



Directors' Newsletter

From the Secretary

October 1, 1989

Autumn Ramblings

by John Beukers

I know that at least a couple of you visited the Old Country this summer and will agree with me that the weather was out of this world! England had the warmest, sunniest summer on record. If anyone has the opportunity to visit the Cotswolds (Shakespeare's and Royalty country - just north of Oxford) don't pass it up. The villages tucked in the folds of the rolling "wolds" have changed little since they were settled half a century ago.

We wish you a speedy recovery Joanne Culbertson, our thoughts are with you, and we will certainly miss you at this year's Convention.

Our thoughts, also, are with those that were devastated by Hugo and our congratulations to that contingent of the Coast Guard that found themselves on combat duty in the Virgin Islands. While the Northeast was spared Hugo's wrath, we have to say the weather is nothing less than bizarre these days. The last front that went through dropped the temperature 30 degrees in 2 hours!!

Coordination of the Convention arrangements with the Secretary's office is underway and is greatly appreciated. This is an important step forward for the Association because it will improve continuity to next year. It also is yielding benefits in publicity. Thanks Ed and Mike and your committee!

By now you will have received Bob Lilley's Fall Goose Gazette - great issue Bob! Directors should know that Bob sends a package of 100 copies of the newsletter to this office to be retained for people requesting back issues. This is a great help since it saves the time required to photocopy materials.

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Communication from the President

By John Illgen

1. Discussed wavering of the DoD posture regarding the need for Loran-C in Europe after 1994. Ed McGann provided an input on this issue on September 7, 1989. A letter from the WGA went to Admiral Nelson (USCG) on this issue signed by me. I am coordinating this letter response within DoD. Have discussed thoroughly with Ed McGann.

2. Sent letter to Mike Moroney and Ed McGann requesting that Jim Atkinson (James H. Atkinson, Sr.) from the office of the Secretary of Defense be invited to the WGA Symposium (Cape Cod) and have him participate on the panel. Jim believes in a "Mix of Navigation Systems" that includes Loran-C for DoD applications.

3. I assigned Walt Dean as Chairman of the Committee to respond to the NW Europe/UK Consulting Document entitled, "The Future of Marine Navigation in the United Kingdom Waters." I have sent two letters to the UK, attention Mr. R.A. Hill. The future of Loran-C expansion in Europe may be in jeopardy due to the posture taken by the old Decca company (now Racal). Walt will be coordinating the response to the UK document with the WGA "Executive Committee". My office has also spoken long distance to the UK and coordinated the response and schedule. The UK is apparently running behind schedule and found my letter satisfactory; however, I have asked Walt to expedite the response and have a review by the WGA Executive Committee ASAP due to the importance and long-lasting impact this issue will have on Loran-C. Letters sent to date will be mailed to Board Members before we meet at Cape Cod.

4. I have received final financial summary report/balance sheets from Bob Bronson. Check was forwarded to Andren by Bronson.

5. Please forward your Committee/Director reports no later than 5 October 1989.

If you haven't already done so, please express mail your reports to the President

I have only received one so far. These reports are crucial since they provide each of us the opportunity to review committee progress and think about important issues prior to the board meeting (and it reduces the length of Board Meetings). Please fax or express mail your reports to me. Thanks.

6. For the General Assembly (Cape Cod) the following Agenda has been prepared.

1. International/Congressional, Ed McGann 10 minutes
2. Response to John Beukers' Questionnaire, John Beukers 10 minutes
3. Civil Radionavigation Status, Dave Scull 10 minutes
4. WGA Financial Status (balance sheet viewgraph), Carl Andren 3-5 minutes
5. Progress to Date, John Illgen, 10 minutes
6. The Future and Introduction to Jim Culbertson's talk later in the day, Jim Culbertson
7. Meeting adjourned and turned over to Mike Moroney and Ed McGann, John Illgen

Last Blitz given to Convention Publicity.

We are just three and a bit weeks away from the Annual Convention. At this time the Publicity Committee and the Convention Publicity Chairman, Dan Callanan have provided material for the News Media. Previous releases were directed to periodicals and magazines that have a lead time of two or three months, the releases that will be going out in the first and second weeks of October are being sent to Newspapers, Weekly News Magazines, and Radio and TV stations. We expect to have representatives of the press at the Convention and it is anticipated that the some of the more important technical and political issues will be written up.

Be on your toes to answer questions from the press about our theme "Loran - Boldly into the 90's"!

Volunteers Needed for Clipping Service

WGA press and news releases are now being mailed world wide to a broad range of periodicals and news media. From the phone calls and letters that have been received, we know that some of this publicity is being carried but where and how much is unknown.

If you see an item of WGA publicity - please cut it out and send to the Secretary

To calibrate the publicity effort, it would be helpful if directors would clip any reference to the WGA they come upon and mail it to the Secretary along with details of the publication (date, issue, title and a copy of the masthead containing editor, publisher etc.) This will help us to determine how best to spread our publicity budget.

Osborne Finds a Needy Home.

By Leo Fehlner

For some six months Leo Fehlner has been trying to find a home for the WGA's outgrown and obsolete Osborne computer. Happily one has been found, thereby avoiding dumping a still working and usable piece of equipment.

Leo writes: "Directors will be interested to learn that a former employee of Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory and a friend of mine, has, as one of his vocations, the welfare of the people who live in the vicinity of his farm in western Maryland. In the local schools the children learn about computers but have a very limited opportunity for hands-on experience."

"Last week I gave the Osborne computer and all the manuals, software and cable to Lowell McClung. In cooperation with a church group in the area, he will determine how the computer will be used to provide the needed hands-on experience, and he will advise us as to its disposition."

Thanks, Leo, we are glad this worked out so well.

Constitution Booklet Now Available

The March 31, 1989 revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, as approved by the Convention Committee, has been typeset and put into booklet form. This is being produced in-house and available in limited quantities. If warranted it can be printed; however, since this tends to be a dynamic document, we may be better off just supplying the demand, avoid the printing expense and prevent holding inventory of an obsolete document.

A copy of the booklet is enclosed with this Newsletter for your retention. A copy will be included in each new member package.

If you spot any typographical errors, please let the Secretary know. If there are any discrepancies with the text, they should be noted and forwarded to the Constitution Committee Chairman, Vern Johnson, for his committee's attention. Lastly if you need additional copies, please advise the Secretary.

Membership Chairman to Approve Membership Package.

A revised package for sending new members and for renewal of dues has been designed and created. This will be available for review at the next board meeting. Comments from the Board and approval from the Membership Chairman will be sought.

The package for new members includes:

- (a) A letter of welcome.
- (b) A tractor fed computer generated membership card and return card for address verification.
- (c) A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- (d) A Certificate of Membership - amended in accordance with the Membership Committee's recommendation.
- (e) A request for information about the new member and his involvement in Loran.
- (f) The last issue of the Goose Gazette
- (g) Plus any topical information such as Call for Papers or Convention notices.

The dues renewal has also been addressed. The form to be sent out will again be computer generated using perforated stock that contains a receipt for the recipient's retention and a card showing details of the dues assessment.

In designing these items we have been fortunate to obtain the assistance of the American Association of Individual Investors who put us in touch with their printers in Chicago and who shared some of their experience with us.

We think you will appreciate the new approach.

Wild Goose Association

The recently obtained Engraver's Old English fonts make it possible to create all of the WGA certificates "in-house".

Membership Losses Mask Gains

In accordance with the By-Laws, Article VII, Section 2, those members that were delinquent with their dues payment as of September 1st, have been removed from the list of current members. There were 105 such members. This high number has masked the gain in new members which have more than made up for the losses. The high turnover should be of concern to the Membership Committee and Board.

Membership statistics as of the end of September are shown in the table. Of note are the number of prospects now on the mailing list. The Convention mailing was sent to these individuals with the thought that one or two may decide to come to the Convention or may find sufficient interest in the agenda to become a member.

Membership

Here are the membership statistics as of September 26 for paid up members for 1989 or beyond

	May 26	July 26	Sept. 26
Individual	320	346	372
Corporate1	5	5	5
Corporate2	11	12	12
Associate	5	5	5
Sponsored	93	93	102
Life	24	24	24
Honorary	9	10	10
Prospects	N/A	421	596
Complimentary	41	41	41

The total paid up membership, including Life and Honorary members, currently stands at 533 with 596 prospects listed. There were 24 new members for August/September. Delinquent members removed from the current listing totaled 105.

Business Card Competition Heats Up

For some time Jim Culbertson has been requesting alternative quotes for business cards. As previously announced by Bob Lilley, he can get 250 printed for \$35 (the same price as for 500) with a \$25 set up charge. Our local printer will charge \$39 for 250 in two color with no set up charge and a turn around time of one week. It appears that we have a couple of calibration points that are quite close, so we should be able to proceed with new orders as required.

Board meeting action item!

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In this regard the Secretary has to apologize for the delay in getting out requests for copies of papers - the office is backlogged with work at present.

The Manufacturers' card program continues to thrive and produces 20 or so prospects each week and a steady stream of new members. Comments regarding membership are printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

That's enough for this column. It's too late to remind you to register early for the Convention, but we look forward to seeing you all there.

Beukers' Paper Documents WGA Expansion Initiative

In a paper to be presented at the forthcoming WGA convention, John Beukers has laid out many of the WGA's internal financial and administrative issues to be resolved as the WGA enters the 90's. Since the paper calls upon the membership to express its opinion on various matters by means of a questionnaire, the results of which will be discussed at the General Assembly, the Directors should be appraised of the content of the paper. A preprint of the paper is being sent along with this newsletter for information purposes. It is recommended that the Board be prepared by having an opinion on the various alternatives suggested for the future of the Association.

Board Meetings

Times and Places

Two Board meetings are scheduled to be held during the Convention at Hyannis. The first of these will take place at 10.00 am on Sunday 29 October, at the Tara Hotel. The second, presided over by the new President, Jim Culbertson, will be held on November 1 at 7.00 am. Please

*Next Board Meeting
10.00 am Sunday Oct. 29*

note these dates and times. Information relating to room location will be available at the front desk, and on the WGA bulletinboard. An announcement will be made during the meeting for the location of the second meeting.

Please note that the minutes of the last Board meeting having been distributed to Board members, will be adopted without reading (with any changes brought up at the meeting). Should you have mislaid your copy or need an additional, please request of the Secretary. Some additional copies of the minutes will be brought to the board meeting.

Administration of the WGA

The Bibliography Database

This is the third in the series of database descriptions. The first, presented in the June Newsletter, covered the Membership. The July newsletter gave details of the Media database now in use. Although the Bibliography is not strictly administrative, it is now a product that can be offered to the membership as either an on-line service or as a look up document. The Technical Proceedings covered in the Bibliography will be published as a separate document and will appear in the next Journal.

Two output formats are being used, one provides a Technical paper listing by Convention in the order that the papers were presented. The second output consists of an alphabetical listing of authors. In this case, titles are duplicated for each author listed in the paper. In this way ALL authors are represented in the listing.

Members wishing to obtain a list of papers for a given descriptor - call 516-862-7500

The database has provision for up to six authors, the maximum number in any paper thus far presented at a WGA technical symposium. Full query capability is available, but no abstracts have been added.

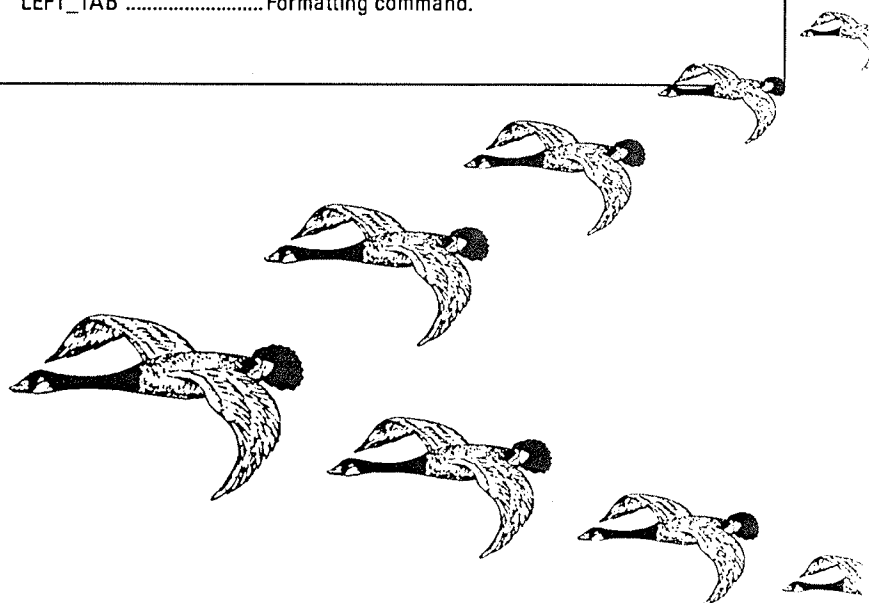
Members wishing to obtain a list of papers for a one word or connective word descriptor can do so by calling 516-862-7500. Hard copy of the resulting search of 680 (not all WGA Technical Symposia) Ioran related titles will be put in the mail.

A charge for the search should be made to non-members but free to members. It is suggested that a charge of \$5.00 for each topic searched should be made. The opinion of the Directors on this matter is solicited.

It is planned to add titles to the database as each convention and technical symposium takes place. In addition, other Ioran information will be added as this becomes available.

Structure of the WGA Bibliography Database

REF Bibliography reference.
SOURCE_REF Reference number of source.
SOURCE Source of listing
.AUT1_LAST First author's last name.
AUT1_INIT First author's middle initial.
AUT1_FIRST First author's first name.
AUT2_LAST Second author.
AUT2_INIT
AUT2_FIRST
AUT3_LAST Third author.
AUT3_INIT
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AUT4_LAST Fourth author.
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AUT4_FIRST
AUT5_LAST Fifth author.
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AUT6_LAST Sixth author.
AUT6_INIT
AUT6_FIRST
AFFIL_AUT1 Affiliation of first author.
AFFIL_AUT2 Affiliation of second author.
AFFIL_AUT3 Affiliation of third author.
AFFIL_AUT4 Affiliation of fourth author.
AFFIL_AUT5 Affiliation of fifth author.
AFFIL_AUT6 Affiliation of sixth author.
TITLE Title of paper.
PUBLICATN Publication where reference appears.
VOLUME Volume number of publication.
PAGES Page numbers of reference in volume.
PAGE_COUNT Number of pages of reference.
DATE Date of reference.
AVAILABLE Indicates the availability of the reference.
STATUS Indicates whether the reference is in print.
BLANK_FLD Formatting field.
COMMA Formatting character.
LEFT_TAB Formatting command.



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