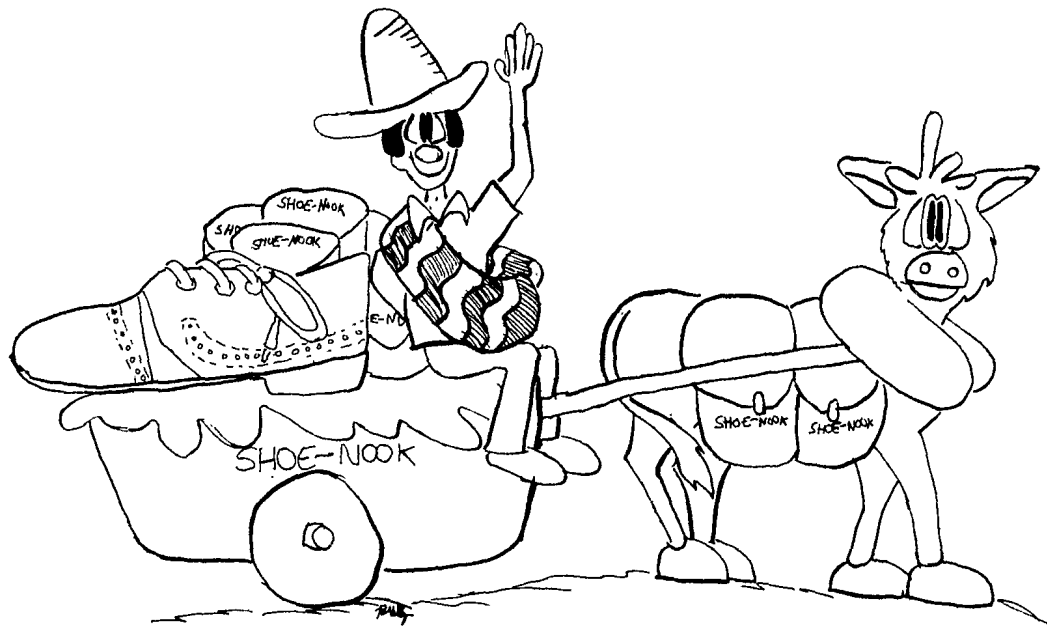
Materials needed for registration include certificate of birth, immunization record and a report card issued by last school attended.

Students who are to be enrolled in grades 9-12 should report to the Senior High Guidance Office, 29 Leroy Street.



LLOYD W. HOLLISTER, of Potsdam, has been appointed a member of the Grand Lodge Committee of Publications. Hollister's Masonic career has been a long and active one serving his own lodge as well as the district. He served as Master of Racket River Lodge no. 213 in 1966, trustee for four years until 1970. He served as Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Second St. Lawrence District from 1971-1975. In 1975 he was appointed by Past Grand Master Arthur Markewich, as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second St. Lawrence District.

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