

Radio Bureau,
4715 W. Vliet St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.
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Jay Bryant, Chairman,
Operating Procedure Committee,
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Jay:

Think the suggestion of the KGPE boys for putting two z sigs in the Bulletin every month is a very good one. One we use here is ZBO, and some of the gang dont get it. We use it when a guy starts out " Say, OM etc.", and , in order to stop him chewing the rag and getting us into trouble too, we ask him ZBO meaning " Do you wish to file service ~~message~~ message "

We have been cited twice now for rag chewing on CW, and some of our boys know whats going to happen next time, so they are becoming careful.

Another thing we need badly is a standard list of words for alphabet letters. Some states use names of cities in their state. The result is, that when a guy with a deep south or eastern yankeedialect shoots that stuff at us mid western boys, it just dont mean a thing. The State System Standards committee ought to supply one for phone work, and your committee one for CW work. However, it would be a boon to all of us if the same list would work for both. However, it would need very careful study, as, for instance Sugar is OK for CW, but Sam would be NG, as some of these jitterbugs would make Ham out of it every time. As for FPC letters, the proper fingerprint word should be used every time. (We got some swell razzing from the B of I for sending up stuff with Union and Robert in it when it should have been Ulnar and Radial). The very fact that there are so many words for the same letter indicates that standardization is needed, and that existing lists are not considered suitable by all.

Re my squib in March Bull abt call and work freqs on 8 mc band. I did not impress enough the fact that a channel carrying traffic is very difficult to monitor effectively. If the channel carries call-ups only, full attention can be paid to the first call every time, but if the channel is carrying traffic, full attention cannot be paid to it.

Am going to try and see that the Wis. map is in for April Bull.