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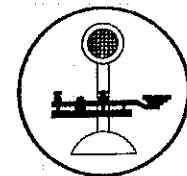
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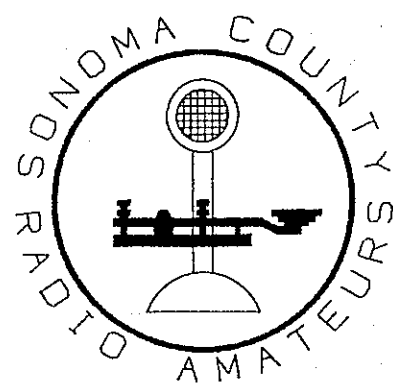
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SCENES FROM THE SCRA BRUNCH MARCH 21:



Pete KC6UXM had so much fun he is organizing another club brunch for April 25. It will be the same time, same place: Healdsburg Sizzler, 999 Vine. Doors open at 10 AM.



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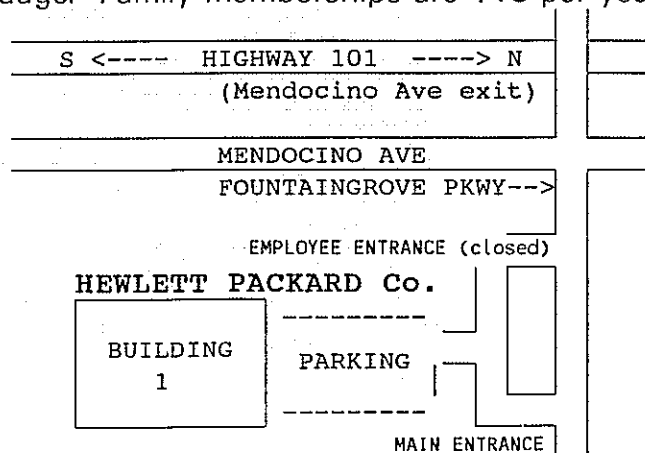
We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below) or check into the Tuesday night SCARS net on the 146.13/73 repeater at 7PM. You will hear the latest Amateur Radio Newsline broadcasts, announcements of SCRA activities and a Swap Shop. If you would like to join SCRA, please refer to the dues listed below. Hope we can have an "eyeball" QSO with you at the next meeting! 73 ...

Club Meetings:

7:30 PM, 1st Wednesday each month at the Hewlett Packard plant in Santa Rosa. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is welcome.

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 1992
 Program: 1992 SCRA Homebrew Contest

DUES: \$12 per year, plus a one-time \$4.00 initiation fee. Dues are pro-rated \$1/month for new members who get an SCRA call/name badge. Family memberships are \$18 per year.

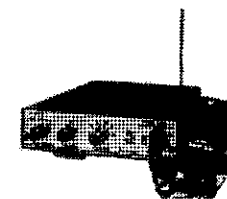


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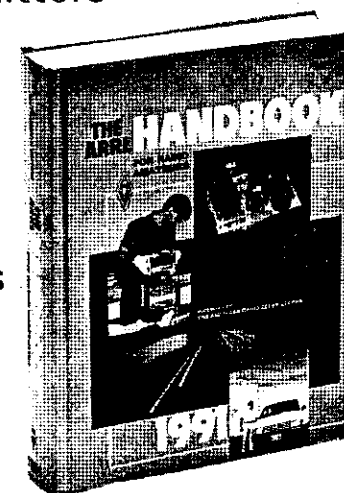


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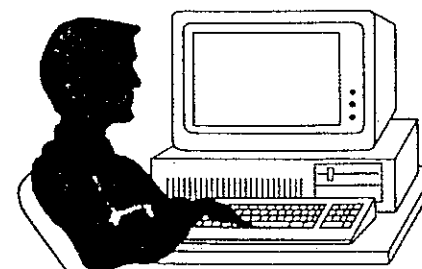
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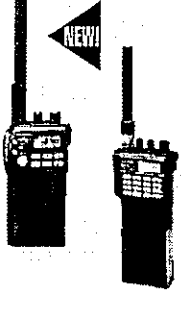


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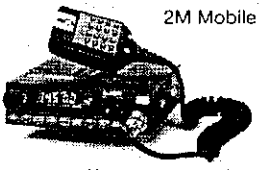
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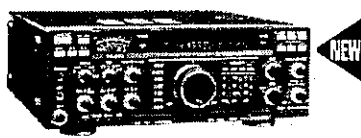
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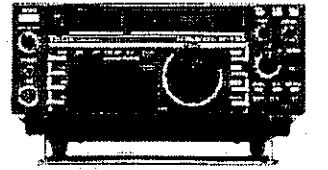
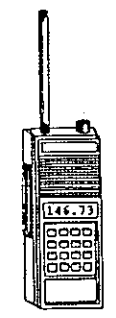
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SCRAPS:
SCRA Public Service

By Kathy Mahan KC6UXJ

SCRA volunteers started off the season by participating in the Crop Walk on February 29. Thanks to Bill N6GHG, Karen KC6WTH, Nadine KC6WUI and Kathy KC6UXJ for a total of 12 hours.

Upcoming public service events are:

- April 5: Super Cities Walk (Multiple Sclerosis)
- April 11: Ride or Stride (Am. Diabetes Soc.)
- April 25/26: Bike Trek (Am Lung Assoc.)
- May 2: Wine Country Century (SR Cycle Club)

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who signed up to volunteer for SCRAPs at the March SCRA meeting. The response was terrific! If you could not attend, but would like to participate in public service events, please contact Kathy KC6UXJ at 823-4980.

NEW NAMES FOR FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS

Five newly-independent former Soviet republics have altered the preferred English language spelling of their names. The U.S. government will henceforth use the new spelling, as will American wire services, most U.S. newspapers, news magazines and broadcast media.

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| OLD | NEW |
| Byelorussia | Belarus |
| Kirghizia | Kirghizstan |
| Moldavia | Moldova |
| Tadzhikistan | Tajikistan |
| Turkmenia | Turkmenistan |

The seven other republics will retain their traditional English spellings: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. *Tnx ARNS*

FOSTER CITY COURT CASE

The following is a packet message I asked Rusty if I could quote. The result of the court decision affects many of us. de Bill N6GHG

Many of you have been following WD6CJB's legal battle against CC&Rs in Foster City. On Mar 5 we had oral arguments before the Calif. Court of Appeal; on Mar 19 the Court issued its ruling. As we said before, "it ain't over 'till the fat lady sings," and she has NOT yet sung!

First the bad news: The Court of Appeal did not like our argument that PRB-1 could preempt enforcement of private CC&Rs, and they REVERSED the holding of the San Mateo County Superior Court which had ruled in WD6CJB's favor on that basis. Although disappointing, this came as no surprise to us -- during oral arguments the Court had been extremely hostile toward this argument.

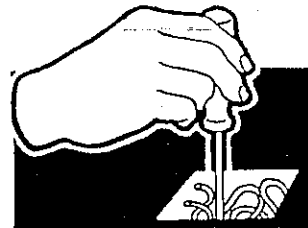
Now the good news: In a completely unexpected move, the Court of Appeal remanded the case (i.e., sent it back) to the San Mateo County Superior Court for further proceedings. The Court of Appeal said "Reversal [based on PRB-1 preemption], however, does not imply that the trial court must necessarily enforce the restrictions in full. ...The trial court has the equitable power to refuse enforcement if it finds the restriction so unreasonable as to violate public policy. Promises [CC&Rs] restricting the use of land are unreasonable and, therefore, illegal when the harm caused by the restriction is so disproportionate to the benefit produced by the performance of the promise that the promise ought not to be enforced."

The net of all this appears to be that the Court of Appeal did not like the REASON why WD6CJB won the first time around, but they might have liked the fact that he won. They've now sent the case back, giving the trial judge a new reason, acceptable to them, on which WD6CJB again could prevail. It will be up to us, of course, to now provide the trial judge with proof of the unreasonableness of the Foster City CC&Rs. That's going to take some work, and we'll determine our exact strategy over the next couple of weeks.

Again, thank you all for the great support and encouragement you've given us in this case. Stay tuned though -- more is sure to follow!!
73 de Rusty, W6OAT

HOMEBREW CONTEST

APRIL MEETING!



All club members are invited to bring in their "pride and joy" projects for the annual SCRA Homebrew Contest, which will take place at our April meeting.

Here's your chance to see what your fellow hams have built up in their shacks and workshops, and to show others what kind of activities interest you. This is a good time to find other club members with interests similar to yours. For this to work, though, you need to bring in YOUR project.

You don't have to be building the next Space Shuttle to participate! Antennas, computer software, mechanical items, modified or improved gear, kits; in fact everything related to the hobby is encouraged.

Since we'll be looking at several aspects of the entries (how well the work was documented, workmanship, utility, etc.), the most complicated project won't have an unfair advantage.

Photographs, printer listings, and QSL cards are all good to bring in, especially if your tower project is too big to move!

Remember, a clever weekender project often has more interest to other club members than a very specialized long-term effort, and it has just as good a chance in the contest.

So look around your station -- I bet there's something right now up on the shelf that would appeal to others. Bring it to the meeting!

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RULES

1. Contest open to SCRA members only.
2. Schematics or program listings should be supplied, if possible.
3. Project must be Amateur Radio-related.
4. The equipment or program listing must be brought to the club meeting. If it is too large (antenna, etc.), bring a photo or other documentation.
5. Acceptable proof of operation includes plugging in the gear and operating it. Or, submit test data to show it works.
6. The winner will receive a certificate, and his name will be engraved on the SCRA Homebrew Contest plaque.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Project: _____

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Circuit complexity/sophistication	_____ (15)
Novelty/ingenuity/"elegance" (Original designs only)	_____ (10)
Proof of operation	_____ (15)
Utility/operating convenience	_____ (10)
Neatness/appearance/workmanship	_____ (20)
Uses surplus/easily available parts	_____ (15)
Judges discretion	_____ (15)
Total	_____ (100)

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SCRA MINUTES

March 4, 1992



The meeting was called to order at the new meeting place at Hewlett Packard by President Merlyn Pfeiff N6VUC at 7:35 PM. Other officers present: Vice President Rick Reiner K6ZWB, Secretary Al Bloom N1AL, Treasurer John Gauger KK6XT, Repeater Chairman Jim Rutherford WB6PER, Activities Chairman Jim Pelmulder N6PTM and Members-at-Large Bill Splaine N6GHG and Gary Gouger KC6WTE. *97 were in attendance!*

A big thanks to Bill N6GHG for obtaining the room. Non-employees must be accompanied by an employee to enter the rest of the plant.

VISITORS: Shelly KD6AFZ introduced at least 19 visitors.

UPGRADES & NEW LICENSES since last month include KD6GCI and KB6REP to Tech.

The **MINUTES** were approved as published in last month's *Short Skip*. m/s KB6PTA/N6PTM

TREASURERS REPORT per KK6XT: Approved. m/WA6ACX

REPEATER Chairman Jim Rutherford WB6PER fielded a number of repeater questions.

RACES is having a drill April 2. The other Jim, N6PTM, will become the new RACES Radio Officer after the drill as WB6PER is retiring.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Kathy KC6UXJ gave a sales pitch and passed around sign-up sheets. Give Kathy and her co-chairs Don KD6HQ and Rick N6RXA a hand this coming season.

EDUCATION: John WB6FRZ's Novice class has 13 students. It began Feb 14 and on Feb 22 Gaylen Reed passed his Novice! Jeff KC7VS has 21 in his General upgrade class which started Feb 10. Steve KK6VY started his DOS last night. Steve passed around free copies of a Michelangelo anti-virus program.

ACTIVITIES coming up include the Marconi event April 25 near Marshall. 16 stations are participating worldwide in the 24-hour event.

W6TLK, N6GHG, and KD6HQ will be using W6TLK from their home stations.

FIELD DAY is June 27/28, with setup Friday June 26. N6PTM asked how many present have "done" FD before: about 1/2 raised their hands. Charlie KK6WM will again do the food.

The next **BREAKFAST**, organized by Pete KC6UXM will be an all-you-can-eat brunch on Saturday Apr 21 at the Healdsburg Sizzler.

SCRA 10 METER NETS meet on SSB after the Tuesday night 2 meter net and on CW on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday around 8PM or so. All meet on 28.450.

The idea of **CLUB T-SHIRTS** or sweatshirts was raised by Shelly KD6AFZ. About 1/3 of the members present indicated interest.

A NEW MEMBER PACKET is being developed by Gary KC6WTE. Send your inputs or suggestions to Gary.

A HIGH-SPEED CW NET was proposed by W6BNB. Contact Bob if interested.

A NET CONTROL STATION for April is needed: Jack N6UYB volunteered.

N6PLQ has worked all 3076 US counties to earn the **CO WORKED ALL COUNTIES** award. Congratulations, Bob!

The **PROGRAM** was a talk by N1AL on Radio Frequency Interference. It gave Al a chance to flack his new book.

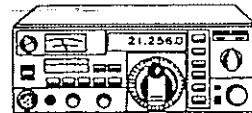
The **MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY** was lost by Connie N6FYV who would have won a purse full of change had she been present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM. m/s N6PTM/WA6ACX. Respectfully submitted, Al Bloom N1AL, Secretary.

Jim Pelmulder (707) 823-7947
 N6PTM

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A DX Bulletin replaces the normal bulletins on Fridays UTC (Thursday evenings PDT).

In an emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins: Voice on the hour, RTTY at 15 minutes past, and CW on the half hour.

LATEST CALLSIGNS ISSUES

ARRL Bulletin 31 March 13, 1992
The following is a list of the FCC's most recently issued call signs as of March 1.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Extra	Advanced	Tech/Gen	Novice
AB6JK	KM6QY	**	KD6GNI

**All call signs in this group have been issued in the sixth call area.



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- 1 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
- 2 - Sonoma Co. Disaster Drill (WB6PER)
- 4 - CDF/VIP shadow training (N6ONZ)
- 5 - Super Cities Walk (multiple Sclerosis)
- 5- LARK Flea Mart, Livermore WU7R
- 6 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
- 6 - ARRL 144 MHz Sprint
- 10-12 - International DX Convention, Visalia
- 11 - Foothill College Flea Market
- 11 - Ride or Stride race (Diabetes Soc.)
- 14 - ARRL 220 MHz Sprint
- 16 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17 - Deadline for May *Short Skip*
- 20 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
- 22 - ARRL 432 MHz Sprint
- 25-26 - Bike Trek (Am. Lung Assoc.)
- 24-26 - Dayton Hamvention
- 25 - Marconi Operating Event (W6TLK)

MAY:

- 1-3 - Fresno Hamfest W6YEP or WA6OIB
- 2 - SRCC Wine Country Century BikeTour
- 15 - Deadline for June *Short Skip*
- 17 - North Hills Hamfest, Sacramento
- 30-31 - CQ Worldwide Prefix Contest, CW

JUNE:

- 12 - Deadline for July *Short Skip*
- 13-15 - ARRL VHF QSO Party
- 20 - ARRL Hamfest, Cypress CA
- 20- "Terrible Two" 200 mile Bike Tour
- 27-28 - Field Day

AUGUST:

- 20-23 - ARRL Nat. Convention, L. A. W6BF

SEPTEMBER:

- 19 - SCRA Flea Mart, Seb. Holy Ghost Hall

AL's SECRET RADIO

by Al Bloom N1AL

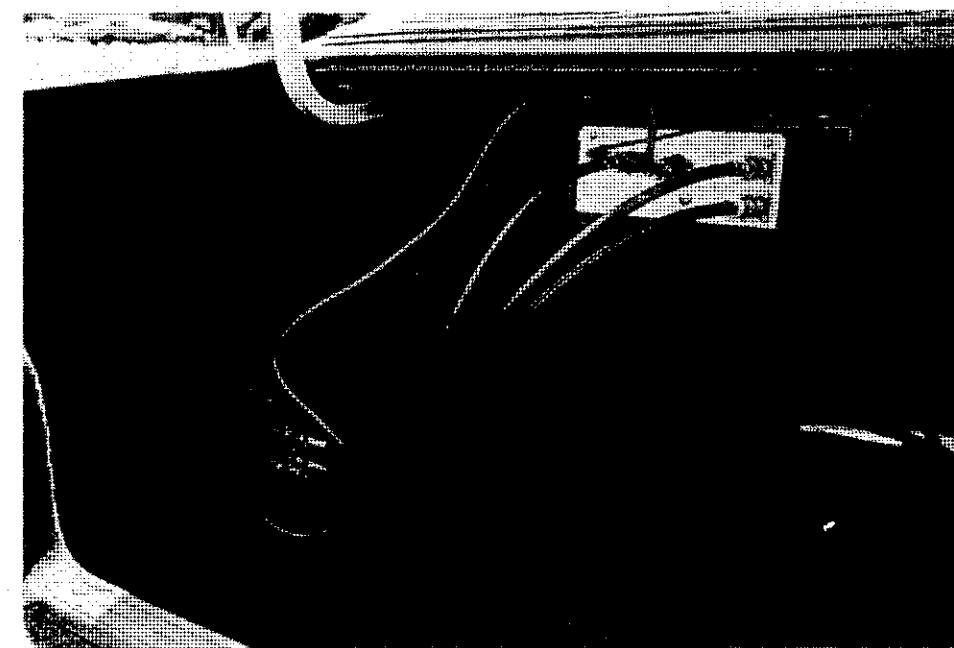
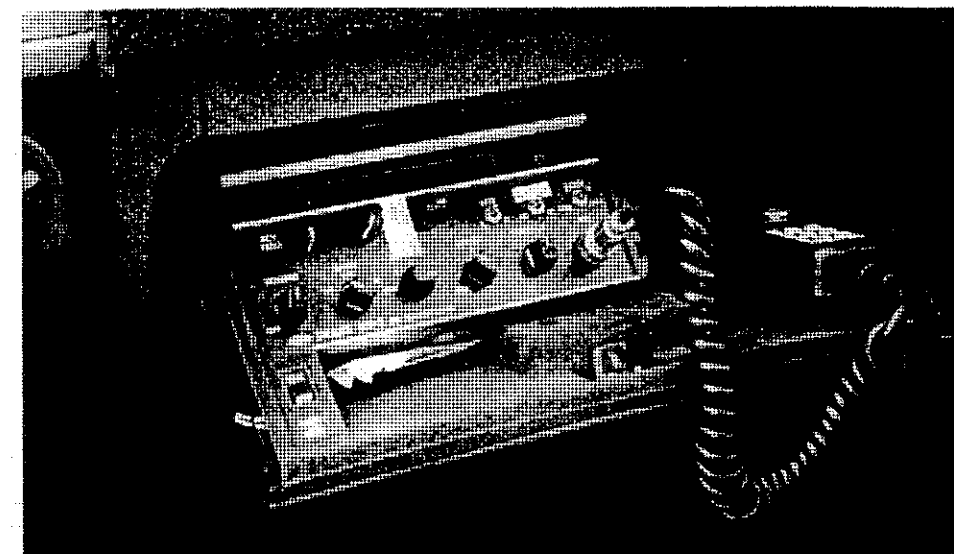
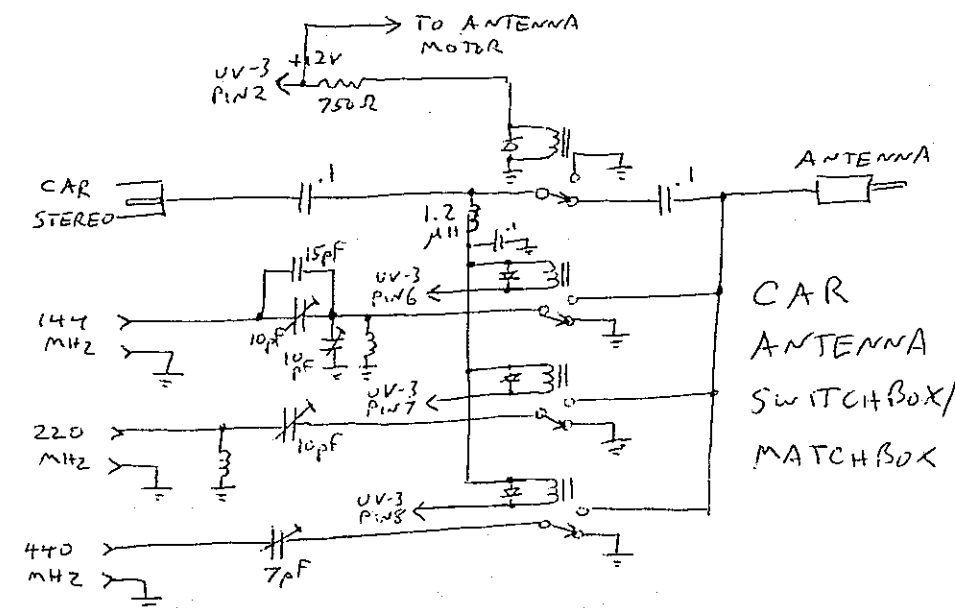
After 15 years of driving my beat-up VW, I finally broke down and bought a real car. After transferring the call-letter license plates, my first thought was to re-install the Drake UV-3 3-band radio in the new buggy. It only took me 3 years to get around to it!

Since I had the remote-control head option for the UV-3, I decided early on to mount the radio in the trunk. The question was: what to do for antennas? I had no great desire to drill three holes in the car to accommodate 144, 220 and 440 MHz whips.

My "new" car (an '87 Accura Legend) has one of those fancy electric antennas mounted on the rear deck. I built a combination switchbox and matching network to allow the antenna to be used on AM, FM, and the three amateur bands. Since the UV-3 has an auxiliary connector with +5V signals that come on when each band is selected, I used 5V reed relays to switch the antenna. While I was at it, I wired the +12V from the radio into the electric antenna so it will pop up whenever the ham radio is turned on.

The antenna still works with the car stereo when the UV-3 is off. (Actually, the stereo auto-switches to the rear-window antenna when the whip antenna is unavailable.)

With the glove box shut, there is no visible indication that there is a 2-way radio in the car, other than the speaker mounted on the center console. Hopefully this will deter break-ins.



NORTH COAST REPEATERS**NORTH on HIGHWAY 101:**

MARIN COUNTY:	CALL	P/L	FREQ
Mt. Tamalpais	146.700	K6GWE	
East Bay	145.110		
Puerto Suello Hill	147.330	K6GWE	167.9
			+ 203.5, 192.8, 179.9, 173.8
			(depends on your location)

SONOMA COUNTY:

Sonoma Mt.	146.910	WB6SXC	88.5
		(Linked to 145.17 on coast)	
	146.730	WB6PVS	88.5
	145.350	WA6YGD	
		(Linked 6AM-10PM, to	
		Anchor Bay 147.000)	
Mt. Jackson	145.190	KD6LC	88.5
Mt. St. Helena	147.180	WA6ZQH	

MENDOCINO & LAKE COUNTIES:

Mt. Kanocti	146.775	KA6JJW	88.5
Sanel Mt.	145.470	WA6RQX	103.5
(Hopland)	146.880	WA6QXV	
Cow Mt.	145.450	WA6RQX	103.5
Upper Lake	147.675	N6MMJ	88.5
(Hunter Ridge)			
Willits-Ukiah	145.130	K7WWA	103.5,
(Laughlin Ridge)			88.5
Anthony Peak	147.210	WB6KFA	103.5
(Covelo)		(Linked to 147.21, East Bay)	
Cahto Peak	145.430	WA6RQX	103.5
(Laytonville)			

HUMBOLDT COUNTY:

Garberville	146.790	W6CLG	
" (Pratt Mt.)	146.610	N6VA	3 links
Scotia	146.760	N6VA	"
(Pierce Mt.)			
Willow Creek	147.000	N6VA	"
(Horse Mt.)			
Eureka	146.670	K6VNP	
Humboldt Bay	146.700	KD6KC	
		(From Garberville, use 146.79 locally, and	
		146.61 to link to repeaters in the north.)	

DEL NORTE COUNTY:

Gasquet	147.180	K6HY	
Crescent City	146.880	?	

BROOKINGS, OR 146.970 K7VPL

NORTH on COASTAL HIGHWAY 1:

Mt. Tamalpais	146.700	K6GWE	
Point Reyes	145.170	K6GEV	
		(Linked 146.91 Sonoma Mt)	
Sea Ranch	147.945	WA6RWM	
Anchor Bay	147.825	WA6HGH	
	147.000	W6MN	
		(Linked 6AM-10PM, to	
		Sonoma Mt. 145.35)	
Mendocino	146.820	WD6HDY	
(Ft. Bragg)			
Cahto Peak	145.430	WA6RQX	103.5
(Laytonville)			

BETWEEN HWY 101 & SACTO VLY:

Weaverville	146.730	WD6FHX	
Lake County	146.775	KA6JJW	
Mt. St. Helena	147.180	WA6ZQH	
Vallejo	145.310	WA6YXV	
Mt. Vaca	147.000	WA6UGY	
	147.270	W6AEX	
Berryessa Peak	146.970	WB6VKH	
Siskiyou	146.820	W6OMR	2 links
	146.790	K6ZZA	"
Anthony Peak	147.210	WB6KFA	103.5

Note: The "P/L" (subaudible tone) frequencies listed are required only when P/L is enabled.
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**LID OPERATORS**

by Bill Splaine N6GHG

I often visit the HF bands to look for countries that I don't have in my log yet. Chasing DX is a lot of fun for me: a passion to make a five second exchange with a new one. This is the way Amateur Radio should be -- fun for all in whatever area of the hobby we choose to explore.

Unfortunately, there are some hams on the air that can make that joy something far less than tolerable. I offer the following as just a few examples of LID operators:

1. Those who deliberately harrass or otherwise jam NETS because they don't think one should work DX on a net.
2. Those who deliberately harrass and curse hams in other countries because they don't like the country for one reason or another.
3. Those who deliberately jam a pileup because they can't get their call in edgewise and want to make sure others can't either.
4. Those self-appointed policemen who feel it is their duty to help the DX station, only to add to the already high level of QRM that is obliterating the station.

Fellow hams, what are we doing to our HOBBY? It is supposed to be both fun and rapport-building.

I have looked up the calls of many of the hams that fall into the above categories and found them to be mostly Advanced and Extra's. Many of the higher level licencee's were also the one's who chided the FCC for opening the hobby to No-Code Tech's. Instead of using their knowledge and abilities in a constructive way, they are helping others make a decision to leave ham radio.

I am sure each of these lids feels s/he has a legitimate reason to act in such a deplorable manner. Maybe they get together with other hams of the same "religious persuasion" and feed each other into a self-righteous frenzy.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thought about the above: Simply put, there is no place for these LIDS in ham radio. We should all take a careful look in the mirror to make sure one of these ZITS are not forming in our own operating philosophy.

In the SCRA we have a large group of hams from Extra class to Novice, including a host of new No-Code Tech's. I have never once seen or heard any of them act in any of the above ways. In fact, they have been faithful in volunteering their time and services to provide a very positive image for our great hobby.

I am proud to be a member of SCRA but sad to see how SOME fellow hams around our country are continuing to not only degrade our hobby but also foster the image of the CHILDISH UGLY AMERICAN.

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