



SHORT SKIP



SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC.

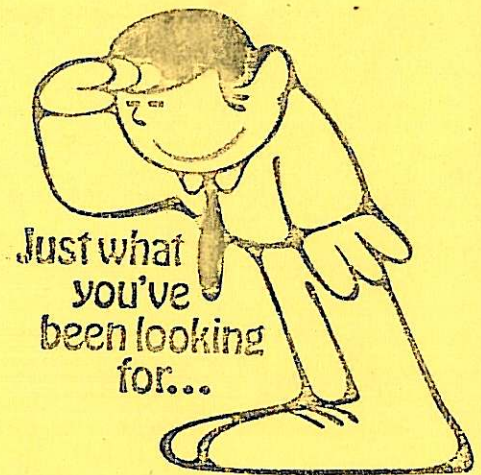
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AUCTION

On October 6, 1976, at 8:00 p.m. one of the most exciting events of the year will take place. The Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. is having its annual auction. Those of you who have attended the auction in the past don't need encouragement to attend as you will undoubtedly be there. However, those of you who have never experienced the SCRA Auction must do so. Everyone, members and non-members alike, are welcome to bring items. The rules are listed below.

- 1) Anything goes. Although the majority of buyers will be interested in amateur radio gear, last year some of the hot items selling were record players, pole lamps, tape recorders and books. So clean out your attic and bring any type of item for auction.
- 2) The seller may set his own minimum bid. If the minimum bid is not secured to the item, it will be assumed that there is no minimum.
- 3) The Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. gets 10% of the first \$100. The maximum that the club is permitted to receive on any item is \$10.
- 4) Items may be donated for the club and, of course, this is encouraged. If items are donated, there will be no minimum bid and the club, of course, gets 100% of the selling price.



Just what
you've
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A U C T I O N

SCRA MEETING

WEDNESDAY

8 P.M.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLDG.
3911 PRINCETON DR. S.R.

Last month's meeting was certainly exciting. There were many skeptics in the audience who would not believe that Glen, WA6STS, would be able to "pull off" working Oscar 7 from the Red Cross building using portable equipment. However, the skeptics soon went through metamorphosis and were showing active interest in working Oscar.

Congratulations are certainly due to Bob Wolbert, AA6HPF. Bob is one of the youngest men in the world to pass the amateur extra exam. There is some debate as to how many fourteen year old hams have the extra class, but the number certainly must be under a dozen. Congratulations, Bob! We're proud of you.

Remember - there is a local net meeting every Thursday on 21.150 MHz (CW). Everyone is welcome, especially those wishing to improve their code speed. It is understood that WB6NBR, Ron Pipes, is acting as net control.

Any individuals interested in obtaining their novice license, please contact Bob Sones, WB6FKV. It is expected that classes for both teenagers and adults will be starting in the near future.

A film, "The Wide World of Ham Radio", has been shown throughout Santa Rosa City Schools. The number of students seen observing this film seems to be well over 200 with many showing interest in getting their novice license. Bob Sones is responsible for having this movie shown.

Volunteers are needed to help plan a Christmas party. There is skuttlebutt that this year's party will much different than previous years and a real exciting event. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Jude or Bob.

Ham Radio Report indicates that "WN" novice prefixes will no longer be issued after October 1 and novice licensees will receive the same prefixes as higher class license holders. Present licensees whose licenses expire after October 1 will also be changing prefixes after the F.C.C. issues them new licenses.

Amateur input on unlicensed and/or out of band are proving very valuable in some current F.C.C. investigations. Ham Radio Report indicates that information provided by amateurs played a big part in a recent F.C.C. Justice Department bust. There have been several instances where unlicensed operators have been arrested on the basis of amateur reports.

Current novice exam requests are being answered with carefully erased, previously used answer sheets. This foulup is due to the government printing office running behind in printing answer sheets. Also, in a few cases a duplicate of blank question sheets in novice exams have also come to light. A new exam must be ordered from Gettysburg when this happens.

Ham Radio suggests that novice exam results can be learned much more quickly than waiting for receipt of the license. Simply enclose a self-addressed, stamped post card with the words "failed" or "passed" on the back, and an exam grader will mark and return it when the exam is done and graded in Gettysburg.

ARRL's outgoing QSL Bureau will handle cards to eighty-some countries, all IARU members with active bureaus. Cards for QSL managers or non-AIRU bureaus will not be accepted when the new service begins October 1. Full details will appear in the October QST.

WANT AD

Wanted: to beg, borrow, steal or buy any type of novice equipment to be used by a technician wanting to improve his code speed. If you have any useful equipment, please contact Bob Sones, WB6EKV.