

HAM RADIO OPERATOR PHONE CALL TO ZOB OMIC
Sunday April 17, 2011 0602-0612Z 0102-0112 Local

TRANSCRIPT

GLR hi this is jim the duty officer at the great lakes

CLE uh huh

GLR hey what do you guys do with uh reports of frequency interference cuz I got a guy on another line that's complaining about it again

CLE yeah

GLR uh no do you wanna talk to him ere r er what

CLE sure

GLR or what do you guys do with the (unintelligible)

CLE yeah put him on

GLR pardon

CLE put him on

GLR okay hold on a second then

GLR hey eastern

East yeah

GLR yeah patch the guy through I have Cleveland center on the line

East alright sir I got you on with uh great lakes

MS ok

East ok

MS thank you have a good night

East thank you

GLR ok I've got you with Cleveland center you can go ahead and talk to them directly

MS ok uh Cleveland

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CLE yes

MS uh this is mike last name sakmar my call sign for amateur radio is uh nancy three Sierra sierra delta. I was just wondering uh uh your aircraft frequency's uh in the Background and I happened to hear that there was uh some audio coming in and Blocking the channel in the radio

CLE uh huh

MS I thought I was getting bulk wind interference I didn't bother ta make mind of it and it was uh on there for about a minute and I thought well I'm gonna go over To my uh better receiver and then I noticed the the audio that was locking up The fequencies were happening on another radio and what I heard was audio From like an old time movie

CLE huh

MS and that uh this is uh hearing frequencies coming from your remote ground Transmitter at from blue knob and I noticed it lasted a minute to two minutes

CLE uh huh

MS and the frequencies I I heard this on were uh all simulataneously the same type audio it was 121.2 124.4 and UHF 327.1 I forgot what the uh other uh frequency is on the military

CLE ok

MS while I'm blue knob was transmitting everything that I've heard any aircraft that were on frequency and were handed over and just switched a frequency they Couldn't contact Cleveland

CLE huh

MS because they're transmitting

CLE okay

MS and uh one aircraft in particular went onto uh two four three with zero on guard UHF he had to contact Washington center said he couldn't contact Cleveland center through the alternate frequency that they had listed for Cleveland because He couldn't get through

CLE ok

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MS after about a minute and a half to two minutes uh the audio cut off from all the frequencies all at the same time uh that audio that was transmitted and uh when aircraft were contacting Cleveland (unintelligible) that's what happened in their experience uh Cleveland indicated well that audio didn't come from there and distinctly hear the background the audio it sounds completely different when a Controller talks as compared to the sound like this was somebody in an empty room like there was no other controller no other background noise or whatever that you would normally hear when a controller talks so they had no idea as to what it was and the only thing I'm thinking it's not just one specific frequency but at least four frequencies that I noticed it could have been more so I don't know if there's any type of uh switching problem with the telephone company or however you get your audio from Cleveland to the remote ground transmitters

CLE uh huh

MS at blue knob maybe something got switched or whatever but like I says when it first when the onset happened I know my scanner's picking up this audio I just thought I was getting some kind of bleedin from something in uh in my local town here and uh after it was a minute I was kinda wondering what the heck's bleeding in now that's why I went to the second radio

MS A Radio and it has a big display on it and so and so forth and that's where I noticed oh cripes sake you know cleveland center blue knob is transmitting this audio

CLE Huh

MS Scanned it and it came to another frequency it locked onto another frequency but there was four two uhf two vhf but anyhow I just wanted to make mention of that the reason why you're getting a call now is I called our local control center nine one one just to indicate I heard this and it's a good thing it happened at one thirty five in the morning uh compared to three oclock in the afternoon unintelligible you know what I mean

CLE Yeah

MS Anyhow I just thought that you know if the controllers would make a report one controller could say this one frequency this guy said this I don't know what happened nothing was transmitted here it's just you know maybe something you guys want to follow up here's a little bit more information so

CLE Okay

MS Okay

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CLE Alright Appreciate it

MS I'll give you my name again and telephone number if there is any further information you need or what I observed uh or you find out that oh its some kind of they were working on a switching problem from the telephone company something must a got crossed electronically switched or something like that.

Okay

MS But anyhow, again, first name's I and anybody that Has any information regarding amateur radio they can use my call sign and that's nancy three sierra sierra delta

CLE Uh huh

MS and that would give you my name location (unintelligible) license uh if there's a supervisor as far as communication er uh radio communication I can give em the description the type radio the antenna systems and stuff like that but uh the signal was simultaneous on the four frequencies I notices same signals

CLE right

MS as what was normal radio transmitter radio traffic would be so it's not like somebody had some radio

a block away from me and they start transmitting

right

my needles going to fifty pounds or something you know pegging or something you know (unintelligible) but uh it was very unusual and I'm just thinking well uh I don't think that's good and as far as a traffic controller to an airplane may think oh was just that one frequency but actually was four that I noticed.

Okay

What Whats your number there

Area code eight one four

uhuh

two four two

uhuh

my name my name is Duane

(Recording skipped)

(unintelligible)

(Recording Skipped)

Yeah and uh anyhow I'm in Johnstown PA and Johnstown uh although in the valley here I have outdoor antennas to the blue knob transmitter probably line of site like 15 miles

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it's not like it was a weak signal to me or anything like that but anyhow it's just one of those uh I think it was not normal and it was more than just one frequency so

Was it was it the other one (Recording Skipped)

It could have been I don't recall seeing exactly what the fourth frequency u h f is but I know when they simulcast it they one two one point two (unintelligible) and also for military three two seven point one it's one two four point four is paired with two ninety nine point two then that's what it would have been.

Alright

I can't say for sure but it's the duplicate of frequency vhf

That's what I'm thinking it is because you got Recording Skipped

(unintelligible)

Okay then one two one point two is probably linked with two ninety nine point two

That's correct

(unintelligible)

They were on all four (unintelligible)

Okay

About a minute and a half two minutes okay

Thank you very much Mike.

You're welcome good night

Goodnight

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