



# WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

April 10, 1975

IN MEMORIAM: We were saddened to hear that fellow honker, Fred Wintsch passed away on 14 March at his home in Mumford, KY. Fred has been in LORAN with Sperry Gyroscope since 1958 with the exception of a farming interlude. He returned to Sperry in 1973 and was giving support to LORAN D on the West Coast. The chain was moved to Germany at the beginning of the year and Fred was planning to follow when a heart attack brought his untimely death. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife, daughter and family.

ITEM. LORAN C Specification - President Jim Van Etten informed the Newsletter that on 19 March, the WGA received a letter from the Secretary of DOT signed by Mr. W.E. Stoney. The letter stated that after careful consideration, DOT decided that they will publish a standard specification in the Federal Register. The letter further stated that the US Coast Guard was preparing such a specification. The WGA plans to continue their preparation of a specification and will publish it in the forthcoming Radio Navigation Journal with proper qualifications to remove any possible contradictions with the USCG standard.

ITEM. A WGA executive meeting was held on 25 March at the USCG in Washington, D.C. It was brought to our attention that a World Administration Radio Conference of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) is to be held in Geneva in 1979. It is important that the 90-100 kilohertz frequency band be cleared in all regions. WGA members are urged to work towards having this spectrum be dedicated to radio navigation. To our many members outside the U.S., we solicit your special support of these same objectives.

ITEM. Dave Haislip reports that negotiations are progressing favorably with our neighbors to the north to place a LORAN C transmitting station on Canadian soil. This would be in support of West Coast U.S. and Canadian LORAN C coverage. Incidentally, ITT was in fact awarded the contract for three additional transmitters for the Gulf of Alaska.

ITEM. Low Cost Receivers. I have it on good authority that the USCG will be on the street this summer for 150 to 200 "low cost" LORAN C receivers. They are to be used for Maritime applications on CG vessels.

ITEM. Gobbledegook from the desk of Ray Abraczinskas. "Geese" says Ray, "When on the water are called a plump, when in the air become a skein and on the ground become a gaggle." Ray suggests we might use these for local chapter designators. That's not the end!!

BULLETIN: To no one's surprise the station at TanMy has been lost to the North Vietnamese.

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U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters - Press Release

WASHINGTON, DC, February 12, 1975 -- Planned expansion of the Loran-C navigation system to accommodate the entire Coastal Confluence Zone of the continental United States has prompted the Coast Guard to expand the present Loran-C rate structure and amend its terminology.

The Coastal Confluence Zone (CCZ) includes U. S. coastal waters extending to the 100 fathom curve or to fifty miles offshore, whichever is further.

It is planned to expand the Loran-C navigation system to cover the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, West Coast and Gulf of Alaska. To facilitate this planned expansion, additional Loran-C rates will be required.

Details on the new rate structure are contained in the Federal Register dated February 11, 1975.

Present and potential owners and manufacturers of Loran-C receivers are advised that most present receiver designs will not accommodate the new Loran-C rate structure; however, the use of these receivers in the CCZ will not be affected by the change to the Loran-C rate structure. Existing Loran-C rates will be used to provide coverage of the CCZ; only the terminology in which they are identified will change.

Any further expansion of the system beyond that of the CCZ, such as inland, would require the use of additional new rates which present receiver capabilities will not accommodate.

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"A flock of ships is called a fleet; a fleet of sheep is called a flock; a flock of girls is called a bevy; a bevy of wolves is called a pack; a pack of thieves is called a gang; a gang of angels is called a host; a host of porpoise is called a shoal; a shoal of fish is called a school; a school of buffalo is called a herd; a herd of seals is called a pod; a pod of whales is called a game; a game of lions is called a pride. And if you ever try to pluck a duck, you'll have a.....etc..... and that's less than the "half of it". Thanks, Ray.

ITEM. The users conference mentioned earlier for the Portland, Oregon area has been postponed till this fall or next spring. We'll try to keep you informed.



NOTICE!!!! The block appearing on the address section of this Newsletter, if marked X or ✓, means that you have not paid your 1975 dues. Please do so as the ballots for the next election will be out in May and only **paid** up members are permitted to vote. (I thought that would interest you! Editor).

Application - WGA

Enclosed

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\$10.00 New Membership

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ITEM. Bits & Pieces.....Carl Matthews is now working for the Office of Advanced Ships Operations of the Maritime Administration in Washington, D.C.  
- TRACORS say they have successfully flight-tested their Army Lans receiver.  
- ~~Simrad is marketing a new Internav Model LC204 LORAN C receiver with Auto Search & Track using Cycle/Phase Match.~~



ITEM. Authors of Papers at last Convention: Please send copies to Yumio Yonezawa, 4-7-38 Motoyamakitamachi, Higashimada, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan. "Yumio" - Please submit items for this Newsletter.

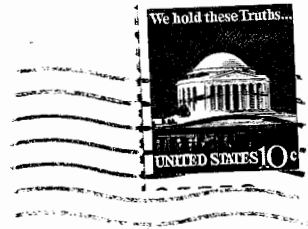
ITEM. New Member - Phil Parsons sent his application in via bent hyperboles and poor conductivity, but the repeatable accuracy of LORAN prevailed and we've already cashed his check. I don't know if Phil is trying to start a liars contest or not by his relating of ships aground at the transmitter site and his tale of Mr. Wolfes black hair turning white when his LORAN station in the Phillipines was attacked by "pirates". AW!.....Come on, Phil! Anybody else care to try? P.S. As near as Bill Roland and I can figure, that last incident makes Phil at least 45 or 50 years old. 1952, wasn't it?

ITEM. Griffith Marine Navigation, Inc. invited the WGA to "Open House" for its new facility at 134 North Avenue, New Rochelle, New York on 20, 21 and 22 March. Sorry I could not get the word out in time, but I'm sure that any of you would be welcome to drop in anytime. Good luck in your new home.

ITEM. LORAN C Users Handbook can be obtained free of charge from your nearest US Coast Guard office or from Commandant, USCG Hq, Attn: EEE, 400 7th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

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