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Here we go again. June has arrived, can field day be far off? As you all know the June meeting will be June 7th. We thought about having it in July, but then it wouldn't be a June meeting. Hope to see you all there.

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Paul (WB6KXL) has moved to a new QTH as has K6QXB Herb...K6CNJ, Vern has complete Yaesu line and should be on the air soon... That is if he can find room on the bands since he lives next to KXL and 2 blocks from NBR the big guns of the western area... Vern 200 watts won't get it...We should be hearing some new Novices on the air soon, let's hope they will help out on Field Day...WD6CKP, Hoppy, has been busy pouring concrete for his new tower... Won't be long before Betty WD6CKR, starts to give us trouble on the DX bands...The Club was mentioned in the June QST concerning our fine effort during the Guerneville flood in January... However no mention of the Club call or the fact that WR6AES was put to use... Check N6KM or W6CYM...WB6VNY Blake should be on 2 meters soon...WD6AJR will start a novice class for the

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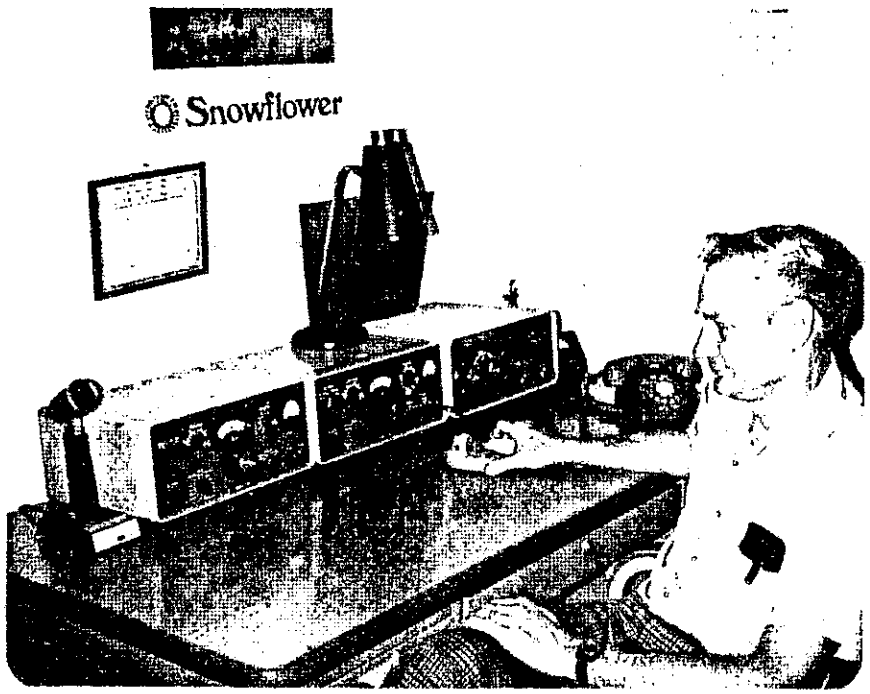
Don Christensen, W6DZM, Chairman Board of Directors,

Don, a native of Santa Rosa was first licensed in 1948 and during his early ham career all of his transmitters and receivers were of home brew design and c onstruction. He reorganized the original Sonoma County Radio Amateurs which had discontinued activities due to WW11, and elected initial president in 1949. He has served on the board of directors several times, headed up the clubs field day operations for may years- running up to 13 xmitters simultaneously and served as president on another occasion. Don somehow always manages to become involved with raffles. At one time he was very active on 20 meters cw dx but now works 40 meter cw, 2 mters locally and some 20 mtr SSB; due to restricted antenna facilities. Don served in the USNR as a radio op. He is employed by OCLI as supervisor of electronic and mechanical maintenance. Other hobbies include B&W photography.



Younger generation if he can get enough people interested...Dave is also going to get some publicity for the club through the local media...Again N6IP and WB6NBR challenge all Field Day contestants to try and out score us... this does not include beer drinking...

The Mission Trail Net is having their annual get together called the Roundup at the Holiday Inn, June 16,17 and 18, 1978.

The amatuers in the area are invited to come around and meet some of the gang. Anyone wanting to attend the banquet on Saturday evening June 17 can get in touch with either Clint, W6CP or Beulah, W6NLM, at 528-1246. There will be about 45 or 50 hams and their XYLs in town, so help us give them a big welcome.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 3,1978

President Ray Bowers, WA6JNY, called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.
Introduction of members and guests: 44 present 12 guests.
Minutes were approved.
Treasurer's report read and approved.
OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:
Vern, K6CNJ, commented that he enjoyed the latest issue of Short Skip. All agreed on the fine job Ron, WB6NBR, is doing.
David, WD6AJR, is looking for students under 18 years of age, to start a novice class. He will need at least 8 to 10 names to start a class.
Paul, WB6KXL, reminded the members of the rate for under 16 years of age, to join the club, is half price on the dues.
The President talked about ARMED FORCES DAY to be held on Saturday, May 20, 1978, at Skaggs Island. He asked for volunteers. The following volunteered: Ron,WB6NBR; Bob, N6IP; Rick, WB6YUB; Terry, WA6RNF; Ray, WA6JNY; David, WD6AJR; Hoppy, WD6CKP; Betty, WD6CKR; Jack, W6SYE; Blake, WB6VNY; Dick, WB6MCE.
Field Day will be held on June 24, 25. Terry, Wa6RNF, was appointed chairman, David, WD6AJR, will be in charge of Novice Station. Any questions please contact Terry or Ray.
Buelah, W6NLM, told about the Mission Trail Net's banquet at Holiday Inn, Sat. 17, 1978. Sirloin Steak will be served. Please make reservations at least three days ahead of time.
Ron, WB6NBR, would like all want ads, to be published in Short Skip to reach him 2 weeks prior to the next issue.
Don WD6GMR, asked for help in installing his new station. Don's address is 3200 Tobin Lane, Santa Rosa.
Jim, W6CYM, commented that Fred, W6IEN, has 2 towers for sale, 30 and 40 Feet. Also a Quad and Tri-Band antennas.
Don, W6DZM, showed slides of past Field Day activities.
A raffle was held.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 Pm.
Paid Members total 40.

Respectfully submitted
Betty, WD6CKR

Want Ads:
Low Pass filter. WB6NBR

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HEATHKIT HW 202 2 meter FM. Full of Xtals..New mic. Mobile bracket excellent condition(has two switch covers missing)....$135.00 W6RIA- Wayne --528-5321 or 528-1681

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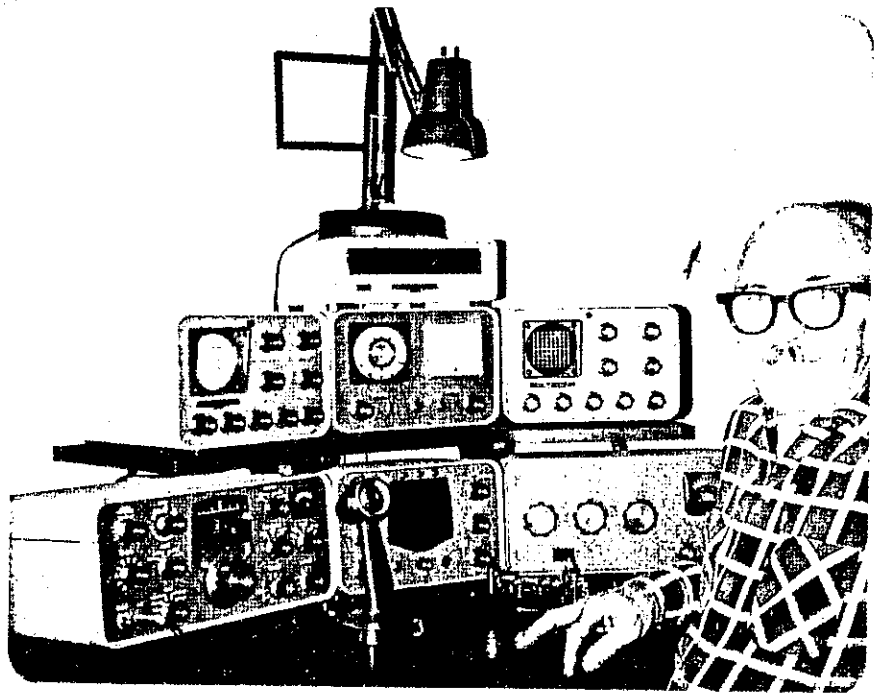

K6CNJ, Vern Spellman, Board of Directors. Vern has lived in Santa Rosa since 1947. His XYLs name is Aileen. Vern has been a ham for 22 years and holds a general class license. He is past presedent of the club. His hobbies include, besides amateur radio, photography, HiFi, and roller skating. Vern works of Optical Coating Lab. as a model maker/experimental engineer. He has worked there for 20 years.

Now for our report on the Fresno hamfest. The fine group of upstanding sober hams consisting of WD6AJR, WA6RNF, K6CNJ, andWB6NBR, left the Santa Rosa Air Center at 6:10 Am. We had a fine trip, very smooth and colorfull as far a Terry was concerned, (he was green most of the time).We landed at Fresno and walked across the street to the ham fest. We did bring some class to the event this year. We, Terry and I, took a lot of kidding about last year, Terry, in his old Navy style, proceeded to take up a collection and had the bath tub in our room filled with ice and Coors. This year we had the same beer the bar sold. We did learn something from last year. We wont go into the Hamfest proper. The banquet was held Saturday night followed by a return to our room and tub.

After a nites rest we departed for Santa Rosa. The return flight was as smooth as the trip down. I still don't know why Terry changed color when I turned around and asked him how he was doing. We arrived in Santa Rosa about 12 noon, and thanks to WD6CKR, Betty, my XYL was there to pick us up and drive us home.

PHOTOS NEXT ISSUE.....

Just heard that Rose, WA6CWL, is taking flute lessons. I am still looking for articles to put in the paper so any of you that have anything that would be interest to the club get it to me and it will get in the paper. In holding with our policies, however they should be at lest halfway beleivable. That would keep it in step with the rest of this paper. K6QXB Herb has moved to his new QTH. NBR took RNF for a short spin a few days ago... Fastest I ever saw anyone go through a prayer book...Talk about white knuckles...and we hadn't gotten in the plane yet...all kidding aside, it was an easy flight, I am a little concerned, however, about the water under his seat...since we don't have a water cooled engine in the plane...

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Minuets of Meeting of April 5,1978:

President Ray Bowers, WA6JNY, called meeting to order at 8:03 PM.
Introduction of members and guests: 35 present and 4 guests.
Treasurer's report was read and approved.
OLD BUSINESS:
President told of Don, W6DZM, being elected Chairman of the Board, at the March 24, 1978 meeting.
President reminded members of the $3.00 still owed on members who only paid the old $5.00 fee.
A motion was made by Terry WA6RNF, to pay Paul Hansen $26.50 for Badges. Motion Carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
Vern, K6CNJ, thanked the club for the flowers sent while he was hospitalized.
Jim, W6CYM, was applauded for his mention in QST for his votes on BEST FIST and MOST INTERESTING QSO.
Liars club contest was held: The panel consisted of the board of directors with Terry WA6RNF acting as master of ceremonies.
The best liar for the unknown object was Hank WB6DTV. The prize was an exposure meter donated by Ray, WA6JNY.
Raffle was held. Prizes were donated by: Hoppy WD6CKP, Betty, WD6CKR,Ray, WA6JNY, Don, W6DZM Clint, W6CP.
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.
Paid members total 37.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Bravin, Sec/Treas.
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Those who have not paid their 1978 dues they will be put to good use. There are about 50 people on the mailing list, that makes 13 who have not yet paid for this year. Remember the dues help with the club activities throughout the year. So let's get them in.

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DRAKE MN-2000 MATCHBOX...SWR METER-RF OUTPUT METER- ANTENNA SWITCH- 2000 WATT RATED..$199.99----W6RIA 528-5321--528-1681

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"I wish you'd learn to control your temper, Ralph. Remember, you were a CBer, too!"

BETTY BRAVIN SEC/TREAS.

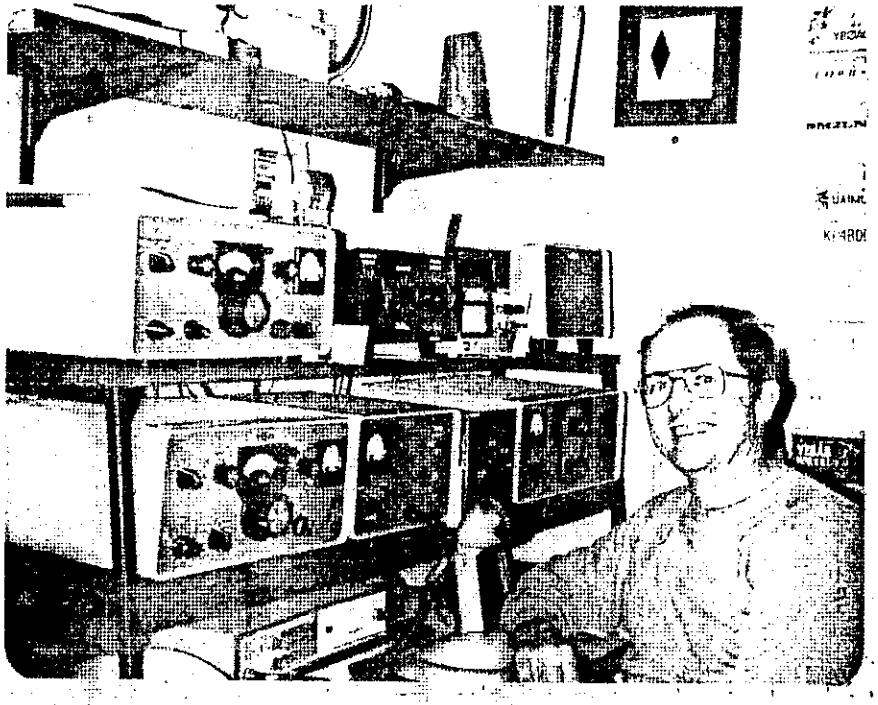
My first encounter with Amateur Radio was in May 1977 after enrolling in Ron's WB6NBR, novice class.
First week of August my novice ticket arrived with my call WD6CKR. The thought of getting on the air was frightening. Finally Dave, WD6AJR, arranged a call to me, My first QSO, what a thrill! The next day Dave came over and urged me to send my first CQ, which I did. Much to my surprise a familiar call answered. WB6NBR. Pure Panic- my teacher- what an experience that was! Unknown to me it was a put up job. After that the QSO's came easy and from that day on my OM Hoppy, WD6CKP never had a chance to use the rig. Every CQ I heard was like a personal invitation and I answered them all. In six weeks I'd worked all states. My code speed came up in a hurry. Two months after getting my novice ticket I passed the general class. I hope to have my extra by August 1978

DAVID KULCINSKI VICE-PRES.

Dave didn't get his info to me so I will have to fake it. This will probably get the rest of the board to get their resumes to me. Anyway here goes. Dave has been a ham for about 2 years. As you can see by the picture Daves' shack is not what you would call run of the mill. Yes, that is his shack. Things are on the upswing for Dave now that he has become one of the employed. Daves call WD6AJR was one of the novice stations heard last year on Field Day. He did a good job by the way. One of Daves most enjoyable hobbies, of course beer drinking. Those of you that attend any board meetings, picnics and field day are well aware of that though.

RON PIPES EDITOR

Ron got his start in Amateur Radio in the early 60s, through his Uncle WA6TKW. He was living in the L.A. area at the time. While in the Southland he was active in the San Fernando Valley Radio Club and the Santa Clarita Radio Club. Ron has been active on the HF bands with his booming signal radiating from 4 elements on 20 meters. As editor of the Short Skip, he took over from N6IP, he has tried to be objective and to get the true facts, no matter what.



Up comming events.....
3 May....Slides of past club activities.
7 June... Setting up for field day.
No Meeting in July.
2 August.. Old timer night and discusion on antennae.

Meet your club officers. This is the first in a series of short stories or expose, depending on which keys my fingers hit...

RAY L. BOWERS PRES.

Ray was born in Napoleon, Ohio in 1907. He has held calls; W3BCT, (1930), W4BCT, W8EXR, W8RWL, andWA6JNY. USN, USLHS aboard lightships also other ships and shore station. Ray sent an SOS while on one of the ships. Ray was in charge of the Fort Royal, Va. CAA (now FAA), for 20 years. He was also a communications specialist at the OCD Region 7. Ray retired in 1970. He was first introduced to amateur radio in 1923 by sending messages to a friend across town, both using spark coils. Ray pioneered 2 meters in Virginia after WW2, made the first 2 meter contact from Va. to Ohio, 350 miles (no repeater). Worked 18 states direct on 2 meters, best DX was 1500 miles. Ray is a member of QCWA, Soc. of Wireless Pioneers, Soc. Airway pioneers, SIRS, etc.