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NOW READ THIS! APRIL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10! DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Well, a month or two ago we published a nice logically ordered schedule of programs for the next year and a little more. Our intentions were good -- we planned to cover all of the topics on the list in order so that all members of the Club could upgrade their amateur radio skills and so we could all go for a higher class license. (Apparently we made some progress. Bob Letter, W2YFI, made the Extra Class a week or so ago -- Congratulations, Bob! So it looks like we were on the right track.)

But nothing says we can't change programs if a real opportunity shows up ... and it did. So we are going to change our routine for this next meeting ... and on top of that, we are going to change the date.

The new date, for this meeting only, is Wednesday, April 10! All of this is for a very good reason.

We've all seen the ads for Waters radio equipment in the ham mags. Usually a double-page spread full of switches, watt meters, mobile antennas (ask Bill, WB2OTL), and the "compreamp" audio preamplifier/ limiter. There is also a keyer, a phone patch and some filters. And there is coming a SSB transceiver at \$2,400 ... that's right, 2,400 clams.

Well, we have the president of Waters Company -- Bob Waters, W1PHI, as our speaker on April 10 ... that's a Wednesday night, at the usual time, 7:30 p.m., in the cafeteria at Lincoln School.

Please note ... There will be NO meeting on Monday, April 8.

But be sure to come on Wednesday, April 10 ... and bring a guest, a new member, novice, general, SWL, YL, or all six if you can swing it. You will want to meet Bob and learn something about mobile antennas. Bob said he won't stick strictly to mobile and would like to discuss antenna impedance matching, SWR and so on. You'll also have a chance to see what \$2,400 will buy in the way of a modern, transistorized transceiver for SSB and all bands.

Bob Waters has been a ham since 1935 and operates regularly on all bands from his home QTH in Massachusetts. He also operates mobile and airborne. Flies his own plane and really gets around.

This is positively the program you won't want to miss ... you just can't miss ... so we'll see you on Wednesday, April 10, Lincoln School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

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RULES FOR FIELD

DAY ARE CHANGED

If you have been on the two-meter net you probably have heard that the rules have been changed for this year's Field Day. You must now have the keys to the operating site gate before setting up shop. Not having that rule last year caused some last-minute scurrying around. There are some other changes, too, to be published in QST. These will be discussed on the net and at future meetings.

SPRING FIELD TRIP
IS BEING PLANNED

It's almost Spring ... the calendar says yes and the weather some days says yes ... and so now is the time to begin thinking about a Spring Field Trip. Al, K2SKV, reports that the proposed trip to the Bureau of Standards at Washington has fizzled out -- they don't have tours on Saturday and nothing on radio because it's all in Colorado. There are some other things in the works, though and if anyone has any ideas and would like to help arrange something ... see Dave, WA2FWL.

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JEAN SHEPARD AT
VHF SHOW IN MAY

Everyone probably has heard that Jean Shepard, W2ORS, of W O R fame, will be the real live speaker at the VHF Society dinner on May 4 at the Garden State Plaza. Van, W2DIT, will be at the April 10 meeting to bring us the latest information on this show. He may even have a few tickets left for the dinner ... see him before it is too late.

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NEW EXTRA IN
QRP CLUB

Congratulations to Bob Latta, W2YFM, on reaching amateur radio's highest class -- Extra. A couple of weeks ago Bob sashayed over to the FCC examination room ... and naturally sailed through the exam with flying colors. See what those Sunday night code classes on 145.8 mc at 8:30 p.m., can do for you?

Bob also reports that his new 15-meter array, up in the trees behind the house, is really doing a job pulling in the DX stations. Bob's heard and worked New Zealand, most of Europe and Russia. Some via SSB and some via CW.

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ATTENDANCE ON TWO
METER NET IS GOOD

In case you wondered who "attends" the two-meter sessions on Sunday evening here is the record for the last 16 weeks:

WB2GPG	15	Largest Number on
W2YFM	15	any one date:
K2SKV	15	
WB2WCH	10	12/10/67 - 11
WA2FWL	10	3/17/68 - 11
K2AGI	8	1/21/68 - 10
K2TKK	8	12/17/67 - 9

(These statistics courtesy Harold Voorhis, our Secretary.)

Harold also reports he now has 260 QSL cards from members of the Old Timers Club, of which he is member No. 699. This organization is composed of those who have had two-way contacts 40 or more years ago. Harold's year is 1912. He also has been elected a member of the New England Chapter, OOTC.

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Don't forget Wednesday, April 10 -- our next meeting ... and really big show!