

Citizen-band radio craze fills up the air waves

By CARL STODDARD

About four months ago, Mitchell Goldstein adopted the name For Trot and plied himself into the blustery, booming world of citizen band radio.

As he talked and listened to the voices on the airwaves, Goldstein became tuned into the value and problems of the CB radio. So he joined the World Wide Citizens' Radio Association, a Southfield-based group that advocates the responsible use of the radios.

"It's just getting crowded all over," Goldstein said during an interview earlier this week.

"The channels are so crowded you don't hear a break. People are competing for a break."

Now is that the only problem. Many CB broadcasters are using ob-

scene language, which is strictly forbidden by the Federal Communications Commission, he said.

OTHER CB OPERATORS become "power happy," boosting the output of their radios above the legal maximum of four watts.

"By buying a linear amplifier, you can get any watts you want. You can literally be your own radio station. It washes out people on other channels and people on the same channel miles away," Goldstein said.

"I know of people who are running as much as 2,000 watts of power. And when they talk, it washes people out on all 22 channels."

The average CB radio broadcasts about 40 miles (mobile units usually have a range of about 15 miles), while a supercharged CB radio "could cover half the state," he said.

Overpowered and overpowering CB broadcasts are illegal, Goldstein said, but the FCC does not have enough staff members to police the offenders.

Putting out more than four watts is subject to a \$10,000 fine, confiscation of all broadcast equipment and a possible jail sentence, if caught, Goldstein said.

Strictly speaking, CBers are not supposed to interrupt other conversations, but Goldstein contends that's the only way to get on the air.

"THE FCC REQUIREMENTS that you wait for a break and then jump into the air. But people have to interrupt in order to use the radio at all, so we do it illegally."

Other CB listeners play music over the air, which, notes Goldstein, can cause inconveniences, could create potentially serious problems, Goldstein said. During an emergency, radio may be the only means of reaching someone. CB radio can be used to contact people traveling on the road or staying in an isolated location.

"The basic purpose of the CB is for short-range communication for a social or business purpose. It should not be used for idle chitchat. It's not a play telephone," he said.

"It's got to be one of the most useful things when you're on a trip. Help will always be nearby as long as I have my radio."

Because the CB is often used during an emergency, three channels have been set aside for limited use. Channel 9 is to be used only during emergencies and for motorists' assistance messages.

Channel 11 is used as a calling channel, intended to be used for marking a location and then switching to another channel. Channel 19 is reserved for trucks.

To become a CB operator, a person must request a license from the FCC. The only requirement for a license, Goldstein said, is that you read the rules and regulations before operating the radio. A license cost \$4 and is valid for five years.

CITIZEN BAND RADIOS cost somewhat more. Inexpensive models can sell for \$100. More sophisticated units top \$1,000.

In addition to a radio, CBers often use a nickname for on-the-air identification. Members of WWCRAs have adopted nicknames such as "Bearfoot," Beggar, Canadian Beaver, Free Style, Mr. C., Superskirt and Blowtorch.

The club, formed last September, gathers to exchange ideas, socialize and work toward the betterment of the CB system.

Club members gather informally at

9 p.m. Fridays in the Landmark Restaurant at Lincoln and Greenfield roads in Oak Park. The regular club meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the third floor of every month at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 3000 Evergreen Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 14.

Club officers are Harry French, president; Brad Wright, vice-president, and Dora Sovre, secretary. They are all Southfield residents.

Goldstein suggested that persons interested in joining the club write to WWCRAs, 19000 Jeannette, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF
CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the Special Election to be held in Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, on Monday, January 12, 1976, the following proposition will be submitted to vote of the qualified electors of said School District:

PROPOSITION FOR REVENUE AND CONTINUATION OF OPERATING MILLAGE INCREASE

As a renewal and continuation of certain operating millage increases heretofore approved by the electorate, which increases expired with the 1975 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied against all taxable real and tangible personal property in Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be increased provided by Section 8, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, by \$1.00 per one thousand dollars of the assessed valuation, as finally equalized, of all such property in said School District for a period of ten (10) years, from 1976 to 1986, both inclusive, to be used only for the purpose of paying general operating expenses of said School District?

Each person voting on the foregoing proposition must be a citizen of the United States above the age of eighteen (18) years and a registered voter of the School District.

The polls of election will be open from 7:00 A.M. in the morning until 8:00 P.M. in the evening. Local Time.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the voting places for said election will be as follows:

Precinct 1: Clarenceville Junior High School
2010 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 2: Clarenceville Senior High School
2035 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, Michigan

Only registered voters are eligible to vote.

STATEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY VOTED MILLAGE INCREASE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 300 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1967, AS AMENDED

OAKLAND COUNTY
1 C Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of December 31, 1975, the total of all voted increases in excess of the constitutional fifteen-mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES			
Portions lying in Redford Township and City of Livonia Wayne County, Michigan			
Local Unit	Date of Establishment	Initial Millage	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	Aug. 8, 1972	1 mill	1973 to 1974 incl.
Township of Redford	Nov. 2, 1968	1.5 mills	1973 to 1980 incl.
	Aug. 7, 1973	3 mills	1973 to 1980 incl.
Northwest Wayne County Community College	June 11, 1962	1 mill	1973 to 1981 incl.
Oakland County Inter- mediate School District	June 14, 1966	3 mill	1973, indefinitely
Clarenceville School District of Oakland	Oct. 3, 1966	7 mills	1973, 1976
and Wayne Counties	Oct. 20, 1969	4 mills	1973
	Jan. 30, 1970	9 mills	1973 to 1980 incl.

Signed: /s/ Louis H. Park
Louis H. Park
Wayne County Treasurer

1. Louis H. Park, County Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of November 12, 1975, the total of all voted increases in excess of the constitutional fifteen-mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit

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