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CURL IT!

WD6EFH offers this little hint.

Ladies Beware! If the YM starts to borrow your curlers, mainly the two-piece type with the outer cylindrical sleeve and the inner part with the foam rubber and hair clamp, don't look at him too strangely yet. He may be using them to hold wires and cables down in the shack. By splitting the outer sleeve in two, you can insert cables, wires, or any other stray wire inside to help reduce the clutter on the operating desk or area. It's better that a tie down because it can be reused and more wire and cable can be added or deleted without cutting the hold down the area looks neater and cleaner and you may find missing items hidden by all that loose unsightly cables. It can even be screwed down to make a more permanent anchor. I've tried it here, and it looks so nice to have all those wires in neat bundles

DIG DEEP !

Skip VE3BBS, club treasurer extraordinaire, reports that the club repeater fund is still active and soliciting money for repeater improvements. Donations can be sent directly to Skip, or to the club address. Skip is also investigating other sources of revenue, and hopefully one of the new hams will have a rich aunt.

SOLDER SAFE

Here's a safety message from VO1MQ. Well I'm lucky to be able to read what I am typing here today. The evening of November 20th, 1991, at lunch time I had a little accident...I came home at 12 p.m. for my lunch break and after having a fast lunch decided to go down to the shack and try to fix my digicom/Prom 64 Modem (that is another story in itself). I proceeded to try some things, and solder some wires in place...Being in a rush to finish before my lunch break was over, I didn't bother to run upstairs to get my glasses (after all I can see pretty good without them, good enough for this anyway). Well, away I went doing my work. I came to one tight wire and decided to unsolder it, and check it. when I put the soldering gun to the wire - POP! the wire popped off the place where it was soldered and the molten solder decided to go for a flight (usually when this happens it just sparkles over my hand and I go ahhhhh!). This time it flew up to my right eye!!!!!! Talk about pain..."I've done it now!!" I thought to myself and started wondering if I should pass out or not. I decided not to. "Well I think I'll open my eye and see if I can still see..." I could, but I was in bitter pain...I ran upstairs and to the washroom to see if the solder was still in it...I couldn't see anything but my upper eyelid was really red so I decided to go the

hospital to get it checked out. When there, after waiting a little, the doctor looked at me. Ran some painful (to me) tests to see if the eye was scratched. Luckily he could not see anything wrong with it so he cleaned it out and told me "If it gets worse, come back, and for the pain take an aspirin"...and he let me go. The moral of this little story is that you should always wear safety glasses (or just plain glasses) or goggles, to protect your eyes when working at something...don't learn the hard way like I did.

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

Special event station of the Marconi Amateur Wireless Society of Sydney, Nova Scotia will be on the air for the month of December with the call sign VA1S. It commemorates the 89th anniversary of Marconi's first successful West to East Trans-Atlantic radio transmission on the 15th of December 1902, from Glace Bay to Poldhu, Cornwall, England. Send three loonies or 5 IRC's to Alan Leith VE1AL, 846 George Street, Sydney, N.S. B1P 1L9 for the attractive certificate.

DIG DEEPER !

Please note that if your dues are not paid by Dec. 31, this will be your last HI-Q. Your speed call and message slots will also be re-assigned. Thank you.

CONTEST TIME

Sunday, 29 December 1991 is the date of the CARF Canada Winter Contest. Many operators not normally interested in contests enjoy this one! Complete details are in the December "The Canadian Amateur" magazine, or from Norm VE3XRC. Listen for VE3VCA, Kingston HQ station, and earn extra points by working all VCA and TCA stations.

HAM GROWTH

We're GROWING! The Department of Communications reports that of October 1, 1991 there were 29,987 station licences issued, including 688 repeater licences, leaving 29,299 licenced operators. This works out to a growth rate of 11% for a one year period. The restructuring has apparently attracted many persons under the age of 50 because of the simpler Basic entry qualification.

FAX IT !

The CRRL now has a FAX line which may be used for enquiries. the number is (519) 660-8244. It may not be used, however, for ordering books and material. Their voice line is (519) 660-1200.

THANKS AGAIN !

The Ontario Provincial Police Christmas Parade was a great success, with well over 100 entries. Unfortunately the weather did not co-operate, and the participants were subjected to arctic tempera-

tures and high winds. As usual, the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club was there to handle communications, and early reports are that the parade organizers were highly impressed with our effort. A warm thank you to all the participants, including those that just showed up to watch and were pressed into service.

SPECIAL PREFIXES

The following special prefixes have been authorized by the Department of Communications for use by Canadian Amateurs.

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the National Research Council of Canada you may use the following from October 20 to December 20:

VE1 - VE8 may use XN1 - XN8

VO1,VO2 may use XO1,XO2

VY1,VY2 may use VX1, VX2

VY9 DOC may use VX9

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Geological Survey of Canada, you may use the following from March 1 to April 30, 1992

VE1 - VE8 may use VG1 - VG8

VO1,VO2 may use XJ1,XJ2

VY1,VY2 may use CG1,CG2

VY9 may use CG9

To commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Columbus, the following may be used January 1 to February 29, 1992:

VE1 - VE8 may use VC1 - VC8

VO1,VO2 may use CY1,CY2

VY1,VY2 may use CZ1,CZ2

VY9 may use CZ9

ED SEZ

Another last minute HI-Q, but I hope it's worth the effort! As you can see we have changed the look and the method by which this newsletter is produced. Many thanks to Jim O'Brien for putting in the time and effort to make HI-Q even better. What we need now is to hear from you in the form of articles about US. We have unabashably stolen material from the CRRL and CARF newsletters as well as Packet. I would much rather hear from our own community that this newsletter serves. Articles may be submitted verbally (talk slow - I don't write fast), on paper, on any MS DOS disk, AMIGA disk or packet. If you don't think you are very interesting, your wrong. But, you can practice by writing about your buddy..

CLASS NEWS

Our Ham Skool is off to a great start this year with over two dozen students enrolled. Already we have progressed to the end of the DC portion and the next class will deal with AC theory. My apologies for the dryness of the classes, but bear with us, it gets much better once this stuff is out of the way. The books have been ordered and UPS should show up on my doorstep any day now. They will be delivered when they arrive. Any problems -- call me at 622-1216.