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SouthTowns Amateur Radio Society

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SOUTH TOWNS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President = Bill Siska = N2GAO
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Director = Voit Drankan = KA2WIO

Director (past President) = John Leitten = KA2RFT

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General Meeting = 1st Thursday = 1930 hours = Youth Center
Board Meeting = 4th Tuesday = 1900 hours = Youth Center
75 Meter Net = Each Saturday at 1000 hours = +/- 3925 khz
2 Meter Info Net = Each Wednesday at 1900 hours = 147.69/.09
RAVE HOTLINE = 876 - 6593



Test session = 11 May = Lancaster Radio Club
Rochester Hamfest = 20, 21, 22 May
Rome Hamfest = 5 June
Field Days = 25, 26 June = Moose Club
Batavia Hamfest = 10 July
Bulk mailing = 13 July = Nike Base
Erie County Hamburg fair = 12 - 21 August
Ham - 0 - Rama (Niagara Falls) = 10 September
Test session = 12 October = STARS

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New Members

Devon Bowen KA2NRO - 836 7358
67 Lisbon Ave
Buffalo NY 14214

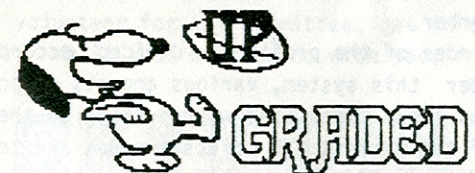
left out of membership list

Richard Comstock KA2WIN
Tim Comstock KA2ZMU
180 Dorchester Rd
East Aurora NY 14052

Warren Hedfc WA2GJB
192 Indian Church Rd
Buffalo NY 14210

license class corrected

Irving Sugg WA2WBK - Advanced
sorry 'bout dat



Richard Dukat K2RDD - Extra
Francis Modzelewski KE2DG - Extra
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NEW CALLS

Nick Stanko ex-KA2SEZ now N21BC
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HAM-O-RAMA

Larry - K2KUS

For those who don't know, the 1988 Ham-O-Rama will be held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center, Saturday, September 10, 1988.

Ham-O-Rama is a non-profit organization whose membership is drawn from the five area ham clubs. The functions of the hamfest are two-fold: first, to provide an enjoyable hamfest in the tradition of ham radio stretching back decades. Secondly, as a fund-raising operation for the benefit of the sponsoring clubs and ham radio in general.

As I have stated, STARS is becoming a larger and more dynamic organization as evidenced by our increasing membership, new repeater, etc. I am sure that the influx of new members will generate a wealth of new ideas for things we can accomplish as a club. Typical examples are the proposed link between our repeater and the one in Mayville, the new repeater itself, the Digicom 64 project, etc. This is healthy for the club, but these projects do take money. The hamfest is probably the best vehicle for generating a significant amount of cash in a short time.

What profit is generated by the hamfest is divided as follows: one-half the profit is divided equally among the member clubs regardless of the effort or participation of those clubs. This may be likened to appearance money, or money deserved just for being a sponsoring member.

The remainder of the profit is divided according to a point system. Under this system, various amounts of points are assigned to the various tasks associated with putting on the hamfest. At the conclusion of the hamfest the points awarded are totalled up and the other half of the profit is parcelled out proportionately according to the points each club has earned.

Thus, each club is protected from a total wipeout by the guaranteed payout, and each club has the opportunity to maximize its return by working harder for the hamfest.

As the STARS rep to the hamfest, I have 'volunteered' STARS for a number of tasks. To perform these tasks successfully we will need bodies to carry out the necessary duties. For those who volunteer, the tasks are usually not difficult for the time-consuming, and there will be plenty of time to enjoy the hamfest. Any ham from any club may volunteer to work on any task, and may assign his points to any club. Naturally, for the benefit of STARS, I'm trying to get as many points of our members to work on as many different jobs as

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possible.

The following is a list of the committees. As far as I know, there are openings for people on all of them.

1. ARRL
 2. Advertising
 3. Mini-brochure
 4. Brochure
 5. Bulk mail
 6. Flyer design
 7. Flyer distribution
 8. Gate tickets
 9. Hospitality
 10. Flea market
 11. Non-technical programs
 12. Prizes
 13. Property
 - * 14. Publicity
 15. Security
 16. Set-up
 - * 17. Signs
 18. Talk-in
 19. Technical programs
 - * 20. Vendors
- (*) Chairmanship position still open! (I think)

The response to my request for help on the talk-in has been very encouraging. To volunteer for any committee, get in touch with me or any club officer. We'll know what to do with you.



SKYWARN AMATEUR RADIO



Dear STARS Club Members,

As the warmer temperatures of spring and summer approach us, so does the threat from severe weather. Late April and early May usually kick off the season of severe thunderstorm warnings and watches issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the W.N.Y. area.

During this upcoming season, we amateurs at Skywarn, along with

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the NWS weather personnel, urge all Hams to "keep an eye on the sky" and participate in the severe weather field spotters program. This program, which began in the WNY area in May 1987, involves the use of Amateur Radio and its licensed operators to make "eye witness" ground observations in various geographical areas of the seven WNY counties. Through Skywarn Amateur Radio, Ham Radio Operators at a two meter station, located at the Buffalo Int'l Airport NWS Office can collect weather information from mobile and base two meter stations. This information may then be used to warn the public of weather conditions which could result in property damage or personal injury from severe flooding, tornados, or thunder storm activity.

Some of you may remember the tornado which Cheektowaga experienced last summer. During the storm which produced the tornado, a lightning strike knocked out the radar at the Buffalo Weather Office leaving Amateur Radio as one of the major sources for weather tracking. It was the day that the Amateur Radio Community showed its true colors. The Skywarn Group handled dozens of weather related reports from field spotters. Needless to say, NWS personnel were impressed.

This year, if you hear a storm warning or watch issued, tune your two meter rig into one of the repeaters listed below. When you hear a Skywarn Operator calling for a report in your area, don't be afraid to respond. Most warnings and watches occur during the day or early evening hours which is when conditions are usually best for storms, however, storms can occur at any time of the day or night.

The following is a list of repeaters frequently used by Skywarn. Review this list and determine if any are in hand-held range since many base stations cannot be used during thunderstorms.

146.910 Boston	146.775 Niagara Falls
147.090 Orchard Park	146.640 Weathersfield
145.290 Mayville	147.300 Port Colburn
147.105 Hamilton	146.790 Jamestown
146.820 Lockport	147.195 Little Valley
146.880 Jamestown	146.730 Grand Island
146.850 Dunkirk	145.310 Attica
147.165 Ridgeway	147.240 St. Catherines
145.390 Delevan	

Note: All frequencies given are receive frequencies.

In addition, a Packet Radio BBS on 145.01 is up and running under the call N2GA0-4 to help get and distribute Skywarn and weather information. Check into it if you are on packet.

When a Skywarn Operator calls, he or she will be asking for the

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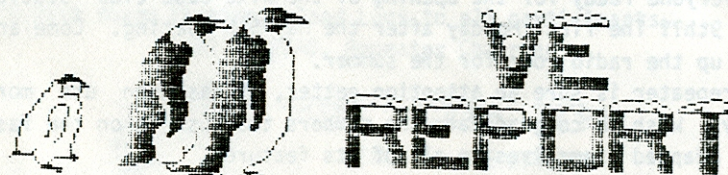
following information;

- * rain fall - flooding - covered roads
- * funnel cloud sightings
- * hail - pea sized, marble sized, golfball sized, etc.
- * winds - trees or tree limbs down (diameter of limbs downed) - power lines down
- * severe thunder and lightning

Your participation in this program is urgently requested and greatly appreciated.

Bill Siska ARS-N2GA0
WNY Skywarn

P.S. We at the Skywarn Airport Group are looking for more operators to occasionally man the airport radio station at the Buffalo Int'l Airport during storm warnings and watches. A Technician Class License or higher is required. The interested Ham should reside fairly close to the airport for quickest response time. In addition, although not a requirement, it is preferred that the interested ham be retired due to the fact that most storm activity occurs during the day or early evening hours. If you are interested, please call me after 6:00 PM at 668-6480 or leave a message on the N2GA0-4 BBS on 145.01.



by Dick Haungs, W2UJR

The April 13th VE test session was very successful. We had 22 candidates and the passing rate was better than any other session.

There were 17 upgrades. In all 32 elements were given and the passing rate was 78 percent. 7 upgrades to Technician, 5 to General, 1 to Advanced, 4 to Extra. 6 passed the 13 wpm cw and 4 passed the 20 wpm cw. 15 written credits were given.

My thanks to John, KA2RFT; Guz, WB2EZU; Dave, KD2EY; Matt, NS2M; Joe, N2BGJ; Ron, KC2P; Joe, K2VXV; Bob, WA2IQX and Chuck, KC2SG for the excellent job they did at this session.

The next STARS VE test session will be October 12th

Dick Haungs, W2UJR

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The Lancaster Amateur Radio Club will be conducting an upgrade VE test session on May 11, 1988. Send your 610 form, a check made

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out to ARRL/VEC for \$4.55 and a copy of your license to:

Matt Gorski NS2M
6117 Broadway
Lancaster NY 14086
683 1720

There will be NO walk-ins or novice exams. The deadline for registration will be May 4, 1988.



STARS GOSSIP COLUMN

Guz - WB2EZX

There were 22 amateurs who took the FCC exams given by STARS at its session on April 13th, as I wrote this report I do not have the final figures of successful hams who upgraded. The Lancaster Amateur Radio Club will hold an exam on May 11th, see article above for details.

Wish to thank all the members and their families for the help when my wife passed away on March 17th. Thank you all again.

The biggest project to hit the members recently is packet radio, and it is nice to see so much interest in the new upcoming state of the art in amateur radio.

Is everyone ready for the opening of the nuke base club station on May 9th?? The first Monday after the May 5th meeting. Come and help fix up the radio room for the summer.

The repeater is sure an attention getter, it has been use more each day. Wish to congratulate the members that use it on the fast way they adapted themselves to all of its features.

See you all May 5th = Guz. WB2EZX

GREAT DEALS

Amateur radio gear

Wanted - Sale - Trade

FOR SALE = 40' Universal aluminum tower - w/3 brand new concrete studs and all new nuts, bolts, and washers (stainless steel) like brand new - brand new Ham IV rotor still in box - TA33 Mosley 3 el beam - all for \$600.00

HF all mode transceiver Yeasu FT9C1DM w/2 Dentron watt meter - w/Dentron transmitter match-antenna match - w/handheld mike and Yeasu YD148 desk mike - w/all instructions - \$650

contact Lou, KB2AMD at 683-7706

FOR SALE = HT. telescoping antenna RA-3 for 2-meter Kenwood TH-215A, TR-2600, TR-2500 or any other with 50 ohm BNC connector,

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new \$13.00. Set of lockport repater crystals 28-88 for Standard SR-C146A HT, \$4.00. Black desk dial telephone, \$6.00. Mile-meter 3 1/2" diameter dash mt, vacuum guage w/manual. Monitor your driving & test & trouble shoot ur engine, \$15.00. CB 104" whip antenna, \$7.00. 2-meter Hustler Collinear model G-6-144A, xclnt condx, \$55.00. Matt, K2MAC, 876-3250

FOR SALE = HW-101, SB-600 pwr sup, spkr, \$200. Rex, K2ZAB, 694-0835

WANTED = 2-meter base stn xcvr, Hank, KA2UYY, 835-9708



REPEATER NEWS

Work on the 7.09/5.29 2 Meter Link is continuing with completion expected by Summer. Please make the following changes (additions) to your emergency autodial directory:

915 Lackawana Police

919 Erie County Sheriff

Thanks to all who submitted Bragg Messages for the Message Contest. Judging will be made by the Board of Directors at the April 26th Board Meeting. Good Luck to all participants.

Bill N2GAO, Repeater Chairman



THE PREZ SPEZ

Bill - N2GAO

First things first; Congratulations to all who upgraded during our recent upgrading session. Our VE's tell me that of 22 who took the tests, 17 upgraded, which includes several upgrades to Extra. That's GREAT!

Our General Meetings have certainly been winners in the attendance department. 48 attended the last meeting. It's great to see that the members have an interest in the workings and business of the club. May's General Meeting will bring with it a most interesting speaker. Thanks to Gary, KB2YJ, we have made arrangements to get a speaker and fascinating demonstration in the area of the Cryogenic Sciences. Did you know that resistance in a wire drops at low temperatures? Do you know how much or why? You'll be suprised. Come to the May Meeting and find out. Until then.....

Stay Involved, Bill N2GAO

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Words of Wisdom



Never speak badly of some
who speaks well of you; you
are probably both wrong

If at first you do succeed -
try to hide your astonishment

Doctors say that fatal
diseases are the worst

continuing with the

THE SINKING OF THE ANDREA DORIA
by Raymond Maurstad, W2JNA/MM
on board the SS Robert E. Hopkins

GMT

- 0814 A.D. TO ILE DE FRANCE: IF PVT. THOMAS REMAINS AT OUR ASSISTANCE UNTIL CG SHIPS ARRIVE HERE YOU CAN PROCEED YOUR TRIP THANKS SIGNED MASTER.
- 0815 A.D. TO PVT. THOMAS: DID YOU GET MY MESSAGE OF THE ILE DE FRANCE. CAN YOU SEND MOTORBOAT TO NEAR US.
- 0815 PVT. THOMAS TO A.D.: THEY ARE OVER THERE NOW.
- 0817 ILE DE FRANCE TO PVT. THOMAS: DO YOU STAY OF ASSISTANCE OF A.D. AS REQUESTED.
- 0818 R. HOPKINS TO ILE DE FRANCE: WE ARE CLOSE ABEAM OF YOU NOW, OUR LIFEBOATS HAVE NOT RETURNED YET.
- 0820 A.D. TO PVT. THOMAS: THE MOTORBOAT NEEDED CLOSE IN A SUDDEN CASE OF EMERGENCY ABANDON.
- 0822 PVT. THOMAS TO ILE DE FRANCE: WE ARE GOING TO STAND BY ANDREA DORIA UNTIL CG VESSELS ARRIVE.
- 0823 NRLK TO PVT. THOMAS: THIS IS A COAST GUARD SHIP.
- 0825 STOCKHOLM TO ILE DE FRANCE: HAVE APPROXIMATELY 425 SURVIVORS ON BOARD.
- 0825 PVT. THOMAS TO STOCKHOLM: WE HAVE BOTH OUR MOTOR LIFEBOATS IN WATER FOR SURVIVORS FROM ANDREA DORIA. PLEASE CAN YOU SEND PARTY OVER.
- 0825 ILE DE FRANCE: WE ARE GOING ON TWO MEGACYCLES ALSO.

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- 0828 FROM ILE DE FRANCE: ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH HIM.
- 0829 ILE DE FRANCE TO PVT. THOMAS: GIVE A.D. YOUR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, WE HAVE HELICOPTER ON WAY FOR OUR INJURED.
- 0834 PVT. THOMAS TO STOCKHOLM: CAN YOU BRING PATIENTS OVER AND ALSO GET YOUR LIFEBOAT THAT IS ALONGSIDE OUR SHIP WITH LINE AFOUL IN ITS WHEEL.
- 0835 BOSTON COAST GUARD TO STOCKHOLM: COAST GUARD 1308 IS ON 2670KC, RELAY ANY AND ALL INFORMATION FROM STOCKHOLM.
- 0836 STOCKHOLM TO BOSTON COAST GUARD: DOES HE GO ON 500 KILOCYCLES THEN.
- 0837 COAST GUARD SHIP TO STOCKHOLM: PLEASE WAIT.
- 0838 NAVY SHIP TO STOCKHOLM: WHAT IS YOUR POSITION.
- 0838 STOCKHOLM TO NAVY SHIP: 4030 NORTH 6953 WEST.
- 0839 FROM ILE DE FRANCE: HOOK AFTER ITOS NUMBER PLEASE.
- 0840 FROM PVT. THOMAS: IT HAS A LINE AFOUL IN IT'S SCREW.
- 0840 FROM ILE DE FRANCE: IS IT A MOTORBOAT OR ROW BOAT.
- 0843 STOCKHOLM TO A.D.: USCG NNGR ARRIVING POSITION 1400GMT.
- 0845 SLFA TO STOCKHOLM: ARE YOU STILL NEAR ANDREA DORIA. IS OUR ASSISTANCE PRACTICABLE NOW, AS SEVEN HOURS FROM YOU. ARE WE RELEASED -- MASTER.
- 0845 STOCKHOLM TO SLFA: DON'T THINK SO BUT WAIT.
- 0846 PVT. THOMAS TO STOCKHOLM: YOUR LIFEBOAT IS A ROW BOAT BUT THEY NOW ON WAY TO YOU. WE ARE IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH HELICOPTER ON RADIOTELEPHONE.
- 0847 STOCKHOLM TO ILE DE FRANCE: DO YOU NEED SLFA ABOUT 7 HOURS AWAY.
- 0848 ILE DE FRANCE TO STOCKHOLM: WAIT.
- 0848 PVT. THOMAS TO A.D.: COME IN.
- 0848 MANAQUI TO STOCKHOLM: WAITING HERE.
- 0850 CG VESSEL TO STOCKHOLM: ARRIVING 0900GMT.
- 0852 MANAQUI TO STOCKHOLM: ARRIVING DISTRESS POSITION NOW.
- 0852 STOCKHOLM TO A.D.: MANAQUI ARRIVING NOW.
- 0856 ILE DE FRANCE TO STOCKHOLM: ALL PASSENGERS RESCUED. PROCEEDING TO NEW YORK FULL SPEED. PVT. THOMAS IS STANDING BY ANDREA DORIA. NO MORE HELP NEEDED. SIGNED MASTER.
- 0859 SLFA TO STOCKHOLM: WE ARE RELEASED ALL RIGHT.
- 0900 STOCKHOLM TO A.D.: SLFA ASKS IF HE ACCORDING TO PASSENGERS RET-- RESCUED ARE RELEASED -- SEVERAL HOURS YET TO GO.
- 0903 CAPE ANN TO PVT. THOMAS: HAVE 175 PASSENGERS ABOARD, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO NEW YORK.
- 0904 PVT. THOMAS TO CAPE ANN: ROGER YOUR MESSAGE.
- 0905 ILE DE FRANCE TO CAPE ANN: PLEASE HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE ON BOARD.
- 0906 CAPE ANN TO ILE DE FRANCE: APPROXIMATELY 175. REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PROCEED.

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0907 MANAQUI TO STOCKHOLM: WE ARE READY TO LAUNCH BOATS.
0908 STOCKHOLM TO MANAQUI: HERE NOT NEEDED NOW BUT PLEASE ASK THE ILE DE FRANCE.
0909 ILE DE FRANCE TO MANAQUI: WE ARE READY TO LAUNCH BOATS IN CASE OF A NEED.
0911 PVT. THOMAS TO CAPE ANN: YOU MAY PROCEED SIGNED MASTER.
0911 STOCKHOLM TO PVT. THOMAS: IS THERE ANY NAVY SHIP WHO CAN BE READY TO ESCORT US TO NEW YORK AS A PRECAUTION AS SOON AS WE PICK UP OUR LIFEBOATS.
0913 PVT. THOMAS TO STOCKHOLM: ROGER, WAIT.
0914 ILE DE FRANCE TO MANAQUI: NO MORE HELP IS NEEDED THANK YOU.
0916 ROBERT HOPKINS TO ILE DE FRANCE: YOU ARE BEING CALLED BY NRXD.
0917 NRXD TO ILE DE FRANCE: SPEEDING TO YOUR POSITION. IS ANY HELP NEEDED.
0920 ILE DE FRANCE TO PVT. THOMAS: WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO NEW YORK, PLEASE HANDLE DISTRESS TRAFFIC FROM NOW ON.
0921 MANAQUI TO PVT. THOMAS: ARE WE RELEASED.
0923 ROBERT HOPKINS TO PVT. THOMAS: YOU ARE BEING CALLED BY NRXD.
0923 PVT. THOMAS TO NRXD: PLEASE SHIFT TO 2670KC.
0930 PVT. THOMAS MANAQUI: WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR SHIP. DID YOU PICK UP ANY SURVIVORS FROM ANDREA DORIA.
0932 MANAQUI TO PVT. THOMAS: JUST ARRIVED. STANDING BY. NO SURVIVORS PICKED UP. THE NAME OF MY SHIP IS THE MANAQUI.
0932 ROBERT HOPKINS TO PVT. THOMAS: SS ROBERT E. HOPKINS. WE HAVE TWO LIFEBOATS IN WATER WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, WE ARE WAITING FOR THEM.
0933 PVT. THOMAS TO R. HOPKINS: ROGER YOUR MESSAGE THANK YOU.
0934 PVT. THOMAS TO STOCKHOLM: DO YOU STILL COPTER TO COME TO YOU.
0936 STOCKHOLM TO PVT. THOMAS: STILL NEED COPTER.
0938 STOCKHOLM TO PVT. THOMAS: NRAU SAYS SHE WILL ARRIVE ETA 1415GMT.
0938 R. HOPKINS TO PVT. THOMAS: OUR LIFEBOATS RETURNED, WE HAVE ONLY ONE SURVIVOR, WAIT FOR MESSAGE.
0940 OSPVT. THOMAS TO R. HOPKINS: ROGER.
1002 LAURA MARSK TO PVT. THOMAS: WE ARE BOUND FOR NEW YORK. CAN WE HELP.
1004 PVT. THOMAS TO L. MARSK: NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE NEEDED. PLENTY SHIPS HERE OW.
1028 R. HOPKINS TO PVT. THOMAS: I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU.
1028 PVT. THOMAS TO R. HOPKINS: WAIT.
1031 NRLX TO ALL STATIONS: ANY SHIPS WITH SURVIVORS NEEDING MEDICAL ATTENTION OR TO BE REMOVED.
1033 STOCKHOLM TO NRLX: WE HAVE NOW CRITICAL CASES CASUALTIES ABOARD WHO NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.
1036 PVT. THOMAS TO CAPE ANN: BE SURE TO ADVISE THE COAST GUARD OF

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YOUR SURVIVORS AND YOUR ETA.
1037 R. HOPKINS TO PVT. THOMAS: TO THE COMMANDER, PVT. THOMAS -- PICKED UP ONE URVIVOR MR. R. L. HUDSON OF NEW ORLEANS, REQUESTS TO BE RELEASED TO PROCEED TO NEW YOUR SIGNED MASTER SS. ROBERT E. HOPKINS.
1037 PVT. THOMAS TO R. HOPKINS: ROGER WAIT.
1040 NRLX TO STOCKHOLM: HELICOPTER LEFT NANTUCKET ISLAND FOR YOUR SHIP TO REMOVE CASUALTIES.
1050 R. HOPKINS TO PVT. THOMAS: ARE WE RELEASED.
1051 PVT. THOMAS TO R. HOPKINS: YOU ARE RELEASED. PLEASE ADVISE COAST GUARD OF YOUR SURVIVOR AND ETA NEW YORK.
1111 STOCKHOLM TO PVT. THOMAS: HAVE YOU HEARD WHEN COPTER EXPECTED TO ARRIVE.
1116 PVT. THOMAS TO STOCKHOLM: HOW MANY PATIENTS DO YOU HAVE TO BE TAKEN OFF.
1117 STOCKHOLM TP PVT. THOMAS: THERE ARE FIVE.
209 AMAGANSETT RADIO TO NEW YORK COAST GUARD: HERE IS THE RELAY -- LASTEST FROM DECK OFFICER OF THE ANDREA DORIA, STILL ON BOARD CAPTAIN, STAFF CAPTAIN, CHIEF ENGINEER, AND SEVENTEEN ASSORTED RATINGS, PUMPS GOING, LIST HAS STOPPED.
1219 NRLX TO STOCKHOLM: SORRY, HAVE NO COMMUNICATIONS WITH AIRCRAFT. CAN YOU PASS TO COPTER VIA PATIENT THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER COPTER IN THE AREA STANDING BY.
1236 NRLX TO R. HOPKINS: WHAT IS YOUR POSITION.
1236 R. HOPKINS TO NRLX: WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR SHIP.
1236 NRLX TO R. HOPKINS: THE NAME OF MY SHIP IS USCG CUTTER LEGARE.
1239 R. HOPKINS TO NRLX: ROGER, MY POSITION IS 4027 NORTH 7030 WEST.
1239 LEGARE TO R. HOPKINS: HOW ABOUT HOW MANY RESCUED.
1240 R. HOPKINS TO LEGARE: ONE SURVIVOR, NOT INJURED.
1240 LEGARE TO R. HOPKINS: WHERE ARE YOU GOING.
1240 R. HOPKINS TO LEGARE: WE ARE BOUND FOR AMBROSE, HAVE REQUESTED COAST GUARD TO TAKE OFF SURVIVOR THERE.
1244 PVT. THOMAS TO ALL STATIONS: DISTRESS: WE HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO PROCEED AND NRLX HAS TAKEN COMMAND OF THIS DISTRESS. NRXD REQUESTS THAT THIS DISTRESS BE CONTINUED UNTIL HE ENDS IT.
1335 NBJW TO STOCKHOLM: ARE YOU UNDER WAY YET.
1335 STOCKHOLM TO NBJW: YES, JUST STARTED.
1441 STOCKHOLM TO ESCORT: WHO WILL FOLLOW US WHILE YOU ARE PICKING UP SURVIVORS FROM HORNBEAM.
1443 R. HOPKINS TO STOCKHOLM: TO MASTER OF STOCKHOLM: OUR POSITION 4026 NORTH 7111 WEST SPEED 15 KNOTS COURSE 270 ADVISE YOUR POSITION AND SPEED AND WHETHER YOU WANT US TO ESCORT. SIGNED MASTER, SS ROBERT E. HOPKINS.
1449 NRAU TO STOCKHOLM: NRLX AND NRDC WILL ESCORT YOU WHILE WE ARE

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GONE.

- 1450 STOCKHOLM TO NBWJ: DID YOU FIND CORPSE BEHIND US.
1451 NBWJ TO STOCKHOLM: NO
1451 NRDC TO STOCKHOLM: HOW FAR BEHIND IS CORPSE.
1451 STOCKHOLM TO NRDC: DO'T KNOW, BUT IT WAS JUST IN OUR WAKE ABOUT 30 MINUTES AGO.
1456 STOCKHOLM TO R. HOPKINS: HERE COAST GUARD SHIPS ESCORTING US SO DON'T NEED AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUR ASSISTANCE NOW BUT MANY THANKS.
1458 NXRD IN CHARGE -- ALL REMAINING CREW MEMBERS TAKEN OFF ANDREA DORIA -- BELIEVE SHE SANK --
1645 NRXD TO ALL STATIONS: ANDREA DORIA DISTRESS HAS ENDED. END DISTRESS -- 73 --

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The date of this incident was Wednesday, 25 July 1956, approximately 2310 hours (0310 GMT, UTC, Zulu, or Zebra time the 26th of July 1956). It had occurred off Nantucket Island.

The Andrea Doria (29,000 tons) was doing about 21.8 knots. This ship was the \$29 million queen of the Italian Line, and was about one hour behind schedule. It had a black hull, green funnel, and white super structure with Captain Piero Calamai commanding. Visibility was about 1/2 mile at times - ship's length was 697 feet and it had 11 watertight compartments. After the collision started listing at 17 degrees and then went to 20 degrees. It carried 1134 passengers and a crew of 572.

The Stockholm, a 12,600 ton vessel had 535 passengers and a crew of 215 with Captain H Gunnar Nordensen skippering. It belonged to the Swedish American Line. The Andrea Doria trying to avoid a collision had come across the bow of the Stockholm. Both ships attempting to take evasive measures = the A.D. turning to starboard and the Stockholm reversing direction. After the collision, the Stockholm, going full astern had backed out of the gash it had made in the Andrea Doria.

Among the first on the scene was the United Fruit freighter returning empty from Bremerhaven, also coming upon the scene was the Ile de France (44,500 tons) one of the world's largest liners. Three lifeboats (capacity 146 persons) from the Andrea Doria were each about half filled but with crewmen but no passengers. The Thomas, Cape Ann and stockholm were sending lifeboats by about 0530 GMT. As a result of the collision 45 passengers were lost from the Andrea Doria and a total of 51 people in all. The Ile de France carried 753 survivors, the Stockholm 572, Cape Ann 168, the Thomas 158, and rest were among the other ships, helicopters, etc.

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The ship sank about 1410 GMT in about 225 feet of shoaly water (205 miles east of New York City and 55 miles south of Nantucket) and it had drifted only about two miles southeast of the point of collision.

Inasmuch as it was not in territorial waters nor of American registry there was no Naval or Coast Guard inquiry and it went before the courts and eventually held out of court so as no fault can be determined, legally.

Thus concludes this tale.

DIFFERENCE



BETWEEN

genius and stupidity that
genius has limits.

antiques and junk is who's
running the garage sale.

an orator and a bag of wind
is whether you agree with
him or not.



SMILE

HAPPINESS IS --

not having what you want,
but wanting what you have.

never having to stop to
think if you are.

pulling on the grocery carts
in the store and getting
only ONE.

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