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DXING FOR THE BEGINNER

WELL YOU'VE READ AN ARTICLE ABOUT DX. OR YOU WERE TUNNING AROUND THE HF BANDS AND YOU HEARD SOME DX, AND YOU WONDER HOW DO YOU GET TO WORK SOME OF THAT GOOD STUFF. YOU ASK OTHERS AND YOU DISCOVER, THE MOST ACTIVE DXERS HAVE 60-80 FOOT TOWERS, STACKED BEAMS, AND 2 KW AMPLIFIERS. WELL NOW YOU'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION DXING IS NOT FOR YOU. YOU CAN'T AFFORD THE BIG BUCKS. WRONG! NOT SO!

WHILE IT IS TRUE MOST OF THE LONG TIME DXERS HAVE FAIRLY ELABORATE STATION EQUIPMENT. KEEP IN MIND 99% OF THEM DID NOT RACE OVER TO THE NEAREST HAM RADIO STORE, UNLOAD THEIR WALLETS AND LOAD THEIR TRAILERS. WHEN THEY GOT STARTED, THEY HAD A MIDDLE OF THE LINE TRANSCEIVER AND A DIPOLE OR VERTICAL ANTENNA, AND THAT'S ABOUT IT. MANY OF THE WORKED THEIR FIRST 100-150 COUNTRIES USING VERY BASIC EQUIPMENT. AS THEY BECAME INTERESTED IN CONTESTING AND ALSO BECOMING MORE COMPETITIVE, THEY GRADUALLY UPGRADED THEIR STATION EQUIPMENT ALONG WITH THEIR CLASS OF LICENSE. YOU SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT, NOVICES AND QRP (LOW POWER) STATIONS HAVE WORKED 100 COUNTRIES.

SO WHAT ARE THE SECRETS TO DXING? THEY ARE, TUNE THE BANDS, LISTEN, OBSERVE THE METHODS USED BY THE SUCCESSFUL DXERS. JOIN A LOCAL DX CLUB, CONTACT THE DXERS IN YOUR AREA. VISIT THEM, APPROACH THEM AT LOCAL CLUB MEETINGS, ASK QUESTIONS, PICK THEIR BRAINS. I KNOW OF NO DXER WHO WILL REFUSE TO SHARE HIS OR HER DXPERTISE WITH YOU. THEY WILL NOT REACT AS THOUGH YOUR ATTEMPTING TO SEIZE THE SECRET SCROLLS.

I CANNOT OVER EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TUNNING THE BANDS AND LISTENING. FIRST OF ALL YOUR NOT GOING TO LOCATE DX UNLESS YOU LISTEN. CALLING CO DX IS A VERY INEFFECTIVE METHOD OF WORKING DX. REMEMBER, YOU NEED THEM FOR A NEW COUNTRY. THEY HAVE MANY 6'S TO CHOOSE FROM, AND A UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF U.S. STATIONS TO WORK. WHEN YOU RUN ACROSS A DX STATION, DETERMINE HIS METHOD OF OPERATION. OBSERVE THE SUCCESSFUL STATESIDE STATIONS. NOTE WHAT THEY DID. YOU WILL FIND THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO BE AT THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. DO YOU KNOW WHY? IT'S BECAUSE THEY DO WHAT I'M SUGGESTING YOU DO. THEY LISTEN FIRST, AND CALL SECOND.

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CLUB REPEATER..WB6PVS..146.73..CLUB STATION
W6LFB..NET EVERY TUESDAY 7 PM..146.73..CLUB
MEETS JULY 11 IN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
PLANNING ROOM, SANTA ROSA, CA. MAILING ADDRESS
P.O. BOX 116 SANTA ROSA, CA, 95402. RACES
MEETS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH 7PM
LOCAL FREQUENCY. ADMIN NET 146.73 AT 7.30 PM
CLUB MEETINGS AT 7.30 PM..

ACTIVITY CHAIR LIST.....

REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS...BOB OLSTEN

RAFFLE, LYMAN WILTSHIRE TICKETS TERRY LADUKE

CLUB PICNIC: STEVE SCHAFFER

CHRISTMAS PARTY: DOUG BENDER..STEVE SCHAFFER
ADV.

FLEA MARKET ..AL BLOOM

FIELD DAY..TERRY LADUKE..STEVE LUND..CHUCK
SABIN

EDUC. COMM..GEO SHEDORE..LEN GERALDI

HOME BREW CONTEST..STEVE LUND

WALKATHRONS..AL SCHMIDT..CHUCK..AL BLOOM

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GREETINGS AT MEETINGS..PAT SCHAFFER

POT LUCK..DON AND IRMA..OSBORNE/PEMBERTON

HIDDEN XMTR..AL SCHMIDT..TERRY LADUKE

QSL MANAGER..JIM TOMER

HERE WE GO AGAIN:

NO, THIS MONTH I'M NOT GOING TO AGITATE
FOR MORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN CLUB ACTIVIT-
IES.

THIS MONTH I SHALL ONLY THANK THOSE WHO
HAVE SERVED SO ABLY IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

FIRST: THE CLUB'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHOSE
DEDICATION HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTIGATION
OF ACTIVITIES AND FOR SMOOTH GENERAL OPER-
ATIONS.

SECOND: THOSE WHO ARE THE THE CHAIRPERSONS
OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES. THEIR ACTIVITY RE-
MINDS ME OF THE OLD SAYING: "THE OFFICERS GET
THE CREDIT BUT THE CHIEFS RUN THE NAVY". WE
COULDNT OPERATE WITHOUT THEM.

THIRD: YOU WHO HAVE SERVED ON THE VARIOUS
COMMITTEES WITH LITTLE OR NO RECOGNITION. YOU
MAY BE UNSUNG, BUT YOU ARE CERTAINLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER WHEN, IN A PREVIOUS COLUMN, I SAID
"TRY IT, YOU MIGHT LIKE IT"? WELL, A CERTAIN
NCS, WHO SHALL REMAIN ANONYMOUS, (BUT WHOSE CALL
SIGN IS N6IRJ), ASKED FOR A SECOND CONSECUTIVE
MONTH OF DUTY SO THAT SHE COULD BECOME MORE
PROFICIENT! SHE TRYED IT, SHE LIKED IT!

TNX..73/88 JIM

JUST A FEW DATES TO KEEP AN EYE ON.....

JUNE 23/24 FIELD DDY SANTA ROSA, CHILDRENS
CENTER,SEE STEVE LUND..TERRY LADUKE.

JULY 4TH KENWOOD RUN..PARADE..SEE WA6PER

JULY 11 CLUB MEETING 7.30 PM OEC..SANTA ROSA.

JULY 28 CLUB PICNIC..DOYLE PARK

AUGUST 19 CLUB BRUNCH..ACAPULCO, 505 MENDOCINO
CALL KATHY..SECT. IF YOU ARE GOING.

SEPT 15 ANNUAL FLEA MARKET..SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY
CENTER, SEE AL BLOOM.

SEPT. 30..2PM SUNDAY MARQUEE THEATER..SR. SEE
CHUCK SABIN..N6DDK TO SIGN UP FOR TICKETS
795-2371

OCTOBER MEETING..NOM. MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD
NOM OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 85.

NOV 7 MEETING..ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 85.

DEC. 8TH XMAS PARTY..NO CLUB MEETING..OFFICERS
INSTALLED..MEMBER OF YEAR AWARD..GOOD
TIME FOR ALL..PRESENTS FROM SANTA..

W5YI REPORT JUNE.....

AMATEUR TESTING BECOMES SCARCE.

IN LATE 1983 THE FCC ANNOUNCED THAT 1984 WOULD BE THE LAST YEAR THAT THEY WOULD BE ADMINISTERING AMATEUR OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS..AND EVEN THEN .. ONLY 4 TIMES A YEAR.

THE VEC PROGRAM IS NOT IN WORKING FORM AS YET. W5YI HAS FILED AS VEC FOR ALL REGIONS. ARRL HAS NOT AND WILL NOT UNTIL THE MONEY PROBLEM IS LAW. IT MAY BE NEAR THE FIRST OF THE YEAR BEFORE THE VEC PROGRAM IS IN ORDER.

AMECO AND BASH WILL BE GOING INTO THE QUESTION AND ANSWER BUSINESS SOON.

CALL SIGNS ISSUED AS OF THE FIRST OF JUNE:

6TH..EXTRA-WA6L..ADV.-K6EHU..TEC-GEN.-N6KMU..NOVICE-KB6FPW

THE TEXAS VHF SOCIETY HAS ISSUED A CALL FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE 2 METER BAND PLAN FROM A 15KHZ TO 20KHZ SPACING.

OLYMPIC GAMES..TWO SPECIAL EVENT AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS WILL E ON THE AIR BETWEEN JULY 28TH AND AUGUST 8TH USING CALL SIGNS W840G AND K840G. THEY WILL OPERATE ALL BANDS 80 THROUGH 10 METERS INCLUDING THE NOVICE FREQUENCIES. W840G/K840G CONTACTS WILL YIELD SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAME QSL CARDS. SEND SASE TO P.O. BOX 9007, STANFORD, CA. 94305.

ELECTRONIC SPECIALISTS, INC. 171 S. MAIN ST. BOX 389, NATICK, MA. 01760 HAS AN EXCELLENT CATALOG ON SOLVING RF INTERFERENCE AND VOLTAGE PROBLEMS. WRITE FOR CATALOG #841.

HAM OPERATOR EXAM QUESTIONS..A BOOKLET CONTAINING THE FCC AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR STUDY GUIDE AND ALL 1600 ACTUAL TEST QUESTIONS FOR ALL HAM CLASSES (NOVICE THROUGH EXTRA), NOW AVAILABLE FROM: THE W5YI REPORT, PO BOX #10101, DALLAS, TX. 75207 FOR \$2.00 PLUS 50 CENTS POSTAGE.

MARK W. EARLE, WA2MCT, AND DON BRAY, WD5DON OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TX. HAVE SUBMITTED A PETITION TO THE FCC SEEKING TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE 220 MHZ BAND FOR NOVICE PRIVILEGES.

CONT. FROM FIRST PAGE...DXING...

ON PHONE THE DX STATION MAY SAY UP 10. OR LISTENING FROM 14195 TO 14205. ON CW THE DX OPERATOR MAY SEND UP 5 OR U5. DO WHAT HE SAYS. CALL HIM UP 5KHZ, NOT ON HIS FREQUENCY. IF HE IS LIMITING THE EXCHANGE TO RST, THEN DONT TELL HIM YOUR NAME, QTH, WEATHER. AND THE COLOR SHORTS YOUR WEARING. REMEMBER HE'S IN CHARGE, DO AS IMPLIED BY HIS OPERATING STYLE. ON THE OTHER HAND IF YOU FIND A DX STATION CALLING CQ. GIVE HIM A CALL. IF HE'S CASUAL ABOUT THE WHOLE THING; GREAT! GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY. THIS MAY BE THE TIME TO NURTURE AN OVERSEAS RADIO FRIENDSHIP. IT COULD DEVELOP INTO A LONG TERM SITUATION I DISCRIBED IN MY FIRST ARTICLE. AGAIN, THE BEST INSTRUMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL DXING: IS TO LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN, AND THEN CALL.

DXING IS FUN WHEN YOU RUN WITH THE GRAIN. GUD DX ES 73

DE K6ANP

NEXT; HOW TO GET THAT DANG QSL CARD....

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE, 1984
GENERAL MEETING
(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE JULY MEETING)**

THE GENERAL CLUB MEETING WAS HELD ON JUNE 6, 1984 AT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:32 P.M. BY OUR PRESIDENT, JIM, W6CYM.

THE FOLLOWING VISITOR WAS INTRODUCED: N6KLJ, RANDY.

AN UP-GRADE TO TECHNICIAN HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY W66ENY, JAY.

THE WINNER OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SECTION OF THE NOVICE ROUND-UP CONTEST WAS N6IY, BRIAN. CONGRATULATIONS!!

THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING WERE APPROVED (MOVED BY K06GC, SECONDED BY W00JRB, VOTED BY THE CLUB).

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE ARRL SENT A LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT AND APPRECIATION FOR OUR CLUB'S DONATION OF \$50.00 TO THE GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

2. A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM LINDA BETH SWAN THANKING US FOR HELPING WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE RECENT MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA. THEY HOPE THAT WE WILL CONSIDER HELPING AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

3. WE HAVE A CONFIRMATION FOR A CLUB BRUNCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE ACAPULCO MEXICIAN RESTAURANT. THE COST WILL BE \$7.50/PERSON.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND - BEGINNING BALANCE WAS \$1,303.13, ENDING BALANCE WAS \$1,248.41. REPEATER FUND REMAINED UNCHANGED AT \$1,332.08. (MOVED BY K6ANP, SECONDED BY W0BLY, VOTED BY THE CLUB).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPEATER COMMITTEE: WE HAVE ACCEPTED AN OFFER BY THE RED CROSS TO PURCHASE THE 6-METER REPEATER FOR \$300.00.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

1. A CLUB CAMPOUT AND POTLUCK WILL BE HELD AT CASSINI'S RANCH JUNE 8-10. THE POTLUCK WILL BE SATURDAY NIGHT AT 5:00 P.M. BRING HAMBURGER, A DISH FOR THE TABLE, AND TABLE SERVICE FOR YOURSELF.

2. THE NEXT 7-HUNT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 16, LED BY W6DDK, CRUCK. MEET AT THE EOC PARKING LOT AT 1000 P.M.

3. FIELD DAY WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 23 & 24.

4. THE CLUB PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 28, AT DOYLE PARK. WE WILL AGAIN HAVE A CHILI COOKOFF.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: THE NEXT NOVICE CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. THE UP-GRADE CLASS IS REALLY DOING GREAT AND IT WILL END WITH THE MEETING THIS WEEK.

RACES: THERE WAS A MEETING AT THE JUNIOR COLLEGE TO ASSEMBLE THE METHANY DECODERS THAT WERE ORDERED. IF YOU PAID FOR A DECODER AND WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND, CONTACT K6QXB, HERB. ALSO, THERE ARE SOME STILL AVAILABLE IF YOU DIDN'T ORDER ONE BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO HAVE ONE. OUR LAST CDF-VIP TRAINING SESSION WAS HELD AT THE COUNTY AIRPORT WHERE WE HAD A PRESENTATION ON THE SHERRIF'S HELICOPTER. W6DTV, HANK, REPORTED ON THE CDF-VIP CALL-UP LAST TUESDAY (MAY 29) FROM 2:30-7:00. THREE PEOPLE WERE SENT OUT (K6GEV, BOB; N6IRJ, SUSAN; AND W6RNB, BOB) TO THE GLEN ELLEN FIRE STATION IC BASE. IT WAS ALSO NOTED AND THANKS EXPRESSED TO W6DTV, HANK, FOR WRITING UP A REPORT AND SENDING IT TO SECTION PERSONNEL DESCRIBING OUR RACES ACTIVITIES.

J-POLE ANTENNA DEMONSTRATION: W6DTV, HANK, HAD A J-POLE MADE FROM THE DIAGRAM PRINTED IN LAST MONTH'S SHORT SKIP. HE EXPLAINED HOW IT WAS MADE AND HAD IT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD DAY: IF ANYONE HAS ANY CLUB EQUIPMENT, W0BLY, STEVE, NEEDS TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY NOVICE ANTENNAS. NATURAL POWER IS STILL NEEDED; ALSO, A MESSAGE HANDLER. WE WILL HAVE 3 MAJOR STATIONS SET UP: 1. 20-METER, 2. 40-METER/15 METER, 3. 80-METER/15-METER, PLUS A NOVICE STATION. SIGN-UPS WERE TAKEN FOR OPERATORS AND EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, ETC. FOR EACH STATION. THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 18, AT 7:00 P.M. AT W6RNF, TERRY'S, HOME IF NEEDED TO PLAN LAST MINUTE STRATEGIES. LIGHTS, CLOCKS, FLASHLIGHTS, TABLES, CHAIRS, ETC. ARE NEEDED IF YOU CAN BRING THEM; ALSO, GUIDE WIRES (K06GC, STEVE, VOLUNTEERED TO BRING SOME). W6DPE, BOB, WILL BRING A 5-GALLON CAN OF GAS FOR THE GENERATOR. IF YOU FEEL YOU MUST DRINK, PLEASE DO IT DISCREETLY AS THIS IS COUNTY PROPERTY AND A MEDICAL FACILITY (BROUGHT TO YOU BY ONE WHO KNOWS, K06GC, STEVE)!

NEW BUSINESS

THE JULY GENERAL CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ONE WEEK LATER ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, DUE TO THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY. ALSO, THE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK LATER ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, TO BE HELD AT W00JRB, DOUG'S HOME. SPOUSES ARE INVITED.

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THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 P.M.
THE RAFFLE BROUGHT IN \$23.00.

THE MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY OF \$23.00 WAS WON BY W6GUAZ, KATHI.

INFORMATION AND DETAILS ON CONTESTING.
WE WANT TO THANK BOTH LYN AND LYLE FOR AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM. SEE LYN'S ARTICLE IN THE JULY ISSUE OF SHORT SKIP FOR MORE STATIONS WHO BSL 100%. CONTESTING, ESPECIALLY CW, IS THE BEST WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR SPEED TO UP-GRADE YOUR LICENSE. ENOUGH POSTAGE IN THE BSL BUREAU FOR YOU WILL RECEIVE 5-7 POUNDS OF POSTAGE FROM WORKING IN A CONTEST, ESPECIALLY THE JAPAN WORKED ON CW. LISTEN TO THE DX AND CONTEST REPEATERS FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COUNTRIES THAT YOU HAVEN'T WORKED YET. BE SURE YOU HAVE ALL STATES, ETC. LYLE SHOWED US HIS SHEET LISTING ALL THE COUNTRIES BY BANDS. HE USES A BLUE DOT IF WORKED ON PHONE AND A RED X IF LYLE'S PRESENTATION WAS AIMER MORE FOR THE NON-SERIOUS CONTESTOR. CONTESTS ARE A GOOD TIME TO LOOK FOR NEW COUNTRIES, WORK WHEN MULTI-OPERATING HAVE A FOLDER FOR EACH BAND WITH LOGS AND DUPE IN IT. SAVES CONFUSION WHEN SWITCHING BETWEEN BANDS. SATISFACTION FROM AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES, MENTION IN CB MAGAZINE, ETC.

THERE IS EXCITEMENT, SPORTSMANSHIP AND ENJOYMENT TO BE RECEIVED FROM CONTESTING. SEVERAL MONTHS LATER YOU GET A GREAT OPERATOR AND LOGGER SHOULD BE ABLE TO COPY CW AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED.

3. LOGGING AND DUPEING - FILL IN PREDETERMINED INFORMATION AHEAD! WHEN MULTI-OPERATING, ASSISTANT LOGS AND OPERATOR DUPE; PHONE CALLS? - ONLY ACCEPT THEM FROM COMPANY OR PLACE OF BUSINESS WHERE YOU WORK; SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM OUT-OF-TOWN RELATIVE. SAME WITH FOOD BREAKS.

BREAKS? - SLEEP AND EAT ONLY WHEN BAND CONDITIONS ARE SLOWING YOU UP; DON'T SLEEP AT THE SAME TIME YOU DID THE DAY BEFORE; MORE THAN ONE MULTIPLIER, DON'T KEEP TRYING USING UP VALUABLE TIME IF YOU DON'T GET IT RIGHT AWAY.

FOR NEW MULTIPLIERS; NEVER REPEAT ANYTHING TWICE UNLESS THE OTHER STATION ASKS FOR IT; AT A CERTAIN POINT MORE Q'S WILL BE WORTH 3/MINUTE ON CW; IF IT SLOWS DOWN TO 1/MINUTE, CHANGE BANDS; AFTER GOING THROUGH THE BANDS SEVERAL TIMES, GO BACK AND START TUNING - START OF CONTEST - CALL CB CONTEST; TRY TO ESTABLISH A PILE UP WHICH WILL ESTABLISH A HIGH Q RATE (6/MINUTES ON PHONE, A FEW MINUTES TO CONTEST - LOCATE A CLEAR FREQUENCY; TUNE; AND PRACTICE CALLING.

- ONE-HALF HOUR TO CONTEST - TUNE BANDS; DETERMINE CONDITIONS; VERIFY BAND PLAN.
- WITH YOUR CALL AND EXCHANGE AND PLACE IN FRONT OF STATION AREA.

- DAY OF THE CONTEST - PUT TAPE ON DIALS AND MARK SO ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TUNE UP MARKINGS WHEN CHANGING BANDS; MAKE A SIGN - EVENING BEFORE THE CONTEST - GET PLENTY OF REST; SEX IN MODERATION; ACCORDING TO WEATHER, RAIN; LAY OUT BAND PLANS. IMPORTANT ON PHONE CONTESTS; NONALCOHOLIC DRINKS, DECAFFINATED COFFEE UNTIL SECOND DAY.

- DAY OR SO BEFORE THE CONTEST - DO GROCERY SHOPPING, EASY EATING AND SERVING ITEMS; FRUIT JUICES, LIQUIDS ARE ESPECIALLY MAKE IT REALISTIC AND ATTAINABLE BUT HAVE IT REQUIRE A FAIR AMOUNT OF STRETCHING (8.5/HOUR, TOTAL NUMBER CONTEST POINTS, ETC). ADVANCE; HAVE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PENCILS, PRESHARPENED; READ THE CONTEST RULES AND BE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND THEM; SET A GOAL, SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE CONTEST - MAKE SUFFICIENT COPIES OF THE LOGS AND DUPE SHEETS; FILL IN ALL POSSIBLE DATA IN 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE CONTEST - CHECK LOW VSWR ON ANTENNAS.

2. 30 DAYS BEFORE THE CONTEST - CHECK PROPAGATION CONDITIONS, ORDER SUMMARY AND LOG SHEETS FROM SPONSOR. NEEDS TO BE AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE.

1. CHECK THE STATION LAYOUT. EVERYTHING SHOULD BE IN FRONT OF THE OPERATOR. THERE SHOULD BE VERY LITTLE MOVING AROUND. IT CONTEST OR FIELD DAY, YOU ARE THERE TO WIN. SOME OF THE THINGS TO DO BEFORE AND DURING THE CONTEST ARE:

THE PROGRAM TONIGHT WAS PRESENTED BY KAMP, LYN, AND MBLN, LYLE, AND DEALT WITH CONTESTING WHICH IS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE WITH FIELD DAY BEING LATER THIS MONTH. LYN HAD THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAM. THE MAIN POINT BEING THAT IF YOU ARE WORKING A

PROGRAM

MAIRI, SUSAN, HAS A ROUND-TRIP TICKET TO HAWAII IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED.
TIME LATER, ALSO, HE HAS A ROUND-TRIP TICKET TO GERMANY IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED.

ESTATE SALE: W6PUE, PRESS, ANNOUNCED THERE WOULD BE AN ESTATE SALE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16. HE WOULD ANNOUNCE THE LOCATION AND PUBLICATION AND VOTING PURPOSES.

ISSUE OVER TO THE NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING AT WHICH TIME WE WILL DISCUSS IT MORE AND TRY TO GET IT IN ITS FINAL FORM FOR OFFICER MUST BE A LICENSED HAM. SINCE THE TIME WAS GETTING LATE AND WE STILL HAD NOT HAD OUR PROGRAM, IT WAS DECIDED TO CARRY THIS WAS A REAL ADVANTAGE TO HAVING MEMBERS JOIN DURING THE YEAR. ALSO, IT WAS FELT THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING STATING THAT A CLUB PROGRAME; KEEP THE INITIATION FEE; KEEP THE FAMILY RATE; ELIMINATE THE 18 YEAR AND YOUNGER DISTINCTION. SOME FELT THAT PROGRAME SOME OF THE CHANGES SUGGESTED WERE: ONLY ONE CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP DOING AWAY WITH SPONSORING AND FULL MEMBERS; ONE DUE RATE; NO INITIATION FEES ONLY (MOVED BY NIAL, SECONDED BY MAIRI). IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE DUES STRUCTURE BE CHANGED (MOVED BY NIAL).

THAT INSTEAD OF THE INCOME COMING FROM ALL ACCOUNTS, FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES IT WOULD BE EASIER TO HAVE IT COME FROM THE DUES AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; NIAL, AL, WROTE UP AND PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DUES STRUCTURE OF THE CLUB. IT WAS PROPOSED

JOIN US FOR BRUNCH!

The Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Club will be having an early Sunday afternoon brunch on Sunday, August 19. We will meet at the Acapulco Mexican Restaurant at 505 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, at 1:00 p.m. After going through the brunch line and getting as much as you want, we will be seated in a private dining room reserved just for our group. This will be a family event where spouses and children are welcome. We want the whole family to come and join in the fun! The cost will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. This price includes as much as you want! We would like to know by the first of August how many plan to attend. If you have not already signed the list at the Club meeting, please call Kathi at 544-7943 and let her know you plan to attend. Mark your calendar, bring the entire family, and join us for brunch!

DRACULA-LA!

OH, NO! COUNT DRACULA IS DEAD, AND A NEW LEADER MUST BE FOUND IMMEDIATELY! BUT IN PHILADELPHIA, IN 1928, HOW DOES A TRIO OF MUSICAL VAMPIRES GO ABOUT FINDING THEIR NEW LEADER? FIND OUT WHEN "DRACULA-LA!" THE POPULAR MUSICAL COMEDY ABOUT FLAPPERS, VAMPIRES, AND A RETIRING CANDY SHOP OWNER COMES TO THE MARQUEE THEATRE THIS FALL! ADMIT IT, "ISN'T THERE A BIT OF THE VAMP IN YOU AND ME?"

SEPT. 30TH SUNDAY 2PM. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR PHONE CHUCK SABIN N6DDK 795-2371 PRICE \$10.00 EACH..PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR. IF EACH MEMBER WOULD TAKE ONE TABLE WE WOULD DO O.K. EACH TABLE HOLDS 4 TO 5 PEOPLE.

FLEA MARKET

IT IS ABOUT TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT OUR FLEA MARKET IN SEPTEMBER. SAVE YOUR EXCESS ITEMS THAT YOU WISH TO PART WITH AFTER ALL THESE YEARS. THE CLUB WILL HAVE A TABLE WHERE BY INDIVIDUALS CAN GIVE OR CONSIGN TO THE CLUB TO SELL THE CLUB WILL KEEP 10% FOR THE EFFORT. IN THIS WAY MEMBERS WITH ONLY ONE OR TWO ITEMS CAN FIND A PLACE TO DISPLAY AND HAVE A CHANCE TO SELL. SEPTEMBER IS NOT TOO FAR AWAY AND IT TAKES TIME TO SORT THOSE THINGS OUT.. SEE YOU THERE.

SWAP....SELL....WANT...WHAT EVER.....

W6AAZ...539-2885..FOR SALE, 922A KENWOOD LIN. AMP...USED THREE TIMES, WITH MANUAL \$850.00, ASK FOR MERLE.

KB6ENY..575-8008..WANTS, SWR BRIDGE, ANTENNA TUNNER, ASK FOR JAY.

WD6CUG..545-0444..FOR SALE, 18AVT/WB-A VERT. ANT. 80/10 \$45.00.

CLUB CAMP OUT AND POT LUCK

SATURDAY STARTING AROUND 5PM (JUNE 9)

34 PERSONS ATTENDED THE CLUB POT LUCK SPONSORED BY DON WA6ACX AND IRMA KF6FX AND CHIEF COOK N6BLN. LYLES HAMBERGERS WERE FINE BUT HIS SPECIAL COBBLER WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD.

18 STAYED OVER NITE TO ENJOY THE FINE WEATHER NEAR THE COAST AT CASINI'S RANCH.

SOME TRIED TO WORK THE VHF CONTEST BUT ONLY TWO STATIONS WERE HEARD AND WORKED. HF ACTIVITIES WERE BETTER BUT NOT OUTSTANDING. DON ADDED TWO MORE CAMPSITES TO HIS WAC.

NOTES FROM AROUND THE CORNER..

WARREN WB6RHP HAS HAD HIS HIP OPERATION AND AT LAST WORK WAS WALKING AROUND THE HOSPITAL HALLS. THEY HAD GUARDS ON DUTY AT THE OUTLETS SO HE WILL NOT WALK OUT.....

CHUCK SABIN HAS BEEN APPOINTED ASSN. DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT OUR CLUB AT SAN FRANCISCO SECTION MEETINGS.

JIM NESSN, KD6LC IS THE NEW DEC FOR SONOMA COUNTY, HANK RETIRES AS EC AND IS EC OF WSCSZ EAST.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS by N1AL
(To be voted on at the July meeting, July 11)

INCOME DISTRIBUTION:

Currently the constitution specifies that "50% of all club income shall go into the Repeater Fund ..." with the rest going into the General Fund (Article X, para. 5). The problem is the definition of the word "income". For example, say the club holds a fund-raising event like the Marquee Theater night that requires an advance payment of \$750. This is paid from the General Fund. Assume we take in \$1000 for a net \$250 profit. A literal interpretation of the rules says we have to put half of the \$1000 (\$500) into the repeater fund and \$500 into the General Fund. The "fund raiser" results in a net loss of \$250 for the General Fund.

To solve this problem, a clause was added to define "income" as "net income" of each item after all profits and losses are netted out for that activity. The last 3 treasurers have had trouble interpreting this. For example do we net out the coffee fund each month or once a year? It makes a difference since the income is continuous but the expenses are intermittent.

I propose to change Article X to place half of club dues into the Repeater Fund with the rest going into the General Fund. It turns out this will make very little difference since most club income comes from dues and fund raisers, and the Board usually votes to place fund raiser money in the General Fund anyway per Article X, para. 6.

I propose the following changes in Article X, paragraph 5. New material is in brackets [], and deleted material is in strikethroughs: The ellipses (...) indicate a portion of the paragraph not shown.

50 per cent of all club income [from dues and initiation fees] shall go into the Repeater Fund, the rest accruing to the General Fund ... ~~... The word income shall mean the net income of each fund.~~

FIELD DAY.

CHAIRMEN: TERRY LADUKE, STEVELUND

WHEN: 23/24 JUNE

WHERE: CHILDRENS DAY TREATMENT CENTER AT 3400 CHANATE RD.

TIME: SET UP 9AM. ON SATURDAY, OPERATING TIME SATURDAY TO NOON SUNDAY.

CLASS: 2 TRANSMITTER PLUS NOVICE.

FOOD: SATURDAY LUNCH: BROWN BAG, YOURS.

SATURDAY NITE: N6DIK BEEF STEW.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST, N6DIK PANCAKES AND FIXINGS.

OPERATING RULES: ALL OPERATORS MUST OPERATE IN THE SUBBANDS THAT THEY ARE LICENSED FOR.

NOVICE STATION HAS PRIORITY ON CHOICE OF BANDS.

GUEST OPERATORS ARE ENCOURAGED BUT CLUB MEMBERS HAVE PRIORITY.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

NATURAL POWER: DOUG. W4JTB.

ARRL FIELD DAY MESSAGES: AL N1AL.

MESSAGE GENERATION: AL N1AL.

MESSAGE RELAY: ?

LOGS, DUPE SHEETS, ETC. STEVE WASLLY

PUBLICITY: VAN W6G FY.

NOVICE TRANSMITTER, STEVE.

NOVICE ANTENNA: ?

GENERATOR: HOPPY, WD6CKP

SPECIAL NEEDS:

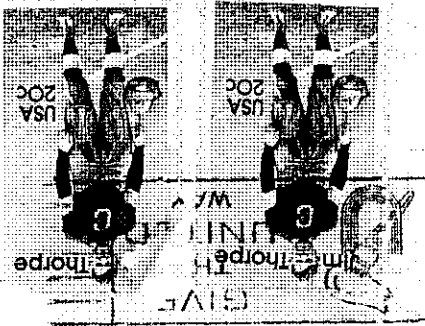
**GUY ROPES, SMALL LAMPS, CLOCKS,
EXTENSION CORDS, JUNCTION BOXES, SHADE
LIKE TARPS FOR OPERATING AREA.**

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY RADIO, INC.

LATE...LATE...LATE NEWS.....

THE PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION IS A GO ON LABOR DAY WEEK, 31ST AUG 22..MARRIOTT HOTEL
SANTA CLARA..A SPECIAL PRICE FOR AFFILIATED CLUBS, REGISTER ANNUET FOR \$23.00 IF 10
OR SIGN UP AT SAME TIME. BANQUETT SUNDAY EVENING..THE MEET MIDNITE..FCC EXAMS AT
CONVENTION..NON NOVICE..CONTACT HOUSING COMM. OR C OF C SANTA CLARA FOR HOTEL SERVICE.

NA6T ...AMATEURS ARE BEING ASKED TO HANDLE COMMUNICATIONS HELS AND BUSSES FOR DEMO.
CONVENTION IN SF DURING THE JULY 16TH TIME PERIOD...SF REORGANIZATING SAME K6CD OR
OTHER MEMBERS COULD TELL YOU ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW...WAIT SEE IF THERE IS ANY LAW THAT
WOULD STOP THIS SERVICE.

THE OLYMPIC TORCH RUN WILL BE GOING THROUGH SF ABOUT THE TIME ROUTE IS IN QUESTION..
THE PIONEER AT&T REPEATER WILL BE USED

OUR APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB HAS BEEN SIGNED AND W6ZM..THIS IS THE SECOND
CLUB IN THE PACIFIC DIVISION..RENO WAS FIRST..THIS IS NECF FOR THE VE PROGRAM TO GO..

ARRL INSURANCE CAN COVER HOME COMPUTERS IF THEY ARE PROGR AMATEUR USE..CHECK

ARRL HAS HIRED A PERSON TO PUT THE NEW EC WORK BOOK TOGETH USABLE FORM..THIS STARTED
IN THE SF SECTION. EAST BAY SEC DAVE TYLER N6DRT HAS ROUG...SAY ITS QUITE GOOD..SEND
FOR COPY?..LYLE MEEK N6BLN WAS IN ON THE EARLY PART OF THE BOOK..

THE STATUS OF REIMBURSEMENT OF OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE IS S STATUS QUO BOTH FCC AND ARRL
STILL WORKING ON SAME.

IDEAS FROM THIS LATE MEETING THAT OUR NEW ASSN. DIRECTOR SABIN ATTENDED WILL GO BACK
TO ARRL BOARD MEETING. CHUCK REPRESENTS OUR CLUB..