

October 1995

Important Dates

Nov. 4 - Alzheimers Memory Walk

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 FROM THE SUPREMACY COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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 GINGPAC ARMY MILITARY OFFICE

8:00 AM

President's Corner

October 1995

It finally seems fall is here. The weather lately has been wonderful. With fall comes many activities, football games, homecoming dances, Houston HamCom, contest, and the nomination and election of club officers.

NARS is a group of operators who have joined together to form a club for the benefit and further advancement of Amateur Radio. The members come from a variety of backgrounds and interests. We have members that are active in contesting, public service, QRP, CW, and even a rag chewer or two. The members hold licenses from Novice to Extra class. The one thing they all share is an interest in Amateur Radio.

The first of this year started with several incidents that caused some of the NARS members to lose interest in the club. Comments were made that "NARS is only recruiting no-codes, and is becoming a big C.B. club." While NARS does actively recruit and promote new members, we encourage and assist *any* new HAM to obtain the highest level of license he can. The club is fortunate that the repeater that the club supports is one that provides a broad area of coverage. This attracts a broad spectrum of users from all over the Houston area. I encourage all of you to help in providing guidance to these new users.

NARS is your club. It is established for the advancement and enjoyment of all the members. The people who serve as officers and directors are all fellow HAMS and volunteers. If the direction and position of NARS is different than you feel it should be, I hope you will stand up, get involved, and participate. Don't sit around and whine, moan and groan. Volunteer to run for office, or support a friend in his efforts. At the October meeting the NARS nominating committee will present their candidates for the 1996 officers and board members. These are not appointed positions, but elected. If you would like to join the leadership of the club, stand up and announce yourself as a candidate, or nominate another club member that you feel will help the club move forward. This is your chance to make a difference. Don't let it pass. The actual elections will be held at the November meeting.

In other business, the Board of Directors has been studying how new membership applications, renewals, newsletter distribution, and in general club business is handled. We are looking at obtaining a permanent club address and several other issues. We are also reviewing the club's annual budget and the cost of providing services to the members. This means we are also looking at the club's income. We will advise the membership of the results of this effort in the November newsletter, and at the November meeting.

73's and hope to see you on October 20, at the meeting

Rudy (KB5ZXO)

Urgent - from page 1

We had received reports that American servicemen were living under unspeakably brutal conditions in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps. The Army dropped medical paratroopers into the camps to investigate, and about a dozen messages sent by the paratroopers reached my desk. They warned that unless food and medical supplies were parachuted in without delay, deaths among imprisoned U.S. servicemen would begin immediately. But the messages were given a low priority. At the same time my desk was covered with invitations and congratulatory messages for Gen. MacArthur, all classified "Urgent."

Ignoring the regulations, I pushed aside what I called "MacArthur's Bar Mitzvah Messages" and started transmitting the prison camp appeals for help. Three messages later, I was caught by a supervisor. His face as red as the button on my transmission key, he yelled: "Are you crazy, Liberty? Are you out of your [expletive] mind?"

I tried my best we're-all-in-this-together strategy. "Your job," I said, voice firm as I pointed to the door, "is to stand guard and not let anyone catch me." "What do you mean, 'anyone'?" he asked.

"I caught you." I turned back to my messages and resumed transmitting. An assistant supervisor, who had been watching the two of us, took the supervisor's arm and walked him to the door without saying anything. When I was finished transmitting, I shifted around and looked at them standing there silently. I got up and walked over. The three of us shook hands and then placed our arms lightly on each other's shoulders. It was one of the best connections I have ever made.

Dispatching the POW messages taught me that I was able to take a position against negligence or indifference or ignorance or whatever it was that had assigned low priority to the rescue efforts. The risk in ignoring the Army priorities was high, but the rewards were higher. As an unsophisticated young man from the East Bronx, I had rolled the dice with more

assurance than my experience justified. I did not know that I would soon have to roll them again, this time because I was haunted by two of the messages we had sent from the Teton, historical treasures doomed for oblivion by Army apathy.

For me, that first "Routine" postwar message from the Japanese stood out as an important signpost on the road back to peace; the second had to rank as one of the most important in world history. It was the official dispatch that ended World War II, the unequivocal statement that the largest conflict in human history, which from 1939 to 1945 had taken a toll of some 55 million lives, was finally over. But the two messages were placed in the "dead message" file. They were to be stored for three years and then destroyed.

I felt I had to save them from such unthinking annihilation, even though I understood this was a more hazardous decision than raising the priorities of the prison-camp messages. I could always hope for a court martial sympathetic to the plight of American prisoners of war. But if I were caught taking the two messages, I knew I could be accused of stealing them for personal profit.

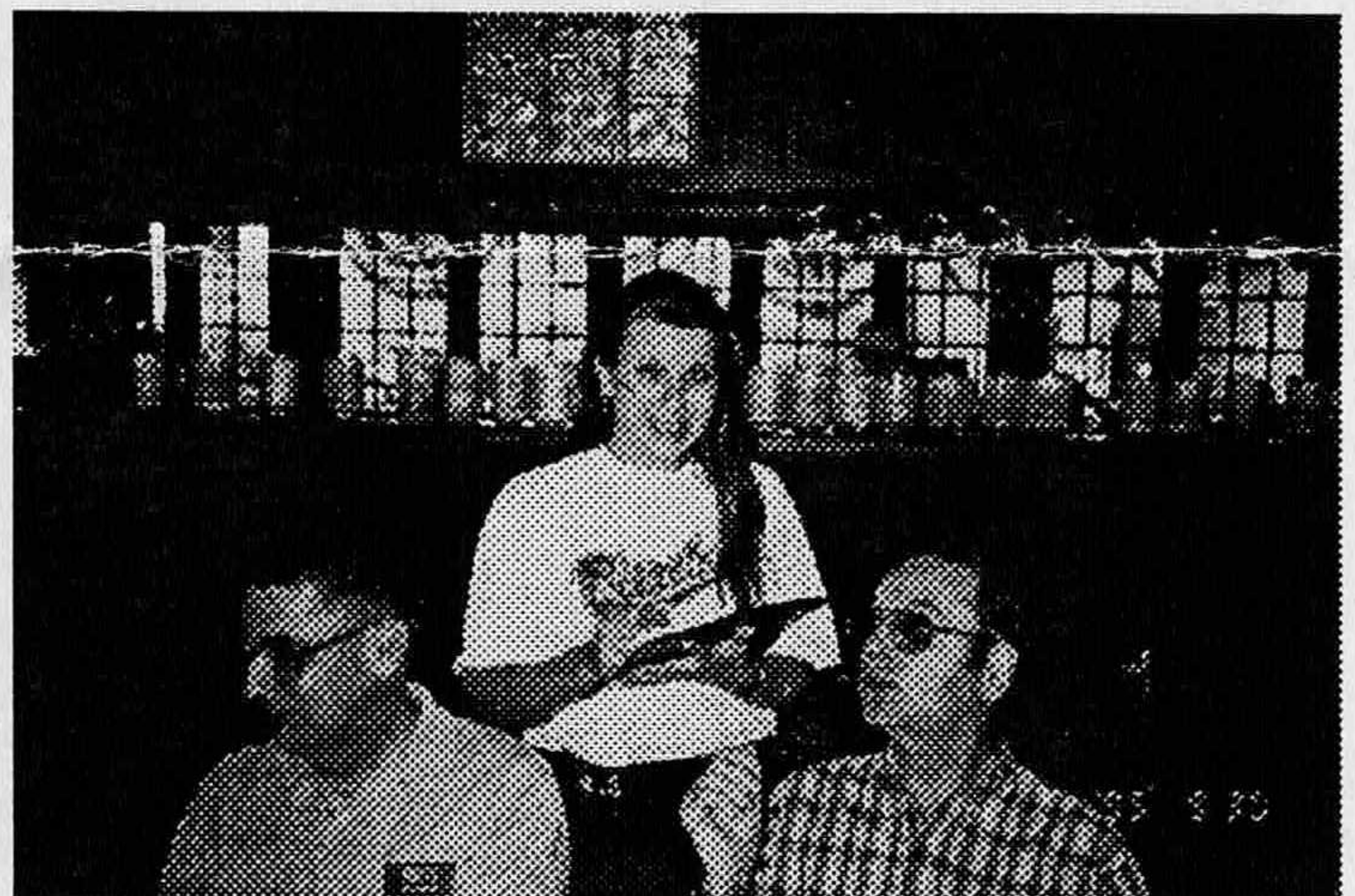
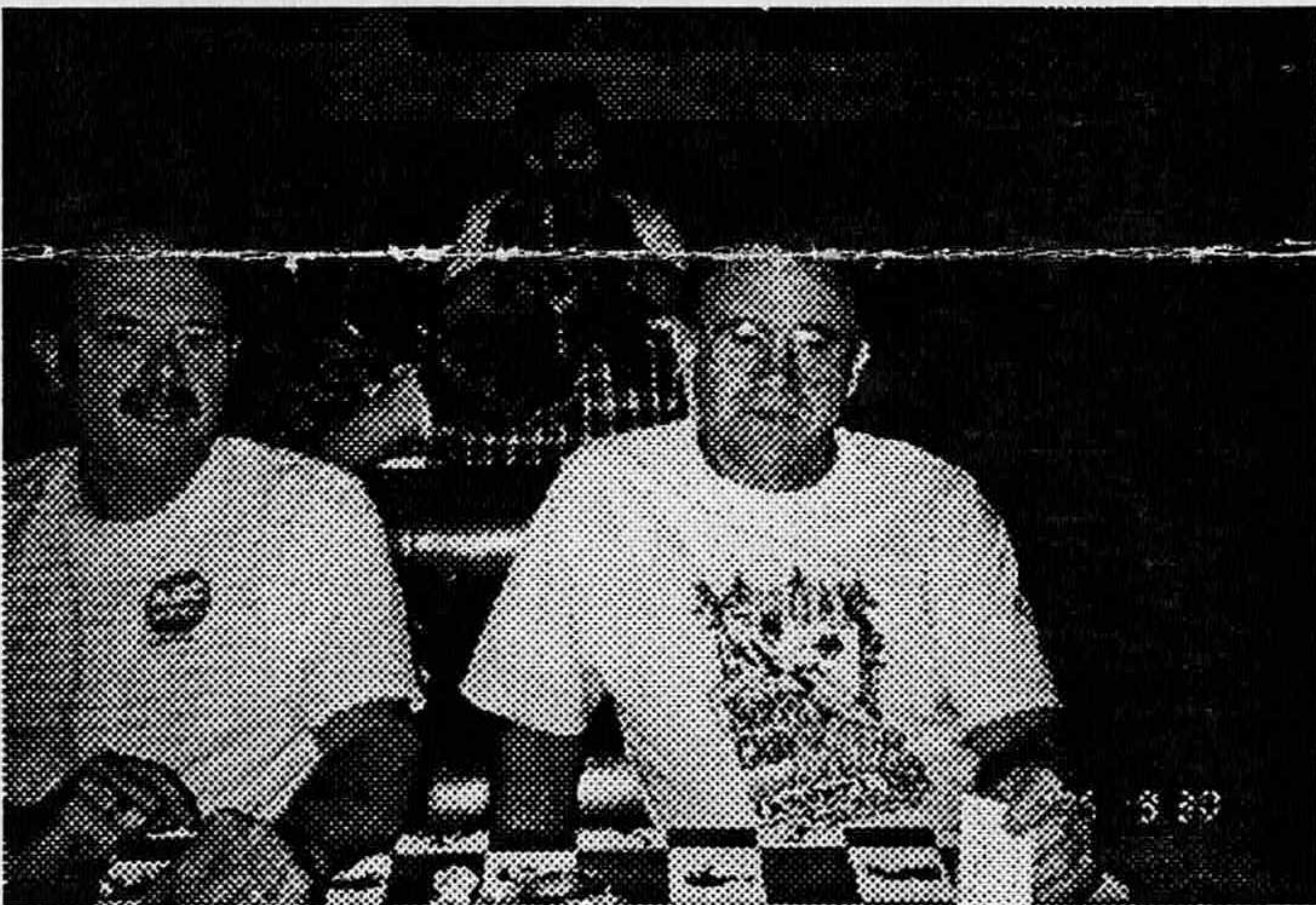
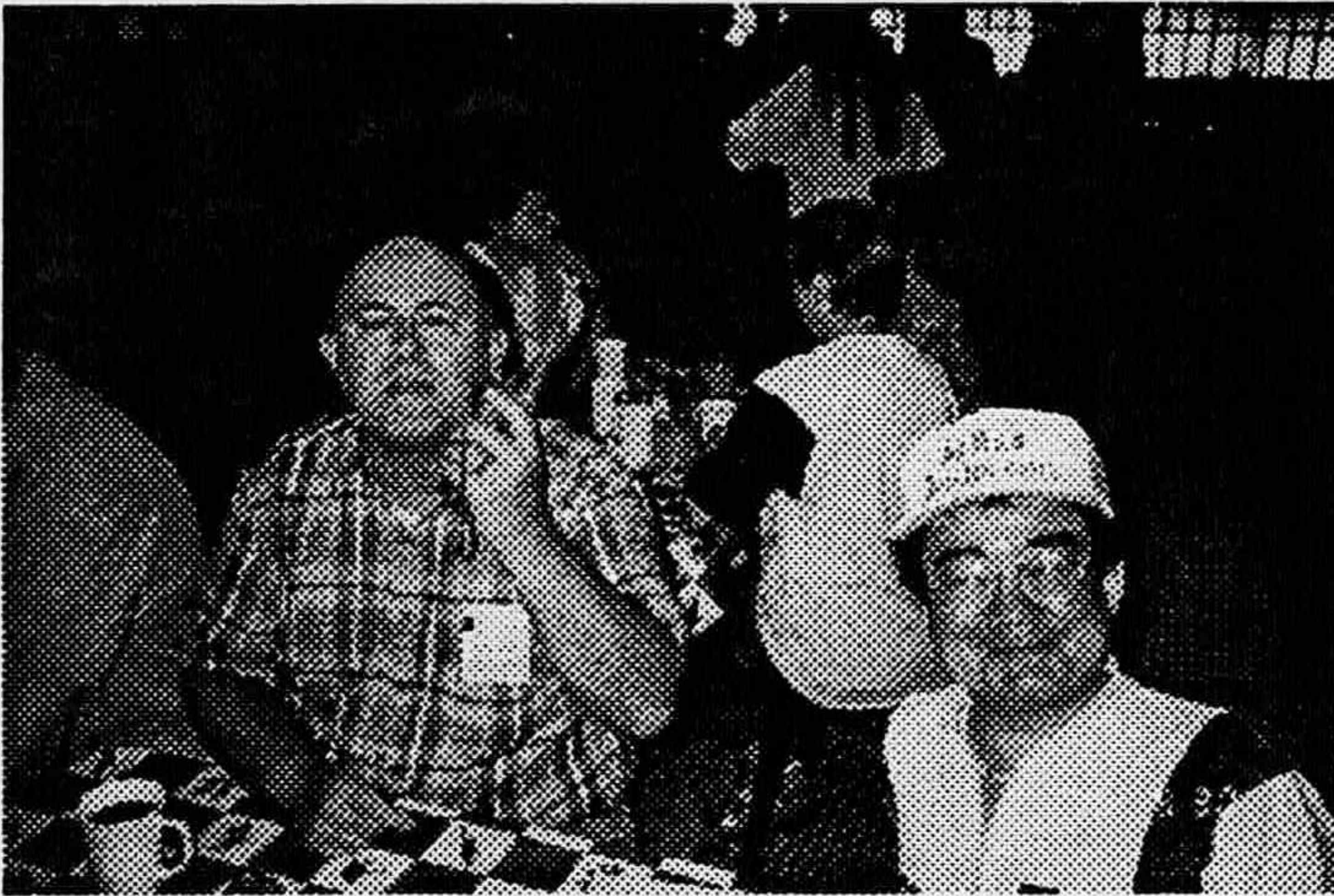
Our Army team left the Teton and established station WVVV in Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo. It was the command station for all the U.S. Army bases in the Pacific. When I became chief operator of WVVV, I was informally told that I'd been favored for the job because of my role in getting help for the ailing prisoners of war. I never learned how the story spread. When I returned to the U.S. for discharge in February 1946, I carried the two messages ending the war with me.

I have safeguarded them for 50 years. Neither message has ever been seen by the public or appeared in print before. This article and a display in September in the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo., mark the entrance of both into the pages of American history.

Mr. Liberty is the author and editor of nonfiction books for young adults. Reprinted from The Wall Street Journal.

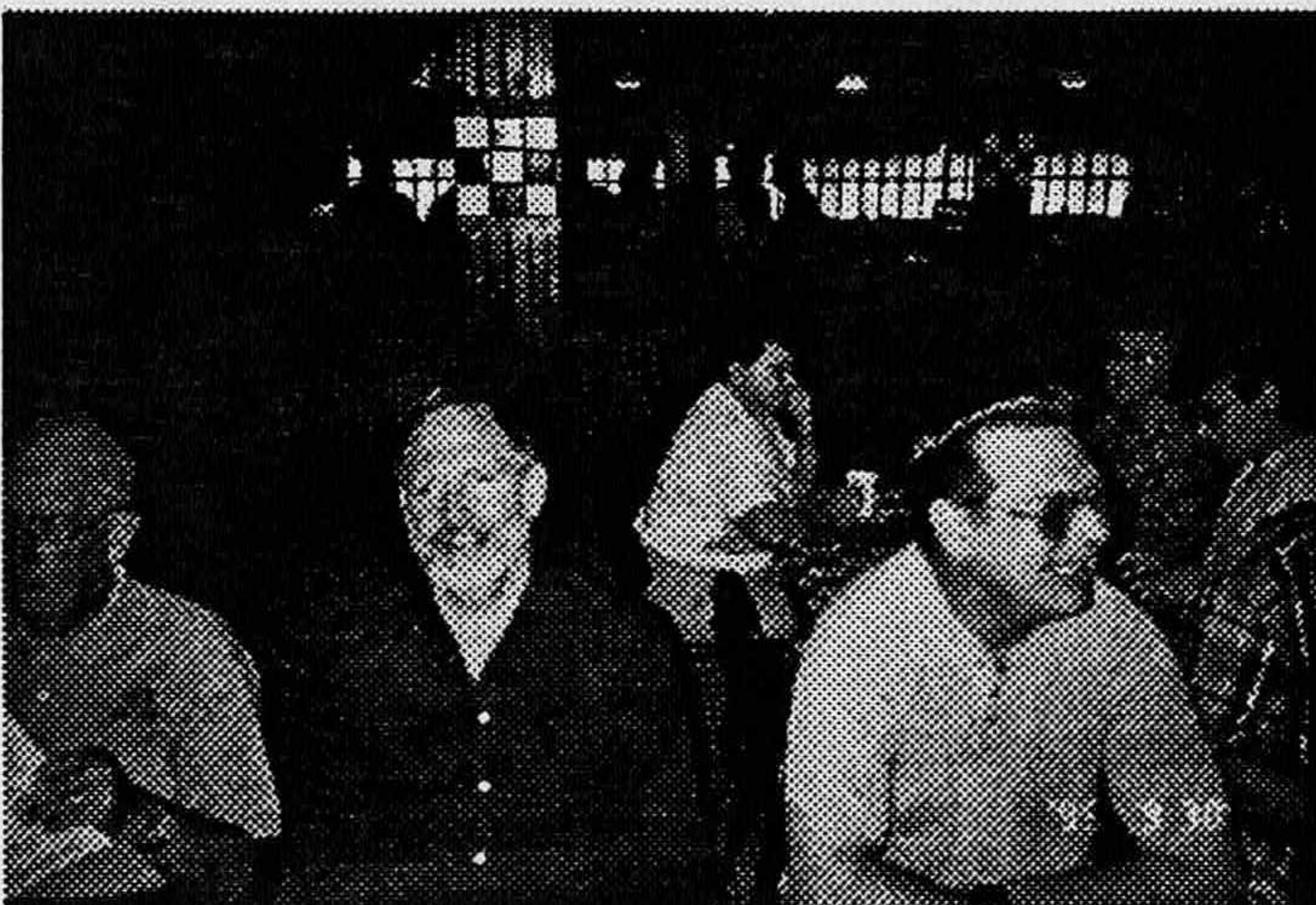
NARS Breakfast at Bleachers

September 30, 1995



Bill K5ZTY

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Global Positioning System (GPS)

Subject of October Meeting, Presented by Max Huff KF5FZ

The Differential options

GPS is fast becoming a ubiquitous appliance that is showing up in applications such as vehicle tracking, mapping, asset management, and a lot of recreational activities. Recent product announcements offer GPS receivers, with simple graphics, for as little as \$200.

With "Selective Availability" still turned on, stand-alone GPS may be in error by as much as 100 meters. While that may be sufficient for many recreational uses, it does not satisfy any "commercial" requirement for positioning or navigation.

The answer for those more demanding requirements is "Differential GPS". Then, choices must be made on the type of DGPS, the suppliers of DGPS, and which GPS receiver best fits your particular application.

Various types of DGPS are presented - with relative prices - along with coverage, and accuracy. Examples are presented of various GPS receivers performances with DGPS corrections applied. The resulting data quality (with any type DGPS) is usually still limited by the user's GPS receiver.

NARS E-Mail

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society, NARS, has joined thousands of other Internet users by establishing an E-Mail address. The club's E-Mail address of nars@houston.net is provided by South Coast Computing Services Inc. SCCSI is a value-added Internet provider that offers Internet connectivity, consulting, project management, and system integration services with an Internet focus.

The account was made available through the efforts of A.C. Scaggins, (WA5EZM). Members and other individuals interested in Amateur Radio can send inquiries, mail, and messages to the club through this resource. The Board of Directors would like to thank A.C. for his generosity and efforts, and we look forward to the opportunity to use this media for improved communications.

Secretary's Report

by Allen WA5REJ

September 1, 1995: Present: KB5ZXO, WD5GNI, WA5REJ, K5ZTY, AB5TV, K5ZTY, & KA5AKG. BY-LAWS: By-Laws adopted by membership at September meeting. Nominating committee for November Being formed. Addressed problems with newsletter mailing list, dues, and other record keeping problems. Looking into getting P.O. box for club and hiring part-time secretary. Voted to change Board meeting night to Fourth Thursday of the Month. Looking at cost of operating club, newsletter, etc.

September 28, 1995: Present WA5REJ, K5ZTY, WD5GNI, WD5DXL, & KB5YVT. Next program is DGPS by Max Huff. Established nominating committee for up-coming elections. David Cole withdrew as Director-at-Large. Keith Dutson WD5DXL handling club database. Voted to get paid secretary and Post Office Box. January Banquet to be at Valley Ranch Restaurant on January 19th.

October 9, 1995: Present KB5ZXO, WA5DWX, WA5REJ, WD5GNI, K5ZTY, AB5TV, & KA5AKG. Club to get 2 tables for members at convention flea market. Discussed rising cost of operating club, voted for club dues be raised to \$25/year effective 1/1/96. Discussed future novice class format.

Booth At Houston Convention

NARS will have 2 tables at the Houston Ham Convention at the Humble Convention Center on the first weekend in November. If members have something that they want to sell at the flea market, they can put it on the NARS table.

You MUST tag your stuff with your name, call sign, asking price, and any pertinent info related to the sale: e.g.; condition, does it work, age, manual, etc. There will be a 5% or \$5.00 fee, whichever is less, for each completed sale.

The table will be for members only, for selling stuff and goofin' off. Volunteers to watch the table for a while will be much appreciated. The club will be selling equipment donated to it over the years that has been unused and is becoming a storage problem.

We will set up early Saturday AM. If you would like to help set up, tear down, mind the store, or have any ideas or suggestions let me know.

73, Bill K5ZTY



by Keith Dutson

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I have received some real good suggestions for the newsletter. Some of them concern the choice of paper color and the selection of The Shack of The Month. The paper color winner so far is green but I want to try one more color before a final decision is made, and I want to emphasize that interesting shacks, not just high dollar shacks will be highlighted from time to time in the newsletter.

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NARS MEETS the third Friday of each
month at the Spring-Cypress Presbyterian
Church, 6000 Spring-Cypress Rd. (1.7 mile
east of Stubner-Airline on Spring-Cypress
Rd.) Meeting time: 7:30 PM. Eyeball
QSO's: about 7:00 PM.

NARS BREAKFAST every Saturday
8 AM at Bleachers Grill, located at
2318 W FM 1960 (@ Kuykendahl).
informal ragchew.

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invited to attend.

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NARS NETS

NARS RAGCHEW - MONDAY 8:00 PM
28.444 MHz (Nelson, KK5IJ)

NARS INFO - WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM
146.06 /.66 MHz (Ken, KA5AKG)

EMERGENCY NETS

NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY ARES
WEDNESDAY following NARS Info Net
146.06 /.66 MHz (Scott, N5KEU)

CITY OF HOUSTON -
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NET

SATURDAY 9:00 AM 146.84(-) MHz
SATURDAY 9:30 AM 3.905 MHz

NARS REPEATERS

2 M - 146.060 / 146.660 MHz
70 cm - 449.375 / 444.375 MHz
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