

SONOMA COUNTY RADIO
AMATEURS, INC.
P.O. Box 116
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95406

Vol 4
Issue #7

Editors: B.O.D.*

Next meeting will be held on Aug.1 at the usual place and same time. For thoes who have forgotten, it is at the Red Cross building at Yulpa and Princeton, at 8 PM. See you all there.

POT POURRI...What can be said after the score we all turned in on Field Day...We didn't set the world on fire but we did do a great job...Everyone had a good time also... A special thanks to Judy LaDuke for her fantastic dinner...I understand there may be a law suit concerning some chile peppers...Someone said that Don (ACX) was looking for a necker knob for his truck...Club picnic will be held on Sept. 8 this year...more details later... For those who haven't heard Paul, AE6H, has bent his ankle playing volley ball...I'll wait for the laughter to subside...He is still going to be picnic chairman this year, however he will not be playing volleyball... He'll be the person you see holding up the keg... Terry and Judy have some news that they may make public soon...

* Board of Directors

FIELD DAY 1979

It started out as a very warm day. The sun just rising over the horizon, the sky clear of any clouds or fog. All indications pointed to a hot day. The small group of trucks and cars had assembled for the yearly trip to the top of the mountain, there to communicate, not with nature, but with other amateurs around the country. Terry, of Frsno fame, opened the cerimonial can of refreshment to signal the start of the trek to the top. Upon reaching the top of the hill all started to set up their camp sites and radio stations. Tents, antennae, tables, coolers, were all assembled post haste. At 11.00 AM the first stations went on the air. On 15 meters we could hear Don Calling QRZ the Paraquay station. 10 meters was doning fine, except Hoppy would't let Geo. in the pick up with him. Ray and Neil operated 80 meters this year and did a fine job. Then there was the novice station, Alan did a good job there this year, considering he had a handicap, WD6AJR.. WB6SMY maned the 40 meter station from his camper, the only way to go on field day. The 20 meter station needs no explanation, maybe the ant. does but no the rest of the station. 6 Meters was handled by Sam again this year. 2 Meters was managed by Herb. If I have not mentioned some of the people involed bear with me as my head still hurts. It is indeed fortunate that field day comes but once a year. We will be looking for all to participate again next year.

SWAP SELL TRADE WANTED ETC.

Swan 100 MX ~~***~~ \$545.00 Matching power supply,
\$149.00. Brand new with warranty. WA6RDA.

Heath DX-60B with Xtals. 80-40-15
Heath SB 300 80-10 Rcvr
HYGAIN 18 AVQ Vertical all coax and manuals
\$300.00 Stephan Hutchinson WD6EHI 762-6531

35 Foot tower...4 Sections....any reasonable
offer.....R.C. Taft 3387 Bennet Valley Rd.
Santa Rosa.....546-3676

Hallicrafters HT*37 Transmitter, Mint cond.
with manual.....\$175 W6scv Hugh Turner
415-892-3288

NC 300 Rcvr \$150.....Apache TX 1 Xmtr W/SB 10
ssb Converter \$150. KA6EFK Steve Schaffer
546-8860

Have Model 550 Royal electric Typewriter to
trade for Novice Transmitter. Chuck Sabin
795-3271

Brand new Comtronix FM '80 Transcvr. 10 mtrs
FM 80 channels...10 watts. Also have model 19
RTTY.....Tubes...4CX1000....surplus, etc.
If you need it, I probably have it.....
KB6LO, Don..... 546-7047

HQ 129X Rcvr....\$40.00 W6CYM Jim Tomer 838-9464

Two months have passed since our last club meet-
ing and many activities have taken place since. Field Day, Giant's baseball game and the Fair are a few. Our club is growing and we have some really good new members. We are looking forward to an interesting summer and fall. Remember, one way communications are illegal in Amateur Radio and also very uninteresting. Get the most out of your hobby by sharing it with others.

#####

Don't forget to bring your ideas for the club emblem. We hope to make a decision on the design at the August meeting so that we can get our order in as soon as possible. The design can be any combination of colors but keep it simple and with a minimum of letters. You do not have to be an artist. Just the idea is what counts. We will be paying an art fee for the first order so don't be afraid to try. This will be for the club patches for hats and jackets or any thing else you want to put them on.

We also have a few of the club caps left and they are available at \$2.50 from our secretary, WD6AJR, Dave.

#####

Spread the word that Novice classes will be starting at the end of August or early Sept. We have almost 100 sign-ups as a result of the Fair and we could use some help in the teaching dept. Surely there must be some of you that can teach CW at 5 wpm and teach a little basic radio theory. Remember, every one of us had a little help getting started. NOW IT IS YOUR TURN. The personal satisfaction you can get is a great feeling.

#####

Sonoma County Fair Roundup*****
To say it was a great success would be putting it mildly. All those who participated had a great time and a lot of friendships were formed as a result. Thanks to all who helped.

Special thanks to four special people that put in many, many hours and assumed all the responsibility for the operation. N6AUP, George, who used his vacation, W6CYM, Jim, K6MUP, HOPPY, and K6ROP, Vern were the backbone of the exhibit. These guys didn't worry about shift times or whose turn it was, they just came in because they were needed. True Amateur spirit.

Thanks also to Bob and Louise Middleton for the tough job of making up the schedule. A massive undertaking and a job well done. Especially since they are new to the area and didn't know many people. They do now, though.

Many of us got out first taste of traffic handling and found out that it can be fun. W6NL was our man on the outside, taking 90% of our traffic and routing it into the nets. Sam was tolerant of our inexperience and helpful in teaching us the ropes. 508 messages were written and passed from the exhibit. Not bad for the first time.

Surprise of the Fair came when the bus carrying the Leroy Van Dyke Country show pulled up outside and two of the members of the band got out and introduced themselves as KB4PR, Larry Jentry and N4BPQ, Gary Edwards. They spent Friday and Saturday between shows helping out in the exhibit taking messages and operating the HF station. They will be operating 20 meters mobile in their travels around the US and hope to make contacts with some of our members. They said it was the first time they had seen an amateur radio station at any place they've worked. In addition to all that, they put on a pretty good show.

Extra thanks to Avanti Antennas for the very fine FDL 10 Meter quad which we used on field day and also at the Fair. This antenna was sent from the factory direct to the Club. Again, many thanks. Where did the neat little Swan 100MX come from at the fair? Well, it was loaned to us by a dealer in Southern Calif at the request of Jerry, WA6RDA. Sent to us by Romoland Electronics. It was a beautiful little rig and is now for sale at a bargain price of \$545. See Jerry or Don, KB6LO if you're interested.

Don't forget our August 1st meeting. We will be planning our summer picnic. It will be held a month earlier this year to avoid the rain. Last year got a little soggy. HI. AE6H, Paul will be picnic chairman this year again. He deserved the medal of honor for his efforts last year. It's not easy to finish a barrel of beer the morning after.

In case you didn't get the word, The winner of our Novice band CW contest was Betty, AG6C. She gave the rest of us a head start and joined the contest on May 25. One week on the air and she showed up with 45 QSL cards. Note: if you can't stand defeat, don't challenge her to a CW contest. You don't stand much of a chance. Ain't that right George? We are looking for more ideas for contests. Any ideas?????