

# Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.

Club Station  
W6LFJ

P.O. Box 116  
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Repeater Station  
WB6PVS



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## REFLECTION TIME OR WHERE HAS ALL THE TIME GONE?

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR THERE IS SOME SPACE FOR REFLECTION. LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS AND SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT TOOK PLACE IN AMATEUR RADIO, IS A START. IT BEGAN WITH NO LICENSE, NO CODE AND THE FIRST STEP WAS ONE CODE SPEED AND ONE LEVEL OF LICENSE, TO THE PRESENT FAY OF THREE CODE SPEEDS AND FIVE LEVELS OF LICENSE. NOW THE FCC HAS TURNED THE TESTING PROGRAM OVER TO THE RADIO AMATEUR. THIS IS A STEP JUST TRIED BY OUR LOCAL CLUB.

NOT TOO LONG AGO THE "NO CODE" BIT THE DUST, YET WITHIN THE LAST MONTH RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE FCC IS AGAIN INTERESTED IN A "NO CODE" LEVEL TO BRING MORE MEMBERS INTO THE DECLINING MEMBERSHIP OF AMATEUR RADIO.

A CURRENT ITEM OF INTEREST TO THE AMATEUR IS ANTENNAS AND THEIR HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND. MANY CITIES AND COUNTIES PLUS SOME STATE ACTIVITY SEEM TO LEAN TOWARDS A MUCH LOWER OR NONE AT ALL. YEARS AGO THE HEIGHT DEPENDED ON HOW LONG A TREE YOU COULD GO OUT AND BRING HOME OR IF YOU LIVED IN AN AREA WHERE BAMBOO WAS RAISED A NICE FIFTY FOOT LENGTH WAS IDEAL. I HAVE HEARD OF ONE AREA THAT WOULD LIMIT ANTENNA HEIGHT TO SIXTEEN FEET. WHAT NEXT?

TECHNOLOGY HAS PROGRESSED SO FAST IN OUR AREA THAT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS MORE INFORMATION HAS COME FORWARD THAN IN THE PAST FIFTY OR MORE YEARS COMBINED. WE STARTED WITH CW, THEN AM OR FM, THEN ON TO RTTY AND SSB, NOW WE ARE INTO PACKET RADIO, SST, MAILBOX, COMPUTER CONTROL, WHAT NEXT? WE NO LONGER BUILD MOST OF OUR EQUIPMENT; NOW WE GO TO HRO, ROSS, ETC..AND LAY DOWN THE GREEN STUFF. TECHNOLOGY HAS PASSED MANY OF US BY FIVE TO TEN YEARS AGO. SO STOP AND REFLECT FOR A WHILE, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, AS AN INDIVIDUAL AMATEUR, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS? ARE YOU IN TO DL OR RAG CHEWING OR TRAFFIC? DO YOU HELP AT ALL WITH PUBLIC SERVICE? ARE YOU ONLY VHF, UHF, HF? HAVE YOU BUILT ANYTHING LATELY, EVEN AN ANTENNA? HAS A NOVICE OR ANY OTHER GRADE AMATEUR ASKED YOU FOR HELP AND DID YOU GIVE IT? HAVE YOU MADE A BALANCE BETWEEN AMATEUR RADIO AND YOUR FAMILY? ALL ARE IMPORTANT: SOME REFLECTION MAY BE NEEDED.

WELL BACK TO XMAS TIME..PLAN THIS PERIOD WITH THE FAMILY AND THEY WILL HELP YOU IN PLANNING YOUR AMATEUR ACTIVITIES. REFLECTION IS NECESSARY AS IT TELLS YOU WHERE YOU WERE, AND WILL HELP YOU IN PLANNING WHERE YOU WANT TO GO. MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL..

1984 OFFICERS 5131  
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REPEATER..WB6PVS..146.73..CLUB STATION W6LFJ  
 NET EVERY TUESDAY 7PM..146.73..CLUB NO MEETING  
 IN DECEMBER..XMAS PARTY TAKES PLACE.  
 RACES MEETS EACH FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EACH  
 MONTH. 7PM LOCAL FREQUENCY..ADMIN. NET AT 7:30  
 PM 146.73.....

**ACTIVITY CHAIR LIST**

REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS...BOB OLSTEN  
 RAFFLE..LYMAN WILTSHIRE..TERRY LADUKE TICKETS  
 XMAS PARTY DOUG BENDER,,STEVE SCHAFFER  
 EDUC, COMM. LEN GERALDI  
 WALKATHRONS..AL SCHMIDT..CHUCK SABIN..AL BLOOM  
 PROGRAM ..AL SCHMIDT  
 HIDDEN TRANSMITTER..AL SCHMIDT..TERRY LADUCK  
 CHUCK SABIN  
 QSL MGR. ???

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MANAGER

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de WA6JRB

Even with the national election the day before, the club's election was held the next day. A fine group, headed by Chuck, N6DDK, will take the club forward in 1985. (See minutes of last meeting for details.)

The holiday season is upon us, and we should all take a few minutes to think back about what was accomplished, and how each of us can help the club next year. NOW is the time to begin thinking about the club in 1985. What social events would you like to attend or be a participant? Should Field Day take on a different twist, like go all out competitively? Perhaps a single or two transmitter classification?

How about a club contest? It could run over 3 months, and have the main objective of working as many club members as possible. Repeater contacts would not count, but simplex QSO's would. Any mode or band could be allowed. What do you think?

Has anyone thought about running an antenna measuring contest? The antennas should probably be designed for 2 meters, and either commercially or home made. Perhaps this could be part of the annual club picnic?

Whatever your ideas, please talk to the new Board of Officers. You do not necessarily become the one to run the event--at this point in time, ideas are what counts.

Please give the new officers your support and make their job a little easier by volunteering. See you all at the Christmas Party!

73's...Doug

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* Christmas Party Gift Exchg.*
*                               *
* OM's --bring Male gift      *
* YL's --bring Female gift    *
*                               *
* $2-$3 in value.             *
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# Not Me!

By John G. Troster,\* W6ISQ

"Thank you. Thank you, club members. Don't get up. No big appreciation demonstration, please. Now you elected me your new president on my 'New S9 Action Program' to make this miserable group into the best club in the whole U S of A . . . right?"

"Right . . . Yippee . . . Wah hoo wah."

"And we're gonna be a world champion club . . . right?"

"Right on . . . Hooooorrayyy . . . S9-plus, Old Man."

"And we're gonna move forward and onward . . . and ahhh . . . upward . . . and ahhh . . . right?"

"Right . . . We're ready . . . What you gonna do, Mr. Prez?"

"Okay, the first thing in my New S9 Program is to make us a big winner in Field Day . . . right?"

"Hooooorraayyy . . . We're number one . . . What kinda trophy we get?"

"Okay! First thing we need is a hard-charging, good-organizing Field Day chairman who's gonna ramrod this club into an oiled, smooth-running, efficient QSO machine to pile up points . . . who wants to volunteer to be chairman?"

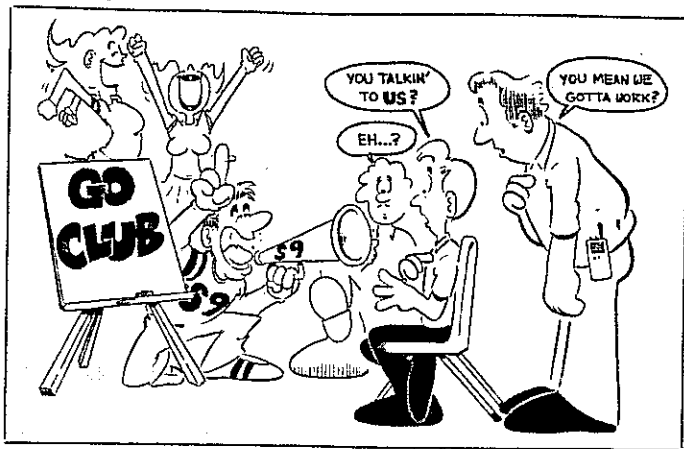
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"Ahhh . . . who wants to volunteer to be the leader of this winning team? Ahhh . . . volunteers?? . . . hmmm . . . you're all too modest . . . ahh . . . okay, then, I'll appoint a leader. I'm gonna appoint our club fireball, old Charlie. Charlie, I want you to take ahold of Field Day and move us forward . . . multi rigs . . . multi antennas . . . every member in there CQing for the glory of this stagnant old club . . . the XYLs cooking chow and the kids running hamburgers and drinks to the ops . . . right?"

"Waaalll . . . I dunno if I want to volunteer to get appointed Field Day skipper or not . . . lot a work, you know . . . all them rigs . . . putting up all the antennas . . . and all them XYLs and kids . . . ugh . . . hear 'em now . . . makes me kinda tired just thinking about it."

"Yeah, Mr. President, you appoint old Charlie our Field Day skipper and first thing you know he's out appointing a lot of us assistants. And second thing you know we'd all have to be out there in the hot sun working on Field Day . . . Lot a work there . . . I was trying to get away from the XYL for one weekend anyway . . . We ain't never been in a Field Day before . . . Not me."

"You mean you fellas is gonna pass up



a opportunity for this miserable club to make the greatest score in the history of Field Days?"

"Naw, he's right, Mr. President . . . Not me . . . We never done it . . . I was planning a barbeque that weekend . . . Me too . . . All that work . . . Not me."

"Okay, okay . . . let's forget Field Day for a while. But let me tell you there's no way we're gonna have a 'New S9 Action Program' without a great, first-class club paper . . . right?"

"Right! Sure thing . . . Great thinking . . . Give us prestige . . ."

"Glad to hear everybody's in favor of a great paper. Now, who wants to volunteer to edit our new award-winning club paper? Come on . . . somebody volunteer . . . volunteers anybody? Hmmm . . . Okay, I appoint Jimmy. There you are, Jimmy. You gotta start investigative reporting. Nobody ever got a Nobel Prize without investigating. Gotta crusade for better band conditions . . . less sun spots . . . ahhh . . . smaller pileups . . . more DXCC countries."

"Weeeelllll . . . ahhh . . . I dunno, Mr. President. Takes a lot a time, and I ain't never done no Nobel prize investigating . . . 'course I could appoint a bunch of columnists to help."

"Naw . . . Not me . . . Forget that appointing stuff, Jimmy . . . Write it yourself . . . Not me . . . For this club you only need a cartoonist . . . Not me . . . Yeah, a comic book maybe . . . Not me . . . I can't draw."

"Here I'm trying to progress this lousy club into S9 world class ranking, and nobody will do nothing! If you didn't like my 'New S9 Action Program,' how come you elected me president?"

"You was the only one running. Yeah, Old Man, your S9 program is down to about a S5 right now."

"Okay, you lost your chance. I'm not gonna let nobody else volunteer. I'm only going to appoint people from now on. So, I'm gonna appoint Old Sam to be chairman of our new program committee. We need new exciting speakers . . . people who are gonna tell us what we ought to know . . . get us all fired up . . . what do you say, Sam?"

"Ahhhh . . . waaalll, Mr. President, I

don't know nobody who's excited about much . . . only exciting fella I ever knew finally made DXCC, but then he went back to full-time rag chewing . . . maybe somebody else . . . not me."

"Come on, Sam. We need speakers to educate us . . . launch us onto the wave of the future with outstanding speakers . . . ahhh . . . the way to the future is forward . . ."

"Maybe Sam he don't wanna go forward on a wave . . . You're down to about a S2, Mr. President."

All right . . . okay . . . I'll get the speakers myself. But one thing the S9 Program is gonna do right now is to save us all from poisoning . . . ha ha. I'm gonna move us out of this terrible Mom's Pizza Parlor here into a decent restaurant. We can't move forward if we all get ptomaine poisoned in the back of a pizza parlor . . . I'm gonna appoint a restaurant committee."

"What you got against old Mom's Pizza? Yeah, we like her cheeze and them hot peppers . . . Not me . . . I stay . . . Love that Polish sausage . . . Me too . . . Not me . . . You're down to a S-nothing, Mr. President . . . Not me!"

"You elected me president to turn this club around and progress, to move forward into world-class contention . . . ahhh . . . or did you? All I need is a little help . . . a few committee chairmen . . . right? . . . ahhh . . ."

"Not me . . . you're the president . . . You do the work . . . Yeah, we elected you and now you're trying to make us do the work."

"Okay, okay . . . hmmm . . . well . . . all right. That's about all for this meeting tonight. Next meeting . . . ahhh . . . we meet here in the back room of Mom's Pizza . . . no speaker program . . . just swap lies like usual . . . forget winning Field Day . . . forget our Nobel-winning paper."

"Hey, sure like your 'New S9 Action Program,' Mr. President. Learning fast . . . Good program . . . gonna make a great president . . . You're back up to S9-plus . . . Yeah, with a good club Action Program like that, maybe we'll elect you president again next year."

"Not me!"

IN APPRECIATION TO

MIKE TER SARKISSOFF

MIKE HAS PROVIDED THE USE OF HIS COPY MACHINES FOR OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS AND TO MY KNOWLEDGE HAS NEVER BEEN THANKED. I TAKE THIS TIME AND SPACE TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICES. MAY THE NEW EDITOR HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL TERM IN THE SMALL FIELD OF NEWS LETTERS. THANK YOU, HENRY E. DAVIS PAST EDITOR.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER, 1984  
GENERAL MEETING  
(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE JANUARY MEETING)**

THE GENERAL CLUB MEETING WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984, AT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:31 P.M. BY OUR PRESIDENT, DOUG, WA6JRB.

THE FOLLOWING VISITORS WERE INTRODUCED: W2EBG, GENE (WHO JOINED TONIGHT); AND KB6FRJ, DON.

**STANDING BUSINESS**

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING WERE APPROVED (MOVED BY N6DDK, SECONDED BY KD6GC, VOTED BY THE CLUB).

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL FUND - BEGINNING BALANCE IN SEPTEMBER WAS \$356.56, ENDING BALANCE IN OCTOBER WAS \$1,467.29. REPEATER FUND - BEGINNING BALANCE IN SEPTEMBER WAS \$1,733.25, ENDING BALANCE IN OCTOBER WAS \$1,579.71 (MOVED BY KD6GC, SECONDED BY N6DDK, VOTED BY THE CLUB).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

REPEATER COMMITTEE: REPORTED THE PURCHASE OF A TOUCH-TONE DECODER. THE COUNTY IS PLANNING TO PURCHASE A NEW REPEATER. WE WILL BE PURCHASING A NEW IDER. WA6RNF, TERRY, HAS BEEN REMOVING ALL THE ADD-ONS FROM THE OLD REPEATER. WHEN HE HAS THEM ALL REMOVED, WE WILL RETURN THE REPEATER TO THE COUNTY.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: THE UP-GRADE CLASS IS ABOUT HALF WAY THROUGH. THERE ARE EIGHT PEOPLE IN THE CLASS. N1AL, AL, WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE GIVING A VOLUNTEER EXAM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1985, AT THE EOC. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO NOTIFY THE MARIN CLUB WHEN WE HAVE A FIRM DATE AS THEY ALSO WISH TO GIVE A TEST BUT DON'T WANT TO CONFLICT WITH US. THERE WAS A QUESTION ON THE LEGALITY OF THE REPEATER IDEYING AUTOMATICALLY. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT OURS ISN'T SET UP THAT WAY.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

1) THERE WAS A REMINDER OF WHAT THE MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY IS AND THAT IT WOULD BE GOING AROUND DURING THE MEETING.

2) THE INFORMATION ON THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LAST "SHORT SKIP". EXTRA COPIES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FRONT DESK TONIGHT. THE MENU WILL CONSIST OF BARBECUED BEEF, SMOKED TURKEY, OR HAM. N6BLN, LYLE, WILL BE DOING THE COOKING. THE GIFT EXCHANGE WILL CONSIST OF A \$2-3 GIFT FOR THE SAME SEX. PLEASE MARK ON GIFT EITHER "MAN" OR "WOMAN". MORE INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF "SHORT SKIP". BE SURE TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THOSE IN CHARGE KNOW HOW TO PLAN!

RACES: THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY HELD A DINNER LAST SATURDAY NIGHT FOR THOSE IN THE VOLUNTEERS IN PREVENTION PROGRAM. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 48 IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING SOME NON-AMATEUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF THE ENTRY WORK ON THE COMPUTERS. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION WERE AWARDED THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VIP'S WILL BE HELD THE THIRD THURSDAY IN JANUARY (THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER).

**OLD BUSINESS**

BOARD MEETING FOR NOVEMBER: THE BOARD WILL BE MAKING A LIST OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES THE CLUB HAS HAD DURING THE PAST YEAR. WE WILL BE APPLYING FOR CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD IN THE PACIFIC DIVISION. ANY WHO ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING CAN CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER OR ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, AT 7:30 P.M. AT KD6GC, STEVE'S, HOME.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PRB-1: SOME DISCUSSION WAS GIVEN THE ARRL REQUEST ON ANTENNA ORDINANCES. FILING DATE IS THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9. ALL WERE URGED TO WRITE LETTERS TO THE FCC IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE. A SHEET WAS SENT AROUND FOR MEMBERS TO SIGN WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO A LETTER SENT TO THE FCC FROM THE SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC.

DART-DEFEND AMATEUR RADIO TOWERS: WA6Lly, STEVE, PROPOSED THAT THE "CLUB DONATE \$25.00 TO DART TO FURTHER THEIR EFFORTS." THIS ORGANIZATION HAS INCURRED OVER \$2,000.00 IN EXPENSES SO FAR IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP AMATEURS THAT ARE HAVING LEGAL PROBLEMS WITH ANTENNA TOWERS. (MOVED BY WA6Lly, SECONDED BY KD6GC, VOTED BY THE CLUB).

CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS: N6KZS, PHIL, MUST HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR BY THE END OF THE MEETING TONIGHT. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

WEST LINKS: WD6CKP, HOPPY, MENTIONED THAT WEST LINKS IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS IF THEY ARE TO CONTINUE WITH THE BROADCAST. ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT IS INTERESTED IN HELPING SHOULD CONTACT HIM.

CLUB ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1985

TONIGHT THE CLUB HELD ELECTIONS FOR THE 1985 OFFICERS. THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT: N6DDK, CHUCK SABIN  
VICE-PRESIDENT: WD6DPE, BOB OLSTEN  
SECRETARY: N5IYY, BRIAN TORR  
TREASURER: N6KLU, RUDY MAPPAS  
ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: KB6EOC, BOB PHILLIPS  
MEMBER-AT-LARGE: N6BLN, LYLE KEEK  
REPEATER CHAIRMAN: WB6UBA, JIM BOYETT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD YEAR IN 1985!

THANKS WAS EXPRESSED TO WA6ACX, DON, AND WB6UBA, JIM, FOR THEIR HARD WORK AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE THIS YEAR.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:44 P.M.

THE MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY OF \$13.26 WAS LOST TONIGHT BY K6DCX, BOB MILLER.

THE RAFFLE BROUGHT IN \$33.00 TONIGHT.

PROGRAM

THERE WAS NO FORMAL PROGRAM AS SUCH TONIGHT BECAUSE OF THE ELECTIONS. NIAL, AL, HAD HIS HOMEBREW COMPUTER SET UP FOR THOSE THAT WERE INTERESTED. KD6HQ, DON, HAD HIS COMPUTER ALSO WITH SOFTWARE APPLICABLE FOR HAM RADIO USE.

THERE WAS MUCH INTEREST IN BOTH THESE DISPLAYS AND WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO BOTH AL AND DON FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BRING THEIR COMPUTERS IN AND SHARE WITH THE CLUB MEMBERS.

--KATHI BOYETT, WB0UAZ, CLUB SECRETARY

P.S. THESE WILL BE THE LAST CLUB MINUTES REPORTED BY ME. I WANT TO THANK THE CLUB FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS THEIR SECRETARY THIS PAST YEAR AND FOR ALL THE SUPPORT FROM THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD. I LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR FOR THE CLUB IN 1985! LET'S ALL MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

\*\*\*\*\* CHRISTMAS PARTY \*\*\*\*\*

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!!

When: December 8, 1984

4-6 pm Set up  
6 pm Social Hour  
7 pm Dinner  
8-8:30 Awards & Presentations  
8:30-9 Gift Exchange & Raffle  
9-10:30 Socializing

Where: National Guard Armory  
1500 Armory Drive  
Santa Rosa

What to bring:

Last Names beginning with  
A-E: Bread or Rolls  
F-I: Vegetables, Potatoes, etc.  
J-N: Salads (green, macaroni,  
etc.)  
O-S: Chips and Dip  
T-Z: Desserts

IN ADVANCE

\$5.00 per individual club member  
\$5.00 per individual in club  
member's immediate family  
\$3.00 per child (under 12) in club  
member's immediate family  
\$7.50 per individual non-club  
\$4.50 per child non-club

Send checks made out to "SCRA"  
(no cash please) to:

Doug Bender, WA0JRB  
3638 Hemlock Court  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Cutoff for Advance reservations:  
NOVEMBER 30, 1984

AT THE DOOR

\$6.00 per individual club member  
\$6.00 per individual in club  
member's immediate family  
\$4.00 per child (under 12) in club  
member's immediate family  
\$9.00 per individual non-club  
\$6.00 per child non-club

DECEMBER

THANKSGIVING IS PAST AND NOW WE PLAN FOR VISITS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS...GIFTS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AND NOTES OF GOOD CHEER TO NEIGHBORS AND OTHERS THAT ARE CLOSE.

XMAS IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR, AS SPIRITS CAN BE RENEWED..FAMILY CAN RETURN TO THE OLD HOMESTEAD AND SOME CAN FOLLOW THE SNOW. MANY PLAN AHEAD MANY MONTHS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES AS MANY HAVE TO TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCE. NEVER THE LESS IT IS RENEWAL TIME FOR ALL, AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE.

SOME TIMES THIS PERIOD BRINGS FAIRWELLS AND GOODBYES AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY PART FOR HOME OR PLACES OF NEW EMPLOYMENT OR SCHOOL. THIS YEAR YOUR EDITOR FOR SHORT SKIP IS RETIRING AND THE NEW YEAR BRINGS YOU AL BLOOM AS YOUR NEW EDITOR OF SHORT SKIP. HE STARTS WITH THE JANUARY ISSUE. GIVE HIM ALL THE SUPPORT YOU CAN. LET HIM KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE IN SHORT SKIP, BETTER YET DO SEVERAL ARTICLES IN YOUR FIELD OF EXPERTISE AND SEND IT TO YOUR NEW EDITOR AS ARTICLES ON ALL PHASES OF AMATEUR RADIO ARE VERY WELCOME.

AGAIN LET ME THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SERVE YOU OVER THE YEARS, I HOPE I DID NOT PUT YOU TO SLEEP TOO OFTEN AND THAT SOME OF THE MATERIAL WAS USEFUL TO YOU.

73--88

HANK AND SARAH DAVIS  
W6DTV AND N6FAX

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WSYI REPORT, NOV. 1, 84...

THE FCC HAS RELEASED A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING (PR-960) LOOKING TOWARD EVENTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE PRIVILEGES INTERNATIONALLY AGREED UPON AT WARC-79. THE FINAL ACTS OF THE 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATION RADIO CONFERENCE WAS RATIFIED BY THE U.S. ON SEPT. 6, 83 AND CARRIES THE WEIGHT OF AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY.

NOW THAT THE NEW HAM BANDS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ALLOCATED TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE BY THE U.S., THE NEXT STEP FOR THE COMMISSION IS TO DETERMINE EXACTLY HOW THE AMATEUR COMMUNITY WILL UTILIZE THEM. OPERATING GUIDE LINES, AUTHORIZED EMISSIONS AND SUB-BANDS SEGMENT BOUNDRIES MUST ALL BE AGREED UPON AND ASSIGNED.

THIRTY METERS-10.100 TO 10.150 NO WINDOW FROM 10.109 TO 10.115 EXISTS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. ALSO FOR RACES.

KURZWELL APPLIED INTELLIGENCE, A LITTLE KNOWN MASSACHUSETTS FIRM IN THE VOICE RECOGNITION BUSINESS, HAS DEVELOPED A TYPEWRITER THAT TRANSCRIBES HUMAN SPEECH! THE VAT HAS A 10,000 WORD VOCABULARY AND TYPES AWAY AT 150 WORDS PER MINUTE==NORMAL SPEAKING SPEED. A USER TALKS INTO A MICROPHONE AND THE WORDS APPEAR ON A CRT FOR LATER HARD COPY PRINTING. WANG AND XEROX ARE INTERESTED.

NOVEMBER 20 THRU NOVEMBER 29 LOOK FOR AN EXPEITION FROM TAIWAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THIS EXCHANGE WAS STARTED WHEN BARRY GOLDWATER WAS IN TAIWAN LAST APRIL AND TIM CHEN, BV2A EXTENDED THE INVITATION. DAVID SIDDALL, K3ZJ WILL HEAD UP THE TRIP. PHONE AROUND 14,195, 21,245, 28,495.

LOOK FOR HEATHKIT TO BECOME HEATH/ZENITH BY APRIL OF NEXT YEAR. TWO STORES HAVE ALREADY CHANGED. MORE COMPUTER TYPE MATERIAL AND LESS THAN 50% AMATEUR RELATED.

S.C.R.A. INC. TREASURERS REPORT FOR MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1984

GENERAL FUND: CHECKING ACCOUNT BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 356.56

RECEIPTS:

MARQUEE THREATRE	\$ 610.00
TABLE SALES FLEA MARKET	25.00
PROCEEDS FROM FLEA MARKET 9/15/84	1176.55
SALE OF BADGE	3.75
DUES AND INITIATIONS	54.50
RAFFLE AT CLUB MEETING	24.00
COFFEE AND DONUTS	20.94
RAFFLE AT FLEA MARKET (PRIOR TO 9/15)	27.00
ARRL RENEWALS	25.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1966.74

\* INCLUDED IN \$54.50 IS \$20.00 REC'D AT FLEA MARKET

PAYMENTS:

RAFFLE PRIZES	18.61
COST OF BADGES	12.72
COFFEE AND DONUTS	20.26
WESTLINK	10.14
SECOND INSTALLMENT MARQUEE EXPENSE	375.00
SHORT SKIP	65.00
MISC. FLEA MARKET EXPENSE	172.18
EDUC. AND TRAINING	31.00
PLAQUE FOR JIM TOMER	17.85
ARRL RENEWALS	69.00
REFUND TO SABIN, MILEAGE EXP.	36.00
REFUND DUES OVERPAY	7.00
TRES. EXPENSE	2.03
V.E.C. POSTAGE	1.72
3RD QUARTER 50% INCOME TO RPTR FUND	17.50

TOTAL PAYMENTS 856.01

GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE 1467.29

REPEATER SAVINGS ACCOUNT BEGINNING BALANCE 1733.25

RECEIPTS: INTEREST FOR JULY..AUG..SEPT..22.45

PAYMENTS: PURCHASE OF DECODER 160.00

PURCHASE OF CRYSTAL 15.99

TOTAL PAYMENTS 175.99

REPEATER FUND..ENDING BALANCE 1579.71

SIGNED W. R. Moxon TRES.



A BIT OF HUMOR.. "IF YA GOTTA GO, START EARLY"

MY FRIEND IS A RATHER OLD FASHIONED LADY, ALWAYS QUITE DELICATE AND ELEGANT, ESPECIALLY IN HER LANGUAGE. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE PLANNING A WEEKS VACATION IN FLORIDA, SO SHE WROTE TO A PARTICULAR CAMPGROUND AND ASKED FOR A RESERVATION.

SHE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE CAMPGROUND WAS FULLY EQUIPPED, BUT DIDN'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO ASK ABOUT THE TOILET FACILITIES. SHE JUST COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO WRITE THE WORD "TOILET" IN HER LETTER. AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION, SHE FINALLY CAME UP WITH THE OLD FASHIONED TERM "BATHROOM COMMODE", BUT WHEN SHE WROTE THAT DOWN SHE STILL THOUGHT SHE WAS BEING TOO FORWARD. SO SHE STARTED ALL OVER AGAIN AND REWROTE THE ENTIRE LETTER NOW DECIDING TO REFER TO THE BATHROOM MERELY AS THE "B.C."

IN HER LETTER SHE ASKED THE CAMPGROUND OWNER IF THE GROUNDS HAD ITS OWN "B.C.". THE CAMPGROUND OWNER WASN'T ALL OLD FASHIONED AND COULDN'T FIGURE WHAT THE WOMAN WAS TALKING ABOUT. AFTER WONDERING ABOUT WHAT "B.C." MEANT FOR A WHILE, HE SHOWED THE LETTER TO SEVERAL CAMPERS, BUT THEY COULDN'T IMAGINE WHAT THE "B.C." WAS EITHER. SO, THE OWNER FINALLY CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE LADY MUST BE ASKING ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCH AND SAT DOWN AND WROTE HER THIS REPLY.

"DEAR MADAM: I REGRET VERY MUCH THE DELAY IN ANSWERING YOUR LETTER, BUT I NOW TAKE THE PLEASURE OF INFORMING YOU THAT A "B.C." IS LOCATED NINE MILES NORTH OF THE CAMPGROUNDS AND IS CAPABLE OF SEATING 250 PEOPLE AT ONCE. I ADMIT IT IS QUITE A DISTANCE AWAY IF YOU ARE IN THE HABIT OF GOING REGULARLY, BUT NO DOUBT YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE TAKE THEIR LUNCH ALONG AND MAKE A DAY OF IT. THEY COME EARLY AND STAY LATE. THE LAST TIME MY WIFE AND I WENT WAS SIX YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS SO CROWDED WE HAD TO STAND UP THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE THERE. IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THERE IS A SUPPER PLANNED TO RAISE MONEY TO BUY MORE SEATS. THEY ARE GOING TO HOLD IT IN THE BASEMENT OF THE "B.C."

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IT PAINS ME VERY MUCH NOT TO BE ABLE TO GO MORE REGULARLY, BUT I ASSURE YOU IT IS NOT FOR A LACK OF DESIRE ON MY PART. AS WE GROW OLDER IT SEEMS TO BE MORE OF AN EFFORT, PARTICULARLY IN COLD WEATHER. IF YOU DECIDE TO COME DOWN TO VISIT US, PERHAPS I COULD GO WITH YOU THE FIRST TIME, SIT DOWN WITH YOU AND INTRODUCE YOU TO ALL THE OTHER FOLKS. REMEMBER, THIS IS A FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.

(THANKS GLEN, WB6LSC AND THE W6FGC RTTY MAILBOX)

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CDF-VIP ANNUAL DINNER-GREEN MILL INN, NOV. 3,84

MR. ERNEST, CDF, SACRAMENTO, EXPLAINED TO THE GROUP THAT THE VIP PROGRAM STARTED IN CALIFORNIA IN 1978. SEVERAL AREAS AROUND THE ATATE STARTED THE PROGRAM IN CDF. SAN BARNARDIN, SAN DIEGO, SACRAMENTO, NAPA AND ONE YEAR LATER SONOMA. THE PROGRAM STARTED WITH A BUDGET OF AROUND \$350,000.00. MANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE SAW HOW WELL IT WORKED AND NOW HAVE STARTED THE SAME KIND OF PROGRAM.

HERE IN SONOMA CO. SOME 41 AMATEURS AND OTHERS ARE IN THE FIRST UNIT. DURING THE YEAR THE VIP PROGRAM HAS GONE THRU A 16 HOUR STUDY PROGRAM PLUS MANY OTHER LOCAL INTEREST AREAS. THE THREE NON AMATEUR MEMBERS WORK IN THE OFFICE ARES IN ADDRESS AND IDENTIFICATION AREA.

CHIEF RANGER GENE BAUH OF SANTA ROSA, AND DARREL MEAD IS THE RANGER IN CHARGE OF THE VIP PROGRAM.

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THE NEXT VEC. FCC TEST WILL BE HELD AT THE EOC PLANNING ROOM AT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE DATE IS JANUARY 26, 1985. THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION LATER ON THE TWO METER NET.

A VEC FCC TEST WILL BE GIVEN IN EUREKA, CA. THE DATE 19th JANUARY 85. ADM. BUILD. COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS. SEND TO TOM N6HHP, 2010 QUAKER ST., EUREKA, CA. 95501.

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