

# SQUELCH TALES

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## REPEATERS

145.470 Mhz out ( - 0.6 Mhz)  
147.060 Mhz out ( + 0.6 Mhz)  
444.475 Mhz out ( + 5.0 Mhz)

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## NORTH FULTON AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE REPEATER GUIDE 145.47 - 147.06

### OPEN COMMANDS

\*1 ECHO MODE\*  
\*2 DEVIATION TEST\*  
\*3 DTMF TEST  
\*4 TIME  
\*5 SINAD TEST  
\*6 FREQUENCY TEST  
\*7 DISPLAY MAIL  
\*8 SEND COMMAND OUT LINK  
\*9 PLAY ANNOUNCEMENT

### USER COMMANDS

~\*0\*N EMERGENCY PATCH  
~\*1\*N USER PATCH  
~\*2 PATCH REDIAL  
~\*7 MAILBOX  
~\*8 OPEN MAIL  
~\*10 CHANGE PASSWORD  
~\*12 RECORD USER NAME  
~\*15 USER PROFILE  
~\*20 SPEEDIAL MAINT  
~\*25 USER HANGUP CODE  
~\*30 CTCSS COMMAND

~ - USER\* + PASSWORD

N - NUMBER TO DIAL

\* - VOICE INPUT

\* - CANCELS FUNCTION

- From the President's Corner -

Well, it's time again for another chat. I hope everyone had a good two months, and is ready for Spring. I certainly am. This is undoubtedly the prettiest city in the world in the Spring. I only wish the pine trees didn't put out so much green pollen. If you're new to the area, you'll find out what I'm talking about.

As you probably noticed, you did not get a newsletter in March. There is a very good reason for this. At the February meeting, one of the items voted on, and approved by the attending membership, was to send out the newsletter every other month. Since we have a limited volunteer staff working on the newsletter, more specifically one person, and it was hard to fill a monthly newsletter with really "good" stuff, the attending members thought that going to a bi-monthly newsletter would be a better idea. I agree. And, so does our vice-president, KD4APK, Dave Fellows, who single-handedly puts the newsletter together. Look for newsletters in even months of the year (i.e. February, April, June, etc.) and postcard reminders for monthly club meetings during odd months of the year (i.e. January, March, etc.). This should work out well since the club's two biggest, sponsored events are Field Day in June, and the Christmas party. Both, conveniently, in even months of the year.

Another change voted on is the change to the financial year for the club. The old financial year, which ran from January 1 thru December 31, placed a burden on members to renew during a financially tough time of the year. The new financial year that was voted on and approved will run from July 1 thru June 30.

Questions arose during the February meeting on how the club would make the transition from the old year to the new year. At that meeting, I promised to have an answer for the club as soon as possible. The transition was briefly discussed during the March meeting. But, in case you missed it, here is how it will work:

For everyone who paid one year's dues at the end of 1992, or the beginning of 1993, those dues went to pay for the last half of the current, new, financial year that runs from January 1, 1993, thru June 30, 1993. These dues also paid for the first half of the next financial year which runs from July 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993. This means that this December the club will come back to the membership one last time during December asking for dues. However, we will only be asking for one-half year dues to cover January 1, 1994 thru June 30, 1994. So if your annual dues are \$30, we'll ask for \$15. Then in June, 1994, we'll ask for a full year's dues to cover the 1994-1995 financial year.

I know, it sounds complex, but it isn't. It's the one way the officer's could figure out that would be fair to everyone, and not bring what one member called a financial "windfall" to the club.

One very important last dues item. In the past, all members of the club have been offered a "grace" period to pay their dues before their repeater privileges are suspended. It is the opinion of the officers that there be no more grace periods before privileges are suspended. There are two very good reasons why we are taking this action. First, it is extremely difficult for the officers to plan for club activities not knowing what the club's true cash flow is. Secondly, it isn't fair to those members who pay on time. Beginning with the December, 1993, half-year, dues request, those accounts that are unpaid on January 1 will have their repeater privileges turned off. If dues are not paid within 30 days, the user's ID number will be made available for re-assignment to new club members. To avoid this, all a club member has to do is to contact any officer of the club, and make arrangements to pay their dues by a mutually agreeable later date. If financial conditions for the club member are strained, the club can work with that member to pay the dues in an installment fashion, or, under severe conditions, the club can waive the member's dues for that next year entirely. The club does NOT want to turn out any member. All we ask is that you give the club the opportunity to work with you and to help, if help is needed.

Another item voted on during the February meeting is that the NFARL will assist the Atlanta Radio Club in two areas of the ARC's 1993 Atlanta Hanfestival. One area is in ticket sales. The other area is termed "alternate activities". The NFARL will be working with the Atlanta Radio Club to sell tickets to other ham clubs in the Atlanta area. The ARC will be selling hanfest tickets to the NFARL, who in turn will be selling tickets, either individually or in bulk at a price that allows our club to make a small profit to be used for club activities. The NFARL will also coordinate all "alternate activities" at the Atlanta Hanfest this year. Alternate activities include bingo, baby-sitting, etc. My wife, Michelle, WA4HSP, who was alternate activities chairman for the Atlanta Hanfest 10 years ago, will again coordinate this opportunity for our club.

The club membership also gave approval for the establishment of a "Caring Committee". The function of the Caring Committee will be to coordinate club activity for our members who have some type of catastrophic event occur in their lives to help them, or their families, cope with these situations. The committee may arrange for a meal or two, or transportation for the children, etc. Basically, the committee's purpose will be to provide help, when help is needed. If you know of someone who needs our assistance, please contact one of the club officers, and we will pass along the information. We need volunteers for this committee. It is not time consuming, and will probably only require an occasional effort on your part. But, it will provide another club member with a helping hand when they need it most.

The April meeting should be a good one. Vern Fowler, W8BLA, will be in to speak to the club about HF and DX'ing. Vern is a long time Amateur and member of the Southeastern DX Club.

The May meeting is the auction. In case you weren't at the first auction last year, we had a great time. We have a professional auctioneer who comes in to help the club, and we auction off a variety of electronic goodies. Most of the "finds" last year were entire QRP stations and crystal controlled two-meter radios. This year we have opened the auction up to other Amateurs around the area. If you're interested in selling or buying something, this is the meeting for you.

The rules for the auction are fairly straight-forward: First, there generally is no minimum bid, but if you want one, your minimum bid can be accommodated, but be realistic. Next, 10% of the selling price goes to the NFARL. This money goes into the hardware and activities budget to help maintain the repeaters, and fund Field Day and other club events. Next, all sales are between the seller and buyer. The NFARL does not act, in any way, as a selling agent and is not responsible for the condition of any item that you buy. When you buy something, you will pay the auctioneer's assistant who will collect all moneys. During the auction, the auctioneer is in complete control of the proceedings. We listen to him, and if he wants something done a certain way, it will be done that way, especially in how items are sold. If you bring something to the auction, please be ready to part with it. Anything with any value to anyone last year sold. Items that are not sold will be returned to their owners for them to take home, unless the item is in a condition where it can be readily donated and used by the club. We don't have the funds to fix equipment. Please bring Amateur radio, or computer related equipment. Some children's games were brought in last year, and sold, but most items were Amateur or computer related. Please remember that the NFARL is conducting this auction not to help anyone make money commercially, but rather to provide an entertaining evening to its members and other Amateurs in the area. If you have any questions about the auction, please contact any of the club officers and we will do our best to answer your questions.

The schedule for the auction will be: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM dinner (if you would like to join us). At 7:30 PM, a short business meeting will be held. 7:45 PM is when the auction will start. All auctioned items must be brought to the community room at the Cherokee Cattle Company (the room we normally hold our meetings in) for registration and tagging. All items to be auctioned will be displayed on tables in the community room for people to examine prior to the auction. If you want to have dinner in the community room, you must arrive for dinner before 6:15 PM. After 6:15, all arriving members and guests will be seated in the main dining area. At 7:00 PM sharp, all tables will be removed from the community room, and the room filled with chairs. Last year, the room was overly crowded due, in large part, to the dinner tables. This year we want to make the environment much more comfortable. We have made arrangements with the management of the Cherokee Cattle Company to open the fire door in the community room to help with bringing in, and the removal of, auctioned items.

On a different note.... after we had a good idea of how many members we had on February 28, I sent in the documentation requesting "active" affiliated club status for the NFARL. Once processed, this will mean that for every ARRL renewal membership handled by the club, the NFARL will get \$2. For every new ARRL membership that the club handles, the club will get \$5. This is a great way for us to get badly needed funds for our repeaters and activities. At last count, the club had around 150+ members, and we are still growing. A number of new members are also new Amateurs.

As you know, on Saturday, March 13, this area experienced probably the worst winter storm in 100 years. If you were monitoring two meters, you probably are aware that several amateur operators maintained a "vigil" on the air to help identify fellow club members and Amateurs who needed assistance. Chief among these "helping hands" was our vice-president, Dave Fellows, KD4APK. Through two days of adverse weather conditions, as well as personal conditions resulting from a loss of electricity, Dave monitored the 5.47 repeater, always there for others. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave for his meritorious service, and to say "Thank You" from everyone in the club, and the area. It was a job well done.

One final item.... I promise. Lately, we have had some problems with interference occurring on one of the NFARL repeaters. During the course of the last few weeks, I have heard several discussions about what needed to be done to solve the problem. I would like to remind everyone that there are established, proper procedures that each one of us should follow. If you were at the meeting in 1992 where W8BLA, Vern Fowler, talked about the Official Observer program, this is the route to go. No one should take matters into their own hands. Not only will these activities add to the problem, but these "solutions" could end up getting you into as much, or more, trouble than the person causing the problem.

If you find out, for sure, who is causing interference on the NFARL repeater, please let one of the officer's of the club know what you have discovered. The officers will notify the appropriate people and work within established procedures to solve the problem properly.

Whevi! That was a lot to cover. I hope that it all made sense. If it didn't, find me at the next meeting you attend and bend my ear. If you need to get in touch with me, you can reach me at 740-7939. If I'm not there, just leave me a message on my voice mail. And as always, I can probably be reached on 5.47 or 7.06.

Until next time.... 73's.

Jeff Weinberg  
AA4RC



## FROM THE SECRETARY

Minutes for Feb. 1993

2/10/93 Jeff AA4RC called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM  
 Fred N4CLA gave the treasurers report.  
 Steve KC4YBO gave the secretary report. Both were approved.

Jeff presented a proposed budget and 1992 expense report both in hand out form. discussion followed.

Dave KD4APK moved that our club year be changed to 7/1 through 6/30. 1993 dues to be prorated. Notices will be sent out 2 months prior to end of the year. Phone patch, controller, and newsletter will stop at end of year if dues are not paid. After much discussion the motion was passed.

MONEY MAKING PROJECTS: Suggestions for ways to make money for the club: 1. 50-50 raffle; recycling project; sell advertising in the newsletter to offset some of those costs; annual action. The AUCTION is a definite go for MAY 12. This year it will be advertised and opened to all hams.

CLUB GROWTH: Hal K4JHM, noted that too much club business will hurt attendance. Also we must be sure to keep the speakers and topics varied so as to interest all members of the club. Other suggestions: put extra copies of newsletter at HRO. Obtain listing of our club in World Radio monthly magazine. Dalton is the only one in Georgia. Reactivate members who have not been to a meeting in a long time. WE HAVE GROWN. Maintain the friendly openness on our repeaters. Invite a ham you know to one of our club meetings.

NEWSLETTER: Dave KD4APK is our newsletter editor and needs H E L P. Articles must be to Dave by the 25 of the prior month to be included. Mike N3FDU said we must have something in the mail each month. A post card on odd months and the regular letter on even months. Johnny W4WKP suggested we exchange newsletters with other clubs in the area. A great way to swap ideas.

A R C PROPOSAL: Vern W8BLA presented the following from the Atlanta Radio Club. 1. Our club would be in charge of the Alternative Activities room at the ATL HAM FEST in July. This is the room where the wives and kids can go while Dad goes looking for bargains. ARC provides the liability insurance coverage and any equipment needed. Plus they PAY us \$200.00 to take care of this part of the hamfest. 2. Our club will be given the exclusive to mass sell advance tickets for the hamfest. Tickets at the door will be \$8.00. Advance price \$6.00. We can purchase the tickets in blocks of 50 at only \$4.00. Can sell them to other clubs for \$5.00. They could resell them. It is a WIN WIN situation. Each part was put into the form of a motion and voted on. Both parts passed. Michelle WA4WSP has done one of these alternative rooms before and volunteered to head that project.

ARRL MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION: Our club has been on the inactive status with the ARRL concerning renewing memberships through the club. We have to have 51% of our club in the ARRL and we can collect \$2.00 for each renewal and \$5.00 for each new member. To qualify for new you must have been out of the ARRL for at least 1 year.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM.

Steve Knittel KC4YBO

#### FROM THE SECRETARY

Minutes for Mar. 1993

Jeff, AA4RC called the meeting together at 7:30 on March 10. The treasures and secretary reports were read and approved.

George, KC4WHZ has volunteered to coordinate the ARC Hamfest advance ticket sales. He will be contacting other clubs in the area to let them know of the win - win promotion.

Dave, KA8DPR informed us that now the National Weather Service has packet setup on line. Also information on weather spotting is available on WA4BRO's BBS.

Our speaker for the night was local attorney Todd Campbell. He advised us on the "Good Samaritan Law" which in Georgia says that if we as hams stop to render assistance in GOOD FAITH we cannot be held liable. He also discussed some of the pros and cons of incorporation for a group like ours. Todd also gave us some tips on how to "lobby" for return of ham license plates without the \$25.00 per year fee.

Tin Doolittle, will be the coordinator for ham communication at the First Union Grand Prix to be held on May 2.

Steve Knittel, KC4YBO

FIELD DAY FLASH+++++++ KC4YBO

JUNE 26 & 27

ONLY 74 DAYS TILL FIELD DAY. THIS WEEKEND IS FOR YOU !!

Someone asked me "what is Field Day?" My first response is that it is FUN DAY. Yes, it is fun whether you just come out to look around or you show up Saturday AM and your family finally sees you sometime Sunday late afternoon. Hey you laugh. There have been folks who actually do stay that long. Has even been rumored that they forgot to sleep. Now in reality, some of those people could be found in the back of pick ups, vans, or even in a corner curled up sleeping.

Field Day really is FUN DAY and this year the letters F & D are also standing for FAMILY DAY. A picnic is in the works, (details in May "TALES"). We as a club really only have two "social" functions a year. The wonderful Christmas Party and Field Day. Be sure to mark JUNE 26 on YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR.

Field Day also has a serious side to it. Hans all across the U.S.A. for one weekend operate with generators, batteries, and other means of power. When a hurricane or other disaster strikes there usually is no commercial power available. Normal antennas are gone. So you rig up whatever you can to get the signal out. Your messages may be health and welfare; letting loved ones outside of the damaged area know who is safe. The messages may be to get more help into the area. So Field Day is PRACTICE for what we could do in an emergency.

Field Day is also a CONTEST. We as a club score points for radio contacts with other groups and individuals. 1 point for voice and 2 points for CW. See why we NEED you CW operators. We also can gain extra points for packet, good publicity, etc.

Field Day is that special weekend when, if you have not upgraded you can, with a control operator present, work the HF BANDS. You don't even have to be a ham. Do you have a friend who would like to talk to someone, anywhere in the country? Bring them on out, this is one way our hobby will grow. Be warned, the "ham bug" can take a hold and their life may never be quite the same.

I hope this gives you an idea of what Field Day is all about. Now you can explain to your family & friends why many hams go just a little crazy the fourth weekend in JUNE.

COME ON OUT ON JUNE 26 & 27 AND BE A PART OF THE ACTION.

My voice mail is 231 DIGITAL PAGER 533-6195

73's STEVE

This is a note from the Lanier Amateur Radio Club Newsletter from March 1993

Clyde Thonason reported on the prestige tag situation. Jane Henner and Bobby Lavson sponsored a bill that passed the house to exempt ham tags from the annual \$25 fee. However, Gov. Zell Miller sent a letter saying he was against the bill for a couple of reasons: the need for state revenue in this bad economy, and the desire to not play favorites among various groups wanting exemptions. Vigorous discussion briefly followed this report.



The Atlanta National Weather Service (NWS) now has an amateur radio packet station. During a severe weather event this station will print weather spotter information sent to the NWS. This information comes from you the amateur radio packet operator.

The station consists of a transceiver donated by the Atlanta Radio Club (ARC), a printer donated by KD4APM and a TNC donated by the Georgia East Atlanta Lan (EAL) packet club. There is no computer at the station.

NWS staff will not be able to answer your questions. The station is a means for amateurs to report severe weather sightings only. You can monitor the frequency to observe other spotter traffic. The TNC supports and allows 26 connects at one time. Each printed packet is identified with the connected amateur packet station's call sign. Perhaps voice operated nets on other frequencies could also have a packet operator forwarding information to the NWS.

The station call sign is KA8DPR-8 on frequency 145.03 and can hear connects from W4QO-1 the EAL operated switch to the 56k high speed back bone. Any amateur on the 56k network or on 145.03 in Atlanta can connect to KA8DPR-8. There is also a mailbox at the NWS to test connects. Its call sign is KA8DPR-9. This mailbox is for testing only. Please send mail to me at KA8DPR at W4QO bbs.

Please read the weather spotter information. Thanks you.

#### SPOTTER REPORTING PROCEDURES: 3/7/93

##### Report WHAT you have seen:

Tornado, funnel cloud, waterspout (tornado over water), wall cloud, hail (1/4 inch diameter or larger), damaging winds (usually 50 mph or greater), flash flooding, heavy rain (rate of 1 inch per hour or more), etc.

##### Report WHERE you saw it:

Specify the direction and distance from a known location, e.g., State Route 74 in Fayette county, 1 mile north of the intersection with State Route 54.

##### Report WHEN you saw it:

Make sure you specify the time of your observation. This is particularly important if this time differs from the time you are making the actual report.

**Report WHAT was going on:**

When applicable, describe the storm's direction and speed of travel, the size and intensity, and destructiveness. Include any amount of uncertainty as needed, i.e., "funnel cloud; no debris visible at the surface but too far away to be certain that it is not on the ground."

**ADDITIONAL TIPS:**

- o The first sign of a tornado may not be a visible funnel at the cloud base. Your first clue may be debris or dust at the surface, so be alert to events at ground level, as well as in the clouds.
- o Although a loud roar is frequently associated with a tornado, strong straight-line winds can also produce such a sound.
- o To better identify your location, use a map to determine distances and directions to known landmarks such as water towers, TV towers, etc. This will help you estimate distance and direction in your reports.
- o When available, use binoculars to look for rotation and other cloud features. Once you spot a funnel, tornado, or wall cloud, be alert for the formation of others in the area.
- o If you find yourself in large hail, remember you are in or near the area where tornado formation is most likely in a tornadic thunderstorm.
- o Always follow the basic safety rules. In open country, you may be able to use your knowledge of the tornado's motion and available escape routes to drive away from the tornado safely.

**REPORTING AIDS:****Estimating Hail Size (diameter):**

Pea size is 1/4 inch; Marble size is 1/2 inch; Dime size is 3/4 inch; Quarter size is 1 inch; Golfball size is 1.75 inch; Baseball size is 2.75 inch.

**Estimating Wind Speeds (miles per hour):**

25-31 mph - Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telephone wires.

32-38 mph - Whole trees in motion; inconvenience felt walking against the wind.

39-54 mph - Twigs break off trees; wind generally impedes progress.

55-72 mph - Damage to chimneys and TV antenna; pushes over shallow rooted trees.

73-112 mph - Peels surface off roofs; windows broken; light trailer houses pushed or overturned; moving automobiles pushed off roads.

113-157 mph - Roofs torn off houses; weak buildings and trailer houses destroyed; large trees snapped and uprooted.

158 mph and up - Severe damage; cars lifted off the ground.

#### SOME DEFINITIONS:

**Accessory Clouds** - Clouds that are dependent on a larger cloud system for development and continuance. Accessory clouds associated with the thunderstorm include roll, shelf, mammatus, and wall clouds.

**Cumulonimbus Cloud** - The parent cloud of a thunderstorm. The cumulonimbus cloud towers above ordinary cumulus clouds. With stronger or severe storms, the cloud often has a more sharply outlined "hard" appearance with relatively rapid rising motions visible. The cloud's upper portion includes the anvil. Accompanying precipitation is often heavy and the usual occurrence of lightning and thunder with these clouds leads to the popular names of thunderhead or thundercloud.

**Cumulus Cloud** - A column of rising air that has condensed into a dense, nonfibrous cloud with distinct outlines, appearing much like a rising mound, a dome, or a cauliflower. The base of the cloud is relatively flat and dark, while the tower is usually white and sunlit. It is the first stage of a developing thunderstorm, although most cumulus clouds do not form thunderstorms.

**Funnel Cloud** - A funnel-shaped cloud extending from a towering cumulus or cumulonimbus base. It is associated with a rotating air column that is not in contact with the ground. (The cloud is a tornado if a ground-based debris or dust whirl is visible below the funnel aloft.)

**Mammatus Clouds** - These clouds appear as hanging, rounded protuberances or pouches on the under-surface of a cloud. With thunderstorms, mammatus are seen on the underside of the anvil. These clouds do NOT produce tornadoes, funnels, hail, or any other type of severe weather, although they may often accompany severe thunderstorms.

**Roll Cloud** - A relatively rare, low-level, horizontal, tube-shaped accessory cloud completely detached from the cumulonimbus base. When present, it is located along the gust front and most frequently observed on the leading edge of a line of thunderstorms. The roll cloud will appear to be slowly "rolling" about its horizontal axis. Roll clouds are NOT and do NOT produce tornadoes.

**Shelf Cloud** - A low-level horizontal accessory cloud that frequently appears to be wedge-shaped as it approaches. It is usually attached to the thunderstorm base and forms along the gust front. The leading edge of the shelf is often smooth and at times layered or terraced. It is most often seen along the leading edge of an approaching line of thunderstorms, accompanied by gusty straight winds as it passes overhead and followed by precipitation. The underside is concave upward, turbulent, boiling, or wind-torn. Tornadoes rarely occur with the shelf cloud.

**Tornado** - A violently rotating narrow column of air in contact with the ground and extending from a thunderstorm base. The tornado is most often found in the southwest quadrant of the storm, near the trailing edge of the cumulonimbus cloud. Tornadoes and funnel clouds are usually pendant from (1) wall clouds or (2) directly from the thunderstorm base, within a few miles to the southwest of the precipitation shaft. The spinning motion of a tornado is most often counterclockwise. Tornadoes have been called twisters and cyclones, but these words are all synonyms for the most violent storm on earth, with estimated wind speeds up to 300 mph.

**Wall Cloud** - A local and often abrupt lowering of a rain-free cumulonimbus base into a low-hanging accessory cloud, from 1 to 4 miles in diameter. The wall cloud is usually situated in the southwest portion of the storm below an intense updraft, marked by the main cumulonimbus cloud and associated with a very strong or severe thunderstorm. When seen from within several miles, many wall clouds exhibit rapid upward motion and rotation in the same sense as a tornado, except with considerably slower speed. A rotating wall cloud usually develops before tornadoes or funnel clouds by a time which can range from a few minutes up to possibly an hour. Spotters should key on any lowering of the cumulonimbus base as suspect wall cloud, particularly when it is located southwest of the precipitation shaft. Wall clouds should be reported. NOTE: Sometimes other low-hanging accessory clouds are mistakenly identified as wall clouds.

## SUBJECT: DOS 6 BETA TEST RPT

This one falls in the "for what it's worth category" but I read an article in "PC UPGRADE" that I thought was worth sharing with everyone. It is a Beta Test Report on DOS 6.0. The following are some excerpts of the article.

"Based on beta test copies there appear to be some major problems in the offing for unwary users."

"We see some major problems...the way MS is implementing DoubleSpace...will make the hard disk(s) of any user who installs this option incompatible with OS/2 and a number of otherwise compatible upgrade options such as Novell's DR DOS and multiuser systems such as the Software Link's PC-MOS."

"Several developers...openly questioned the ethics and wondered out loud just who is next on MS's incompatibility hit list."

"The preliminary documentation...gives explicit instructions on how to remove OS/2 from your hard disk."

"Like DOS 5 before it...DOS 6 can restore your prior operating system if you want it. Once you let DoubleSpace take over your hard disk it's for keeps. Returning to your old system is not possible."

"Another problem...appears when trying to create a bootable floppy after a hard disk is compressed. Transferring the system does not automatically let you access the hard disk if it has been compressed with DoubleSpace."

"DOS INSTALL routine favors Windows users. Three of DOS 6's new main features are an anti-virus program, all-new backup program, and a slightly different Undelete. If you accept the defaults when installing DOS 6—most new users will—and you have Windows on your hard disk, these new DOS utilities will be installed in such a way that you can access them only from Windows—where DOS installs them in their own private little group. Of course, if you go the custom installation route you'll find that you can also access them from DOS, or from DOS and Windows both. Few users dare to opt for custom installation."

"We've seen very little to recommend this DOS. We do not usually react so negatively to new products. But there are clearly some major dangers looming here. Unless things change drastically between now and the time DOS 6 is released there are going to be an awful lot of very unhappy users out there. We feel that wary users should adopt a wait and see attitude until they can be sure that today's incompatibility does not become a major problem for them down the line."

PRODIGY(R) interactive personal service  
1:30 PM

02/07/93

Well, there it is "for what it's worth". If you want to pick up the nag and read the entire article, it is Vol.2, No.1 with a dark blue almost violet cover. At the very top of the nag are the words DOS 6.0—FIRST LOOK in white lettering.

Mel in Z'ville, OH