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Apology - I regret to inform you that last month's Short Skip was mangled terribly due to one of my errors. The whole first page was not supposed to be printed in that form. So, here I am again, if you don't succeed....

MEETING - May 4. Be there - Aloha.

Last month's meeting was the infamous transmitter hunt. It was one of the greatest ever. The "secret" site was a simple, common location on top of one of the large parking lots in downtown Santa Rosa. WA6HPF claims to be the first one there, but the judges voided that claim and instead announced the party of Vern, K6CNJ, first; the party of Joe, WB6EAS, second; and Herb, K6QXB, third. Herb was with this year's booby prize winner, WB6KXL. Our illustrious president drove within ten feet of the transmitter and kept on going. Maybe next year, Paul.

Part of the fun consisted of observing W6DZM as the hidden transmitter (Ron, WB6NBR) constantly announced the fact that Ron was in plain view. Don seemed to think Ron was in a bank sign. While Don shook the sign, Ron said over the radio, "I'm not in here, Don!"

Also heppening this month was the March of Dimes Walkathon. The club provided much needed communications for this 33 km walk, through WR6AES. We did a very good job. The March of Dimes didn't have the thing planned at all. They were also miserably understaffed. Bob, WB6EKV, had to move from station to station because participants were on their way to unoccupied stations. By mid-morning, hams were at all the stations (eight), while the March of Dimes had people at only three stations. The amateurs took care of their duties at all the others.

Exerpts From Ham Radio Report:

The F.C.C. is rumored to be planning to suspend the Novice license program.

They are also considering type acceptance for all commercial amateur radio equipment.

The Sears 2 meter rig should be showing up on the air soon. Keep listening.

The following is an unofficial WA6HPF prediction: 2 x 2 calls will probably be issued no later than August, most likely in July. This means calls like WA6AA, NA6AA, AA6AA, etc.

OPERATING EVENTS - for details, see QST or equivalent.

May 14 - Frequency Measuring test
15 - Phone World Telecommunications' Day Contest
21 - Armed Forces Day (NPG)
June 11, 12 - VHF QSO Party

JUNE 27 IS FIELD DAY

Contact WA6IQJ if you are interested (of course you are). Quiet is in charge of organizing our big operating event of the year.

Congratulations for this month go to Blake, who received WB6VNY from the FCC early last month. Look for his QRP signal on 80MCW.

Wayne, W6RIA, is looking for an insulator for the director element of his TH3 tri-band beam. Any help?

This just about wraps up the May issue of Short Skip for this year. One last comment will be a plea from me for something to print in this fine publication.

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