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VE News

Good news and more good news, the C.A.R.S. Voluntary Examiner team will again conduct VE sessions in 2002. The testing will take place at the Independence Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd, Independence. The **sessions will begin at 9am.** The dates are listed below. The other good news is the ARRL VEC test fee will remain at the 2001 level. The testing for new licenses, retesting, and Grandfather credit upgrades without testing will be \$10.

All new applications and or upgrades must provide photo identification, the original and a copy of any license or certificate of successful completion of examination (CSCE).

Anyone having special testing needs should call a minimum of two weeks prior to any test.

The test dates for 2002 are:

January 13

March 10

May 5 (note this is the first Sunday)

July 14

September 8

November 10

Contact, Gary Dewey, NI8Z, 216-642-1399 with any questions and intent of test requirement.

de, Gary NI8Z

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From the Prez

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a very Happy and prosperous New Year. Congratulations to all the elected officers and board members for the year 2002.

I will be announcing some new Committees, Committee appointments and exciting projects at our January meeting. I also wish to thank everyone for your support during my year as president, and assure you I will continue to work with the officers and board to keep CARS moving forward as a progressive and exciting club in 2002.

A thumbs up to Ron K8VJG for the donuts, home made chocolate chip cookies, coffee and pop at the November meeting. The 50/50 pot was \$50.00, the winning ticket worth \$25.00 was Steve N8IS.

All 300 tickets were sold for the 1st CARS Christmas Raffle, the drawing was held at our November 21 meeting, the winners are listed in the Secretary's minutes. This raised \$800.00 for CARS which was allocated to the Christmas Party.

I wish to thank all 39 members and friends who attended our 2001 CARS Christmas Party at Harry's Steak House, both the fellowship and food were great. All who attended received a good looking CARS mug.

On December 19, 2001 Gary NI8Z, Steve N8IS, Dave KD8V, Tom WB8N, Ron K8VJG and myself put on a Ham Radio Demonstration and Class of Instruction at the Independence Middle School. We had 65 children, the entire 5th grade, along with several teachers and the Principal in attendance. ALL were very impressed and hope we will come back.

We will announce the dates for our first Ham radio class at the January meeting. We will start with the Tech and code class, and move on to General and Extra if we have enough interest. We hope to have a special VE session on the last day of each class.

The classes will be at the Independence Civic Center or Library, and most likely be 8 nights. The details will be put on our Web Site and announced at the January meeting.

For updated information or to register for the class please call **Gary NI8Z 216-642-8705 or myself at 216-524-1750.**

We have reproduced a piece of CARS nostalgia on page 7 and 8, a copy of Vol. 1 No. 1 of the Wobbly Oscillator from August 1971, this issue was graciously provided by Ev WA8EYF.

See you at the next meeting, January 16, 2002, 7:30PM at the Busch Community room.

de, Bob W8GC



Christmas Party 12/15/2001



Independence Middle School 12/19/2001

CARS 2002 Standing Committees

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Ron Borkey, K8VJG 440-237-6718

Dayton Bus

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Digipeater

Tom Wayne, WB8N ** 440-232-4193

Elmer

George Pindroh, K8KR ** 216-941-5304
All members

Field Day

Tom Wayne, WB8N ** 440-232-4193
Aaron Clark, KC8INE 440-526-9705

CBARC/Liaison

Cleveland Bicentennial Amateur Radio Comm
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Hamfest

Bob Check, W8GC **, Terry KB8DTC
Gary NI8Z, Steve N8IS, Tom WB8N

CARS History

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Tom Wayne, WB8N

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Membership

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Tom Wayne, WB8N 440-232-4193

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January, 2002 Contest and Hamfest calendar

ARRL RTTY Roundup	1800Z, Jan 5	2400Z, Jan 6
Hunting Lions on the Air	0000Z, Jan 12	2400Z, Jan 13
Midwinter Contest, CW	1400Z	2000Z, Jan 12
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 12	0600Z, Jan 13
Midwinter Contest, Phone	0800Z	1400Z, Jan 13
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 19	0600Z, Jan 20
ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	1900Z, Jan 19	0400Z, Jan 21
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 25	1600Z, Jan 27
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 26	1200Z, Jan 27
TUSCO ARC Hamfest	Dover, OH	Jan. 27
Northern Ohio ARS Hamfest	Lorain	Feb. 3

CARS Weekly Net Schedule

Gordon Kolus KC8IOU chairman

January 2, 2002	Gordon KC8IOU
January 9, 2002	Gordon KC8IOU
January 16, 2002	NO NET, regular CARS meeting
January 23, 2002	Tom WB8N
January 30, 2002	Gary NI8Z
February 6, 2002	Gordon KC8IOU

We still need one or two more volunteers to take the net control, please call Gordon at 330-225-6917 to sign on.

Remember to check into the net, it will not only keep you informed about current events but it counts as an activity to keep you eligible to vote if you are not able to attend the regular meetings.

Mark your calanders and attend the next CARS meeting, Wednesday January 16, 2002, 7:30PM at the Busch Community room.

Minutes

November 21, 2001 meeting was called to order by Bob W8GC at 7:30 p.m. at the Bush Funeral Home Community Room. Introductions were made around the room.

Bob KC8MRC moved to accept the minutes from the October meeting as posted in the November WO and Ev WA8EYF seconded. All in favor.

Treasurers Report: Judy KC8FHE gave report and Terry KB8DTC moved to accept, Dave W8IXY seconded. All in favor.

Bob W8GC appointed a Tally Committee: Tom W8BN, Gordon KC8IOU and Dave W8IXY for the Christmas Raffle Drawing Tonight.

Election Tally Committee appointed: Tom W8BN, Dave W8IXY and Ron K8VJG for counting and verifying the Election Ballots.

Hamfest: Tom WB8N talked about the Hamfest Computer/Electronics Show Saturday Nov 10th at St. John Lutheran School in Garfield Hts. It was a very small show mostly a computer show but we had a table and passed out several membership applications. (Attending Hams were Tom WB8N, Ron K8VJG, Bob W8GC, Steve N8IS and Kayla KC8RYH

Membership: Motion to accept a new member who was not in attendance. Richard Dell WD8ISB, fees paid and since December is Christmas Party instead of a meeting moved to accept him tonight. Terry KB8DTC moved to accept and Bob KC8MRC seconded. All in favor.

Field Day: Tom WB8N announced that for the 2001 Field Day C.A.R.S. placed 21st in the 5A class in nation !!

Christmas Party: Judy KC8FHE announced that 18-19 people have purchased their tickets so far. If you plan to attend please let us know in advance as we have to let Harry's Steak House know

how many people to expect.

50/50: Ron K8VJG reported that \$50.00 was collected and the prize would be \$25.00 Winner of the drawing was split between Bob W8GC and Steve N8IS (purchased 10 tickets together).

Christmas Raffle: The Tally Committee supervised the drawing and; 1st place \$400.00 prize winner was Gary Schade ticket #152, 2nd place \$200.00 prize to Pat Hannen ticket #263, and 3rd place \$100.00 prize went to Douglas Hornyak ticket #334. Congratulations to all the winners !!

Elections: The Election Tally Committee passed out ballots to all eligible voters in attendance, and Bob W8GC gave the Committee 4 sealed absentee ballots.

The Tally Committee certified the Election of the following:

Board members 2 year terms;

Terry KB8DTC and Gordon KC8IOU

Treasurer: Paul KC8AMD

Secretary: Steve N8IS

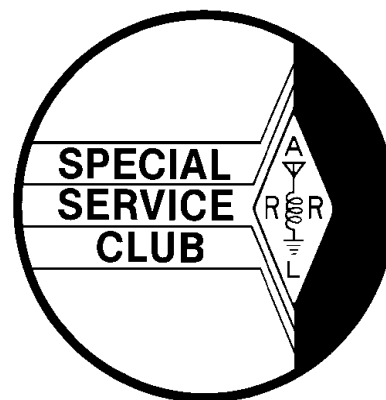
Vice President: Gary N18Z

President: Bob W8GC

Fred NO2O moved to close the meeting. Ev WA8EYF seconded, meeting closed at 8:19 p.m.

The next meeting will be held January 16, 2002 at Bush Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m.

de, Steve N8IS, Secretary



New Member Applications

Name: **Paul Tokar, WA8TWS**

License Class: General

Address: 1425 Peppercorn Terrace

Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Phone: 216 496 1915

Email: pauljt@core.com

Interests: Ragchewing, DX'ing, CW, Hamfest, Emergency Services Preparedness and help with community activities.

Name: **Bob Evans, K8AAB**

License Class: Extra

Address: 1745 Middleton Rd

Hudson, Oh 44236

Phone: (330) 650-4933, Fax: (330) 650-4933

Email: bobandbonnieevans@msn.com

Interests: Ragchewing, DX'ing, Hamfest, Projects, CW & SSB.

Marc's Corner

MARCONI MAKES FIRST TRANS-ATLANTIC TRANSMISSION!

This year (2001) marks the 100th anniversary of the famous Trans-Atlantic transmission by Marconi of a morse "S" between Cabot Tower on Newfoundland and Poldhu England.

The Marconi Radio Club was on the air between December 11 and December 16 in celebration of this extraordinary event using the callsign W1AA/CC. If you worked them, the QSL information is as follows. Bob Doherty K1VV-Marconi Radio Club, P.O. Box 1193, Lakeville, MA 02347 USA

SOLAR FLARES and CORONAL MASS EJECTIONS bolster 6 meters.

The peak of the sunspot cycle has come and left. A typical result of this is an over active sun erupting and sending waves of hot ionized plasma and particles toward the Earth.

The latest volley of solar activity has ushered in rather good 6-meter conditions during the month of November and

December. Worldwide openings have been noted. Additionally, the signals have been strong.

You don't need a beam to work the openings this time. I was able to work into Alaska with a halo and 100 watts. Good luck and happy hunting.

de, Marc KB8QHJ

"SANTA HAM" SPECIAL EVENT

Several hams with young children report their kids have enjoyed the thrill of their lives talking with Santa via ham radio. The W6S "Santa's Workshop" special event operation by ARRL member Mickey Hicks, WO6T, in Bakersfield, California, now is in its 30th year of helping to make the season special for youngsters.

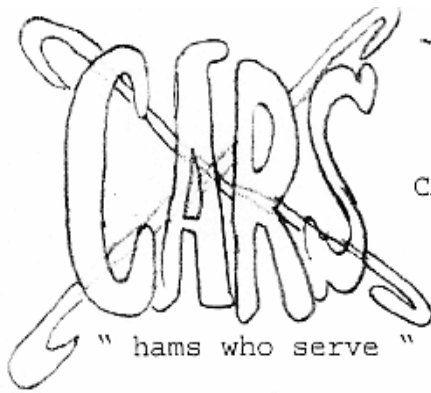
Hicks, 71, says he started his Santa's Workshop as a one-night effort, but he soon realized he needed to expand it. The annual W6S special event now runs for 10 days each Christmas season and occupies 7 to 10 hours of his day, including preparation.

"It's not scripted," he said. "I ad lib all the time." He said he spreads his effort out among several bands too--and notes that 17 meters has been great this year. Hicks estimates that he speaks with 400 to 500 youngsters each holiday season, and sometimes they include children of the youngsters he'd met years earlier.

A ham for 41 years and a long-time Amateur Radio instructor, Hicks says his Santa's Workshop has been a great ham radio recruiting tool. One of his most memorable experiences was when a young girl he'd once spoken with on the air as Santa came by with her ham ticket in hand to thank him in person for getting her interested. "I had tears in my eyes, of course," he said.

The W6S Santa's Workshop special event operates on or about 14.270, 18.135, 21.335 and 28.335 MHz. It continues each year through Christmas Eve, December 24.

QSL via WO6T, Santa always appreciates a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the reply card.



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Editors: K8VMC WA8IMO K8AJG

What does CARS stand for? We believe the following code sums it up
(C) We accept the CHALLENGE of providing communications for any worthy purpose.

- (A) We share out ACTIVITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS with our fellow hams
- (R) We take pride in REPRESENTING ham radio to the public.
- (S) We lend our SERVICES at every opportunity.

CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

- Aug. 15, 1600hrs. Club picnic at Oakes Grove, Metropolitan Park, Rts. 21 and 82. (SEE ARTICLE)
- Aug. 18, 2000hrs. Regular club meeting at Honeywell Bldg, E.55 and the Shoreway.
- Sept. 5 & 6 Jerry Lewis Telethon (SEE ARTICLE)
- Sept. 15 & Oct 20 Regular meeting
- Oct. 30 & 31 Goblin Patrols

The Cleveland area's newest "ham" club, CARS, offers the "IN" activities. The Club's primary objective is to be prepared to provide any communications that may be needed during an emergency. To insure that we are prepared, we engage in activities that develop our skills and test our resources and, at the same time, serve a worthwhile purpose. CARS provides communications for parades and other functions involving large crowds. These test the portable systems and the ability to coordinate several functions at one time. CARS provides mobile communications for charities, such as the MD drive, and for local communities with the Goblin Patrols. These test the reliability and range of our mobile systems. Then there are the TELETHONs. These test everything, including the endurance of the operators and equipment. But most important, we are able to develop a team effort among several clubs in a multi-county area.

All of this adds up to a team that is ready to spring into action when needed without resorting to the usual dry-run operations for training. How about joining us on our next activity, and put some extra meaning into your being a "ham".

1971 JERRY LEWIS TELETHON

The annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon is our next major activity. With the aid of clubs in nearby areas, we will be providing the telethon officials with up to the minute information from the satellite centers in five counties. The telethon, to be broadcast on WKBF, channel 61, will run from 2200hrs Sunday, Sept. 5 to 1800h hrs, Monday, Sept. 6. Teletype will not be used this time around, but there will be enough traffic that we will need at least four hams at the WKBF studio, 21300 St. Clair Ave, at all times. There will also be some mobile activity involved. WA8EYF will have more details at the meeting.

SEE YOU THERE

(1)

RECENT EVENTS

The Cleveland National Air Races July 16, 17, & 18, was an outstanding success. As usual CARS was there to keep things running smoothly. From the comfort of an AIR-CONDITIONED comm van we directed that activities of the pylon judges, kept track of air race officials, and monitored the Red Cross units. Special thanks to Dick Snow and his Lake County Hams for taking care of the Red Cross needs and to the FM Hi-banders for their assistance in these activities. Besides, we had the best seats in the house for watching the aerial shows, and all we could eat if you didn't mind box lunches!

Who ever heard of 13 bands in one place playing 13 different polkas at the same time? Well, July 22 saw just that on the downtown mall as a part of Super Sesqui week. And who was there to coordinate the whole thing? Of course, who else, CARS and the FM hi-banders. By being there with our communications we were able to straighten out a mixup in location assignments for one of the bands, and also start and stop the bands at the direction of the officials.

MEMO: the most effective way To stop a band that won't cooperate is to pull the plug on their amplifier.

ARRL AFFILIATION is coming our way. at the June meeting it was moved and adopted that the club seek affiliation with the league.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS are in the planning stages. This will be a topic of discussion at the meeting. We hope to have something going soon.

DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC !!!!!!! THIS SUNDAY

As decided at the July meeting we will have a family picnic this Sunday August 15, 1600 hours at the Oaks Grove Reservation of Metropolitan park in Brecksville. Bring your own food and supplies. Fun, games, and good company are in store even though our pessimistic prognosticator of heavenly happenings (K8VMC) has predicted that the local water works will start at exactly 1650 hours.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

CLASSIFIED ADS

Here's hoping that the "wobbly Oscillator" will be a regular feature of our club for many years to come. This first issue was a long time getting off the ground, but now that we have it going, let's keep it up.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped to make our recent activities a success, and to invite all of you, members and non-members to our club meetings.

Those who think of ham radio as something more than just a hobby and are interested in public service activities (particularly on 2fm) are most welcome. See you at the meeting.

73' -----

SELLING
P-33 With AC/ Battery Supply \$85.00
Mitey Mite RTTY Printer make off-er
Bill Spring K8VMC 226-1218

Box lunches (one month old)
CHEAP !!! Ted K8PXR

BUYING
Small 2 fm mobile rig (to fit a Pinto) Bob Sull WA8IMO 621-4700
(Between 8pm and 1am)
2fm mobile gear
Dave Leshar WB8FOZ 234-0068
Lightning rods
Jerry K8AJG

We hope everyone enjoy's seeing this Vol. 1 No. 1, 1971 copy of the WO, as you might expect after 30 years Ev WA8EYF's original copy was a little faded, but we appreciate Ev giving us a chance to see a piece of our history! Thanks Ev!

THE RANDOM WIRE

by
Tom Wayne WB8N

AULD LANG SYNE

Wow! It's 2002 already and I just got used to writing 2001! Hope you all had a great holiday season. Here's wishing each of you and your families a super new year!

Let's make it a good year for the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society too. As always, in the past year we have seen some members leave, and we have welcomed some new members into the organization. Let us try to keep our present membership as well as lure new members into our fold. Bring a ham friend who is a non-member to one of our meetings and introduce him around. Make him feel comfortable, and he can be enticed to join our fine organization.

Perhaps more of us can get involved in CARS activities this year as well. If you have not worked a public service event in awhile, give some thought to working the next one.

There is also our annual Field Day effort which is always a lot of fun! If you have not been to a meeting for the past several months, how about the first one of 2002? Let's make this year a better one than last, even though last year was a good one. If you cannot get to a meeting, check in on the weekly club net which is held Wednesday evenings at 7 P.M. Only you can help make 2002 a successful year!

CELEBRITY / FAMOUS HAMS

It's been awhile since I've gone through the list of celebrities and/or famous persons who are licensed hams, so here goes once again:

A41AA	Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said, Sultan of Oman
EA0JC	Juan Carlos, King of Spain
FO5GJ	Marlon Brando aka Martin Brandeaux, actor
HS1A	Bhumiphol Adulayadej, ex-King of Thailand
JY1	King Hussein of Jordan, SK
K0HWY	Tex Beneke, band leader, SK
K2ORS	Jean Shepard, author and radio commentator, SK
K4LIB	Arthur Godfrey, SK
K6DUE	Roy Neal, television reporter
K7UGA	Senator Barry Goldwater, SK
KB2GSD	Walter Kronkite, newsman
KB6LQR	Jean Yeager, Voyager '86 co-pilot
KB6LQS	Dick Rutan, Voyager '86 co-pilot
KD6OY	Gary Shandling, comedian
LU1SM	Carlos Saul Menem, Ex-President of Argentina
NK6GB	Stewart Granger (born James Stewart), actor, SK
W6EZV	General Curtis LeMay, SK
W6FZZ	Samuel F.B. Morse III,
WA4CZD	Chet Atkins, "Mister Guitar", SK
WA7WYV	Andy Griffith, actor
WB4KCG	Ronnie Milsap, country/pop singer

WB6ACU Joe Walsh, singer-guitar player, formerly with the James Gang and the Eagles
WB6RER Andy Devine, actor, SK
WD4SKT Donnie Osmond, entertainer
KA6HVK Burl Ives, singer-actor, SK
W6UK Alevno Ray, musician-bandleader, SK?
N6YOS Pricilla Presley (Lulu Beaulieu)
KD4WUJ Patty Loveless, (born Patricia Ramey) country music singer
W4WRO Emery Gordy, record producer-husband of Patty Loveless
WP4CO Jose Felciano

SOME LOCAL CELEBRITY HAMS

N8JR Joel Rose, TV personality, newsman, SK
KE8UV Bob Basset, radio broadcaster, Bob was Mark Allen on the Old WIXY and Bob Charles on WRMR. He is still on the air on a couple of “not exactly in our immediate area” FM radio stations. Bob usually comes to our summertime in the park meetings.
N8UZK Andre Bernier, TV weather person
N8YUE Sally Bernier, TV weather person

Call not known, Ted Alexander, (probably not his given name), radio broadcaster

And, last but not least, rumor has it that ole Santa is a ham too, but I cannot find any information on his call or district. What call area is the North Pole in?

That about does it. If you have any additions to this list, please let me know by e-mail at wb8n@cars.org

ONE MORE THING...

Well, a few more things....

It was great seeing everyone that turned out for the annual CARS holiday dinner last month! Those that did not make it missed a good time. Maybe next year?

Thanks to Bob & Betty for planning the event, to Judy for getting the door prizes and Steve for handling ticket sales. And thanks to all that attended as well! We had a few surprise guests also! The food was great, the company even greater!

Thanks also to those that sold the 300 raffle tickets, the proceeds of which kept the cost of the dinner down to the membership.

Remember to send in your dues for renewal of your membership. For most of us, our membership expires at the end of the month of December. That means that if you have not yet sent in your dues, you are technically in arrears.

Finally, don't forget the weekly net at seven o'clock P.M. every Wednesday evening except for the third Wed. of the month, which is meeting night.

See you at the January meeting. Same time, same frequency!

73, de Tom WB8N

ARRL Panel Recommends Eliminating Novice Bands

The ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee has recommended that the ARRL petition the FCC to eliminate the Novice CW subbands and allow Novice and Technician with Element 1 credit licensees to operate CW on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations at up to 200 W output. The panel suggested recognizing portions of those bands for "slow CW operation" to aid new CW operators in enhancing their skills. The committee recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands, in part to allow expansion of the phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The committee, chaired by ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has been studying the status and usage of the Novice/Technician Plus HF bands with an eye toward determining appropriate changes in usage of that spectrum now that the FCC no longer issues new Novice licenses. A guiding principle was that no class of licensees would lose any privileges as a result of refarming.

* On 80 meters, nearly 40% of those responding opted for a plan that would extend the US phone allocation to 3700 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire subband, and with Advanced and General class subbands starting at 3725 and 3800 kHz respectively.

* On 40 meters, nearly half of the respondents picked the plan to extend the primary US phone allocation to 7125 kHz, with Extra and Advanced licensees allowed on the entire segment and Generals from 7175 kHz and up.

* On 15 meters, nearly half of those responding wanted the US phone allocation extended to 21175 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire allocation, and Advanced and General subbands beginning at 21200 and 21250 kHz respectively.

* On 10 meters--Retain the US phone allocation from 28300 to 29700 kHz and to extend CW access to Novice/Tech Plus operators to 28000 kHz--an additional 100 kHz. The current Tech Plus 28300 to 28500 kHz phone segment would be retained.

Anthrax scare impacting outgoing DX QSL volume:

With one month to go in 2001, ARRL Outgoing QSL Service Manager Martin Cook, N1FOC, reports that his bureau has handled 1,716,940 cards from January 1 through November 30 of this year. That's 54,960 cards ahead of the same date last year. "However, the volume of cards coming in for processing has slowed drastically since the recent anthrax scare," Cook said. "I was hoping to make the 2 million mark this year, but it's not looking good. We will be lucky to beat last year's total."

The more than 1.7 million figure so far in 2001 includes cards going to US incoming QSL bureaus and cards sorted and mailed by contractor. The Outgoing QSL Service handled 1,868,895 cards during 2000.

Due's Information

With the February issue we will again be listing the calls and dates of members who's dues have or will be expiring.

For now *if you have not yet paid your 2002 dues* PLEASE send \$20.00 plus \$5.00 additional for each immediate family member to;

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