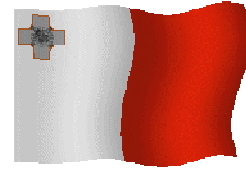


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From the Editor

Friends,

I welcome you to another issue of this magazine for March 2008, which is issue 28 of this series.

As I have told you last time, up to now I have succeeded in finding three magazines that used to be issued previously by **MARL** and I am copying them in **PDF** format so that we can republish them on our internet webpage so that they will be accessible to everyone. I intend to issue the first one in September.

I again appeal to anyone who has a copy of some magazine that used to be issued before this series to please pass it on to me so that I can make a copy and then I will pass it back. I thank you for your cooperation beforehand.

In this issue we are going to give you some information about **Wenzu Dalli** who was a radio amateur and who died three years ago. **Wenzu** was a pioneer in work for persons with disability and his courage to overcome his great difficulties should be an example for all of us.

The recognition of his work is not only by Maltese radio amateurs, but recognition is also from **Hal-Ghaxaq** residents who are going to set up a monument in his memory.

Therefore it is fitting that as radio amateurs we should also show recognition of our colleague by giving you information about him, his family, as well as the programme for the unveiling of his monument, which information was given to us by the commission that was set up to set up his monument in **Hal-Ghaxaq**.

In this issue we are bringing you information on frequencies as well as correspondence sent to us on the **500 kHz** frequency and stations that are listed as using nearby frequencies.

You also have information about Nicad batteries which will no longer be imported in European Union member countries due to one of its directives that is going to enter into effect in September.

Do not forget the **BBQ** that is going to be held on 20 September and we hope to see you at our Club, both for the **BBQ** but we also wish to see you more frequently.

I hope that you find the information in the magazine useful to you and if you have some article please leave it in my **QSL** box.

Lawrence
9H1AV / 9H9MHR

Wenzu Dalli 9H1HB



Here we are going to give you information about **Wenzu Dalli, 9H1HB**, who left us three years ago.

This information was passed on to us together with an invitation for radio amateurs to take part in the ceremony of the unveiling of the monument in member of **Wenzu** and if they feel to they could contribute something for the same monument.

We are also bringing the information because **Wenzu** was a radio amateur like us and it is good to know somewhat the story of his life so as to be an example for us.

Wenzu was born on 16 September 1954 and died 50 years old on 16 April 2005.

His father was named **Anglu** and was from **Gudja**. He was nicknamed ta` Tamajs and died of a heart attack while working in his field.

His grandparents names were **Madalen** and **Wenzu**, and **Teres** and **Karmnu**.

His father and mother were cousins and when they were married used to live in Triq Dun Ġużepp Naudi, **Hal-Ghaxaq**.

Wenzu and his sister **Karmena** were blind from birth. **Wenzu** was the eldest and has now been dead for three years.

His sister **Karmena** is 49 years old and resides in a home in **iz-Żejtun**. There's no need to say that they loved each other very much.

Wenzu, was very active in his youth and loved animals very much. In fact, he used to conduct talks on the radio about animals and used to rear finches and rabbits at his home.

School:- He attended for a year at the **Valletta** Lyceum and 4 years at the Lyceum in **Hamrun**. It used to be experimental for a boy with disability to mix with other children. He was known as a very bright boy and used to go on the public transport alone, go to school and find his place alone even without the white stick. He also sat for GCEs, and as a youth was already a radio amateur.

Capacity- Languages:- He could speak Maltese, English, Italian, Spanish and some German.

Culture:- He went to **Spain** with Fr. Martin Micallef who was the Parish Priest at the time in **Hal-Ghaxaq**, to meet with the Parish Priest and the Civic Council of **Navarrez** on the occasion of when **Don Vincente Sikluna**, a descendent from **Hal-Ghaxaq** was going to be beatified. A twining agreement had been made between the Civic Councils of **Hal-Ghaxaq** and **Navarrez**. **Wenzu** sometimes used to act as an interpreter.

Hobby:- He was a radio amateur and learned at the Malta Radio Amateur League under Mr **Karmenu Fenech**, **9H1AQ**, from **H Attard**. He was licensed in September 1982 and his call sign was **9H1HB** (**Nine Hotel One Hotel Bravo**) and because he was always joking and happy they used to call him as **Nine Hotel One Happy Baby**. However, he was known for his seriousness although he used to joke a lot and had many friends.

Activities:- He used to have talks on the radio (Redifusion) such as “Sejha għall-morda” and others. He used to prepare the liturgy readings in Braille and reading it during mass.

His person:- He was well-built, his face radiant and always smiling. He could talk on anything with everyone. When he went out he used to use the white stick and used to go alone for walks so as to exercise at the same time.

Work:-

He used to attend at the Ċentru Hidma Soċjali in **Santa Venera** where he became a Braille teacher. He learned Braille from Miss Hedley from Floriana. He used to lecture his colleagues who had vision difficulties. He had also worked for some time with the Department of Education.

Friends:- He had many friends especially Fr. Martin Micallef who was the Spiritual Director for persons with disability, Karmnu Degabriele, and Twanny and Sina Vella.

Help:- Christine, their neighbour used to help them in cooking, clothes washing and cleaning of their house.

Girlfriend:- Mansweta from **Siggiewi**

Died:- He had chest pains and the doctors told him to go on diet so that they could operate and make a By-Pass. His chest pains increased and he was admitted to Ward M3 in St Lukes. However, he ended up in the ITU on the same day and died on the same evening on 16 April 2005. Most of the residents of **Hal-Ghaxaq** attended for his funeral and were sorry for him because he was a really special person.

Monument:- **Wenzu** is still in our hearts. He was a good example to his colleagues, to all **Hal-Ghaxaq** residents and to everyone who knew him. The monument with his bust in Santa Marija Square in **Hal-Ghaxaq** is going to serve so that the joy with which he used to greet everyone will remain with us forever.

The monument has a bronze plaque written in enlarged Braille so as to be appreciated by everyone and under it a marble plaque, both with the same words.

WENZU DALLI
16.09.54 – 16.04.05

Wiehed mill-ewwel pijonieri
fil-qasam tad-dizabilita`

The Wenzu Dalli Commission
Has the pleasure to invite

For the inauguration of the monument
in Santa Marija Square, Hal-Għaxaq in honour of
WENZU DALLI
on Thursday 25 September 2008
after mass at 6.00pm concelebrated by Archbishop Emeritus
Mons. Ġużeppi Mercieca
in the Parochial Church of Hal-Għaxaq
and for the reception afterwards
under the Distinct Patronage of
H. E. Dott. Edward Fenech Adami
President of Malta.

Those invited are requested to be in their place in the church not later than

Regrets only Mob.no.79592337

Monument in honour of
WENZU DALLI
16.09.54----16.04.05
One of the first pioneers
in the disability sector
The unveiling of the monument in Santa Marija Square,
Hal-Għaxaq is going to be held on **Thursday 25 September 2008**
After a mass concelebrated in the parochial church
of Hal-Għaxaq at 6.00pm
under the Distinct Patronage of
H.E. Dott. Edward Fenech Adami,
President of Malta
and will be blessed by Archbishop Emeritus
Mons. Ġużeppi Mercieca.

Take part in the set up of this monument
by giving a contribution for its expenses
to the Parish Priest Twanny Vella (tel.no.21800489)
or to John Gafa` (tel.no.21898678)
Commission Wenzu Dalli

News

Invitation by the Scouts

The Secretary has received an invitation by the Malta Scouts Association where we have again been invited to take part in the Jamboree from the Scouts Centre in **Floriana**.

This activity is going to be held to mark the 100 years of Scouts in Malta and is going to be held in the third weekend in October.

All those who wish to take part are requested to inform **9H1PS Arthur** on 9h1ps@maltanet.net or **9H1PI Ivan** on ivan.privitera@gmail.com

Special station from South Africa

The secretary has received an e-mail from DW Dreyer-Juselius, **ZS6DJJ**, zs6djd@gmail.com about two special stations that are going to be operating on 24 September in South Africa.

24 September is Heritage day where they remember their history and the Club station **ZS4SRK** is going to be operated from the old block.

At the same time, another special station **ZS08TV** is going to be operated from an old meat factory that today is the Club of the Vaal Triangle Amateur Radio Branch.

The two stations are going to operate on **20** and **40** metres and possibly also on 80 metres **SSB**, as well as on **CW**. They will probably also try **SSB** on **15** metres.

They wish to work as many stations from every corner of the earth, and therefore those interested to work these special stations should look for them.

Directive on Nicad batteries

All those who have some equipment that uses Nicad batteries are going to have to either use other batteries or see what they can do to continue to use it.

This is because on 26 September a European Union directive is going to come into effect that Nicad batteries can no longer be imported into the European Union.

Therefore those who want to continue to use these batteries should buy them because after 26 September no importation will be possible and when the present market stock is finished they will no longer be able find them.

I remind you that if you use different batteries make sure that you have the correct charging equipment for them because you will damage them apart from the possibility that they can explode.

Lawrence

9H1AV / 9H9MHR

136kHz

We are supposed to be allocated this frequency as from January 2009 or if possible a little time before that.

In fact, the Secretary had received a communication from Mr Adrian Galea from the Malta Communication Authority where he was informed that although the decision of the World Radio conference was that frequencies between **135.7 kHz** and **137.8 kHz** with **1W e.r.p.** were to be allocated to radio amateurs, Malta can only grant this allocation after the revision of the National Frequency Plan which is to be made this year.

This revision had to be ready this month and therefore if the plan is ready there should not be any difficulty to be granted this frequency before next year.

7MHz

We had also asked for the **7 MHz** allocation to be increased to **7.3 MHz**, but the answer was that according to the ITU regulations Malta is not in a position to grant this allocation to radio amateurs.

500kHz

It appears that we are still very far away as regards this frequency, even though other European countries apart from America have granted an allocation to their radio amateurs.

As regards this frequency we have received an e-mail from **Ulrich, DK4VW** so that if we have any information we will pass it on to him. He also gave us a list of stations and frequencies which we shall give you further down so that you can listen and see whether they have stopped operating.

Therefore, all those who listens on these frequencies should see whether there are any stations and pass on the information to Ulrich so that at the next World Radio Conference that is to be held in 2011 there will be as much information as possible to strengthen the call for a world-wide allocation to radio amateurs.

In fact, this Conference has before it point **1.23** on the agenda which states that,

"to consider an allocation of about 15 kHz in parts of the band 415 - 526.5 kHz to the amateur service on a secondary basis, taking into account the need to protect existing services".

The intention of radio amateurs is that the allocation will be near **500 kHz (600 metres)**.

Although there are some NDBs on these frequencies, these are expected to be removed in the near future.

We therefore encourage radio amateurs to see whether there are any stations on the mentioned frequencies, their call signs and any other detail so that they will be of help in the request for an allocation to radio amateurs on this frequency.

These are stations that are listed in the NDBs stations list, but probably are no longer active or are going to be switched off in the near future. Therefore it is important to see whether these frequencies are still used and if so by whom.

As you can see these are all countries in Eastern Europe or who were under the Soviet Union, such as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakstan, Poland, Romania, Russja, Turkey, Hungery, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, etc

NDB

QRG

Country call

490 kHz NAVTEX Channel!

D DVI
BUL WAK
HUN TO
ARM SVN
RUS FI
UKR KO
UZB SW

491 kHz

492 kHz
CZE TBV

493 kHz
HNG P
HNG C
RUS KR

494 kHz

495 kHz
YUG PA

496 kHz

497 kHz

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502 kHz

503 kHz

504 kHz

505 kHz

DNK
TJK SX
UKR S
UKR X

506 kHz

507 kHz

508 kHz

SVK Z
UZB N

509 kHz

UKR N
UKR I
UKR K

510 kHz

BEL ST
RUS CE
KAZ QK
POL NB
HNG DU

511 kHz

POL EG
RUS OL

512 kHz

TUR ETH

513 kHz

BUL GLB

514 kHz

EST GO

514.5 kHz

CZE LA

515 kHz

AZE BU
HNG CR
RUS TQ

516 kHz
RUS OD

517 kHz
CZE PS
ROU ARD
HNG JBR

518 kHz NAVTEX Channel!
UKR TM

519 kHz

520 kHz
BUL GTS
POL NW
HNG BS
GEO DF
ROU B
RUS ON
RUS O
UZB MZB

521 kHz
BEL BCA
ROU BSW
RUS N
RUS M

522 kHz
DNK MBY
HNG P
RUS KM

523 kHz
HNG KK
RUS BK

524 kHz
BLR UU
RUS MR

525 kHz
POL M
GEO DA
UKR E
UKR S
UKR CH
RUS ZL
RUS LR

526 kHz
BUL O
BUL WR
DNK
RUS K
RUS FV

As one can see, apart from other frequencies, on the frequencies between **496 kHz – 504 kHz** there are no stations from any country that are listed as using these frequencies. This is apart from the stations on the mentioned frequencies that are expected to be removed.

Therefore it is very important for anyone who can listen on these frequencies so that we can confirm with **Ulrich** so that when the proposal that is before the World Radio Conference that is going to be held in 2011 is presented before the delegates of the member countries, there will be proof that these frequencies are not being used and therefore it will be easier to be granted an allocation on this frequency.

I remind you that even if you don't have any intention to work on these frequencies it is good to help those who are interested by seeing whether you can hear something yourself and report it to **Ulrich** and also to us so that we can also make our representations with the authorities, Thanks to Ivan for this information.

Lawrence
9H1AV / 9H9MHR

Activities

Activity for radio amateurs

Be attentive and become members in the yahoo group to be fully informed with the latest activities that we intend to hold.

We are doing all we can to bring you useful information for you in this magazine. Therefore you should also take part and send some information or leave it in my QSL box.

In September we are going to issue the first copy of the magazines that MARL used to issue in previous years so that whoever wants to can keep a copy and see what happened during the years.

I remind you that every alternate Thursday, that is, Thursday yes Thursday no, an eating activity is held at the Club where whoever is present and is not on diet may eat against a nominal payment. For more details speak to Joe, 9H1AJ.

I remind you about the BBQ that is going to be held on Saturday, 20 September about which more details can be found in the following page of this magazine.

Lawrence
9H1AV/9H9MHR

End of Summer Bar-B-Q

Date Saturday 20 September

Time 19.30

Price : Adults: €10

Children under: 12 Free

Serving: Chicken, Steak, Pork Chops

Selection of 7 salads

Free glass of wine

Dessert: Fruit Salad

Those on a special diet contact 9H1AJ

Booking Deadline Thursday 18 September

Name & Callsign

Number of People

Number of children under 12

Please find payment of enclosed

Please make cheques payable to Malta Amateur Radio League