



WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1975

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

When you receive this letter, the holiday season will be upon us, and another eventful year will be concluded. It has been a good year for LORAN C particularly because of the implementation of the US national system for the Coastal Confluence area. 1975 was also a good and productive year for the WGA. Bill Roland and Bahar Uttam published the first edition of the Radio Navigation Journal. Don Beukers and his committee published a draft LORAN C system description. Bill Reveille organized and hosted a most memorable and successful conference at Hunt Valley Inn. Norm Dickerson, as technical chairman, will publish the papers presented at the convention for the first time. Our Government Liaison committee continues to do an effective job in Washington DC. 1976 will also be a great year, because it is the nation's bicentennial year; but also because LORAN C is being considered by other countries to serve their Coastal Confluence requirements, and by the US for extended application. Best wishes to all members and friends from myself and from the entire Board of Directors. May the new year meet with all of your expectations, and may your hyperbolic line cross just right.

JAMES P. VAN ETTEN.

ITEM. CONVENTION "75" The fourth annual convention was held at the Hunt Valley Inn in Huntvalley, Maryland on the 15, 16 and 17th of October. Each convention seems to get better and this one was no exception. Norm Dickerson did an outstanding job of putting together a technical program that covered the entire spectrum of user/vendor interests. Approximately 160 registrants attended the technical sessions. (See Item HR 8364). The "Best Paper Award" went to L/Cdr Robert H. Wehr, USCG, for his very interesting treatment of "The Airborne Use of LORAN C In the Caribbean." Congratulations, Bob!

Our speaker was the Honorable Theodore C. Lutz, Deputy Undersecretary of Transportation, who made the banquet interesting. He described the effort which his department had initiated to identify the potential users of LORAN C. One came away from the session with the feeling that exploitation of LORAN is receiving a comprehensive and thorough examination and as the saying goes "getting its day in court."

Dec 95

Bill Reveille outdid himself in the overall program arrangement as Convention Chairman. All of the figures are not in as yet, but all indications are that the convention came out in the "black." Thanks, Bill, for a job well done.

As usual, we had a beautiful covey of goosee's which always adds to the good times of all. Without the ladies, it would be just another meeting.

ITEM. NORTH SEA CHAIN. The Decca Pulse 8 system in the North Sea area is nearly complete. Stations at Petershead, Scotland 57 deg. 3 min north and 1 deg 48 min west, Walcott, Norfolk, England 52 deg 49 min 05 sec north and 1 deg 33 min East, Vagosoy Is., Norway 62 deg 1 min 6 sec north and 5 deg 0 min 5 sec west and Utsira Is., Norway 59 deg 18 min 5 sec north and 4 deg 52 min 25 sec east are on the air. Romo Is., Denmark 55 deg 5 min 30 sec north and 8 deg 31 min east is pending. The Pulse/8 chain will be unusable by normal LORAN-C receivers due to different phase coding. Observation of interference to LORAN-C service, if any, should be directed to Commander, Coast Guard Activity Europe, London, UK. Daily USNO time difference and phase value information may be obtained via recorded message by calling Area Code 202-254-4662 or Autovon 294-4662.

ITEM. Transportation Appropriations Bill (HR 8365). - The following letter from the Congressman from Massachusetts was received by our President in appreciation of the WGA support:

"Dear Mr. Van Etten:

Realizing your interest in the future of Loran-C in the Gulf of Mexico, I would like to bring your attention to following language agreed to by the Conferees on the Transportation Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1976 (HR 8365):

"Conferees direct that Loran-C deployment in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Atlantic Coast be started with available funds."

As a Conferee, I was pleased to support this language. I am convinced that Loran-C is essential to meet the needs of users in the Costal Confluence Zone.

I appreciate your providing me with background materials which were very useful.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Silvio O. Conte
Member of Congress"

MISSING

ITEM. Editorial Comment.

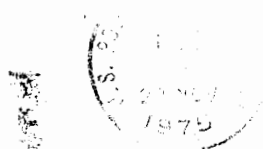
It is well known that Iceland uses Loran-C for its yardstick in the enforcement of fishing laws. Now that Mexico has adopted the 200 mile fishing limitation, it would seem appropriate to plug for LORAN C to induce expansion for North American Coastal Confluence Coverage rather than just the United States with Canadian participation.

Lloyd D.
LLOYD D. HIGGINBOTHAM

- 4 -

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION
4 Townsend Road
Acton, MA 01720

OVER



710

William L. Frank
4100 North Park Drive
Ann Arbor, Mich.

2ND CLASS MATTER

Dec 75

MISSING

Portland, Oregon, 2-3 Dec 75. Hope to see you there!

ITEM. The New England Chapter of the WGA held a Monte Carlo night in Waltham, Mass, on 21 Nov. It has been their goal to earn enough money to set up a local scholarship fund. I'm sorry to report that earnings were at an all time low, but fun was at an all time high. Our appreciation to Mel Chaskin and Jim Henderson and their committees for their efforts to make the New England Chapter a good one.

Dec 75

OTHER TIDBITS:

Bill Reveille promises to publish the next issue of the "Goose Gazette" in December.

1976 dues (\$7.50) will be accepted anytime. Please mail to Cdr W.F. Roland, 36 Ober Street, Beverly, MA 01915.

Comments on the Radio Navigation Journal have been extremely complimentary. Thanks to Bill Roland and Bahar Uttam.

The proceedings of the 4th Annual WGA Convention will be published in December and mailed to all registrants. Others wanting copies of the proceedings may obtain them by writing to Norm Dickerson, c/o AMECOM Div, 5115 Calvert Road, College Park MD 20740. A charge of \$4.00/copy will be made to cover printing and mailing costs.

ITEM. Utah Chain - Fellow honker and ESD project Manager Maj J.A. Harden has announced via the ESD Public Information Office that a Megapulse Mini Chain is now operating at the Air Force's Utah range. The 3 station chain provides complete coverage of the 10,000 square mile area where the Air Force's Aeronautical Systems Division (ASD) is conducting drone aircraft tests. The following table can be used to update your Navigation Journal: