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Welcome to GEARVAKf '99!

In an executive meeting held on May 13, 1999, the GEARVAKf Trusteeship Council voted 15 to 13 to issue the following statement: "Welcome to GEARVAKf '99."

What is GEARVAKf and Why Is It So Exclusive?

GEARVAKf (the "f" is silent), also known as the Greater Enon Amateur Radio Vention and Kite fly, is the most prestigious, semi-imaginary ham radio and kite flying organization in the world. We are not an equal opportunity organization. We despise political rectitude, we intend to offend, and we discriminate indiscriminately. Memberships are rarely awarded and, even then, *only* at the whim of the GEARVAKf Trusteeship Council. Memberships are *never* awarded for meritorious activities and are not granted to highly-qualified individuals. We proudly proclaim that our bureaucracy rivals that of the US Government and makes about as much sense. Every year at this time, we ask you to join us in listening to GEARVAKf's guest lecturers as they babble incoherently. At the GEARVAKf '99 Amateur Radio Vention, fly-by-night exhibitors will bring lots of useless equipment to our semi-imaginary flea market. If you don't find it there, remember, we told you it was semi-imaginary! For further information on GEARVAKf, we invite you visit us at our Internet web sites: <http://w3.gwis.com/~joelr/vent.htm>. Good luck!

White House Directs FCC to Ban Short Wave Listening

In the wake of events surrounding the beginning of World War III in Yugoslavia, the White House Communications Agency (WHCA) has directed the Federal Communications Commission to issue an immediate ban on short wave listening. Citing the unreliability of the general public, the WHCA declared that public access to foreign radio broadcasts is now prohibited for ordinary citizens. FCC spokesperson, Mr. Ralph R. Spiffie told reporters, "At this critical time in our nation's history, the President has asked that we eliminate the risk of contaminating American minds with foreign ideas. The need for secrecy is paramount during wartime," he said. "These dangerous radios are a serious threat and must be confiscated to protect our national security" he said. According to Spiffie, the deadline for turning in short wave radios to authorities is tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 PM. Those who do not wish to comply with the FCC order may surrender radios to WHCA Enforcement Special Squads (WHCAESS) who will visit their homes and collect them the following morning at 3:00 AM. Cooperating in this confiscation of dangerous radio equipment will be the FBI and the ATF, according to Attorney General Janet Reno. Tanks with flame-throwers may be used to subdue those resisting the lawful efforts of the WHCAESS and their designated agents. Violators who survive will be transported to detention facilities by special black United Nations helicopters.

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