

**NEWSLINE TO CELEBRATE  
NEWSCAST NUMBER 1000**

On Friday October 11, 1996, the Amateur Radio Newsline (formerly The Westlink Radio Network) will release its 1000th consecutive week of informational programming to the worldwide Amateur Radio community. Newsline will also make available a 30-minute special audio presentation, "Newsline 1000," that tells the Newsline story.

Tony Valdez, KC6LXQ, of KTTV television, will be the host. Guests will include Westlink Radio Network/Newsline cofounder/producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, also of KTTV, and other notable ham-broadcasters. Taped segments will include such well-known Newsline personalities as Alan Kaul, W6RCL, Jim Davis, KU8R, Roy Neal, K6DUE, South-East Bureau Chief David Black, KB4KCH, and the other half of the Westlink Radio/Newsline founding "team," Jim Hendershot, WA6VQP.

Newsline came into being in 1977 as The Westlink Radio Network. It was started as a simplex bulletin service on the 222-MHz band in Southern California. The first newscast was

transmitted from a motorcycle mobile station parked atop a 3800-foot mountain to a small audience of Los Angeles hams.

In addition to the weekly newscast, Newsline--with corporate underwriting from Yaesu USA Corporation and CQ--also sponsors the annual "Young Ham of the Year Award." Look for a two-part story on the establishment of Newsline in the October and November 1996 issues of Worldradio magazine. The ARRL Letter

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**ELECTION TIME**

The time has come to choose next year's SCRA Board of Directors. The election will be during the November 6 general meeting held at Cattlemens Restaurant in Santa Rosa.

The November meeting isn't a dinner meeting, but if you would like to eat before the meeting (Cattlemens would certainly appreciate it) come early and choose from a limited menu of a 9 1/2 oz sirloin, salmon fillet or chicked breast. Meals include salad, bread & beans. Price: \$16.95 including tax & tip.

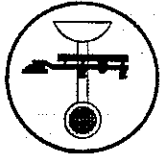
The December Christmas dinner meeting will also be held at Cattlemens and feature a similar menu.

**PRESIDENT CLINTON RECOGNIZES  
AMATEUR RADIO**

President Bill Clinton has sent greetings to Amateur Radio during the week leading up to the October 12-13 Simulated Emergency Test. The President's greeting refers to the week as "Amateur Radio Week." The White House faxed a copy of the president's message to ARRL member Darlana Mayo, KB2EPJ, of Mt Vernon, New York, who's been working with the White House for several months to get the acknowledgement. Mayo said she wanted the president to "be aware of our value to the community--particularly in emergencies." Mayo--a ham for 10 years--is a member of ARES and RACES, and serves as an assistant director and an assistant emergency coordinator in the Hudson Division. Here's the text of the White House statement, which was signed by President Clinton:

"Warm greetings to everyone observing October 7 through 13, 1996, as Amateur Radio Week.

**SHORT SKIP**



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In the past century, the medium of radio has changed the way we live and the way we view our world, and Amateur Radio operators have played a vital role in this communications phenomenon. Sharing knowledge and technological expertise, connecting computers via radio equipment, and linking people all across the globe, ham radio operators have helped to make our world a true global village. But even more important, they have provided a crucial lifeline of relief in times of disaster and hardship, ensuring that hope and help are on the way to those in need.

Amateur Radio Week offers us a welcome opportunity to thank our nation's amateur radio operators for their commitment to excellence and their willingness to work for the well-being of others.

Best wishes for a wonderful week."

The ARRL Letter

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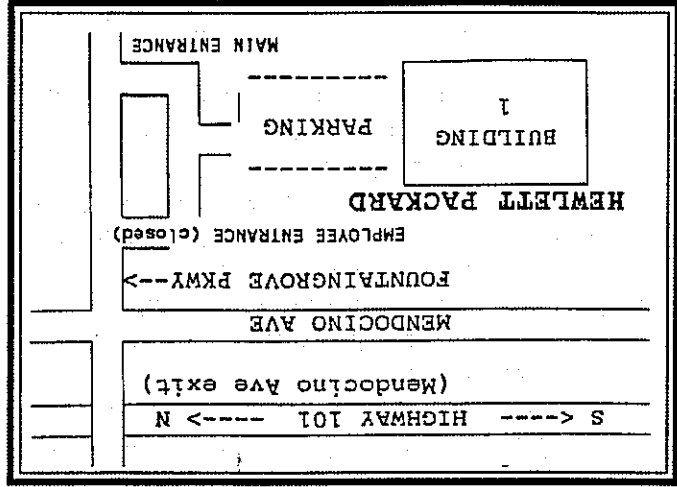
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We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below) or check into the Tuesday night SCRA net on the 146.73 repeater at 7PM. You will hear the latest Amateur Radio Newsline broadcasts, announcements of SCRA activities and a Swap Shop. Membership in SCRA is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. If you would like to join, there is a membership application in this issue. Hope we can have an "eyeball" QSO with you at the next meeting! 73 ...

**Next Meeting:** November 6, 1996  
**Program:** Club Elections



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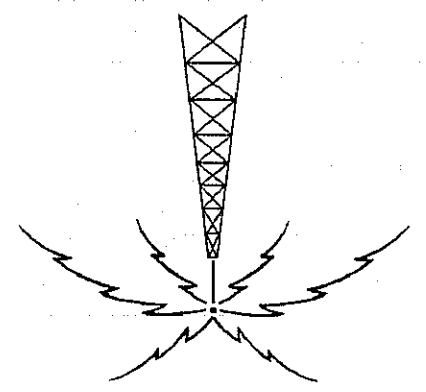
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**ARRL dues:** \$31/year, \$25 over 65 with proof of age. (Under 21 rates require application form.)

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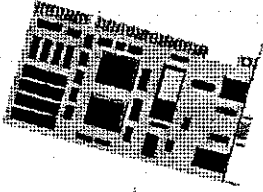
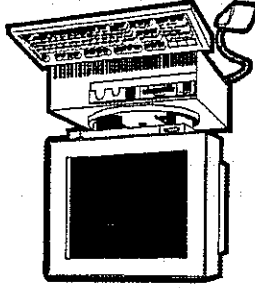
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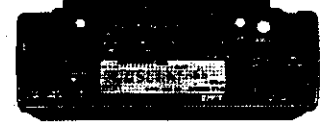
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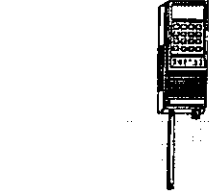
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By Marie Mappus KI6QY

Clos' Classic Bike-a-thon took place on Sunday September 22. They started out at the Airport Business Center and rode through the wine country. The braver souls were challenged by a segment called "Super Thrighs". This was an extra 20 mile ride up Mill Creek to the end and return. At the end of the ride they were treated to lunch and a combo orchestra. It was a busy day for the radio operators and we were able to prove our worth to the sponsors of the Bike-a-thon. My thanks to Bill KD6LTA, Rudy N6KLU, Gary KD6BOF, Joe KE6LNQ, Eli KD6LRY, Nadine KD6WI, and ?

We finally finished the summer Public Events schedule with the Waves to Wine Bike Tour the weekend of Sept. 28/29. It was a busy weekend with over 1200 riders participating in the two day event. Saturday they rode out to the coast and had lunch near the Yacht Club at Bodega Bay. Sunday they toured the wine country and this time lunch was at Warm Springs Dam. While there were no serious accidents or problems the radio operators were kept busy with requests for supplies and questions for and from the event coordinators.

My thanks to Larry AA6RD, Nadine KC6VXI, Peter N6JBV, Connie KF6CJJ, John KD2LQ, Meri N6VUC, Bill N6GHG, Rudy N6KLU, Ross AC6ET, Lee KE6EAQ, Jim KE6UAR, Steve KD6CJR, Joel KJ6LF, Shirley N6UXJ, Tim KD6THX, Darlene KD6CGK, Joe KE6LNQ, Chuck N6DDK, Harold KD6WYF, Hank W6DTV, Sarah N6FAX, and Brian N6IIV.

Saturday October 12th was the final event for the year. It was a new one and was set up by the American Cancer Society for Cancer Awareness. It was a small event as it was the first time they had planned to sponsor a walk. However, they considered it a success and are planning on making it an annual event. So my thanks to Nadine KC6WU, Sarah N6FAX, Renee KE6ULU and Jim N6PTM for their help to make this walk a success.

The events we participated in this year are again being planned for 1997. They are setting up their calendars and letting us know their dates. If you enjoyed working any of these runs, bike-a- thons, traditions mark your calendar so you can help again next year. The support that we give to these events is invaluable and the coordinators greatly appreciate our help. I have heard on numerous occasions that they wonder how they could and would get along with the ham operators. So please consider working some of the events next year and show the club spirit in helping with public service.

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Kenwood mic for a Kenwood TS440sat HF rig. Desk  
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Joel KJ6LF, Repeater Chairman and Past President, Kelly KD6CJQ, Activities Chairman, Bill KH6GJV, Public Service Chairman, Marie KI6QY and Member-at-Large, Claude AB6OL. There were also 3 other SCRA members present. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by President Steve KK6VY.

Steve KK6VY: Discussed items regarding General meeting agendas, Yearly awards and nominating committees.  
Rick K6ZWB: More discussion regarding the swap meet and how we can improve the event. New location and better advertising were discussed.  
Kelly KD6CJQ: Repeater antennas being tested and adjusted. Many improvements will need to wait until next year due to budget constraints. Need 150 feet of 50 ohm hard line.  
Bill KH6GJV: Need instructors to teach classes and students to learn from them. Do we want to pursue the 2 day class idea.  
Marie KI6QY: All public service completed for next year. Will not be public service chairman for next year. Please notify board if you are interested.

Claude AB6OL: Looking for a new place to hold VE sessions. Several options were discussed.  
Meri N6VUC: Reported on the RACES steering committee meeting. Last rewrite of the submission for state approval has been sent in. OES I rebuild is nearing completion. Redcross class will be held 10/26. Working on establishing a RACES training program.  
10/24 will be a county/RACES drill.

Joe KM6TN: City has already responded to the many requests for the proposed ordinance. Has been contacted to schedule a meeting to go over issues.  
Renee KE6ULU: Brought up the idea of other ideas for fund raising for the club and mentioned that KZST uses nonprofit orgs. to distribute their books. 10 dollars retained by the org.  
Bill KH6GJV: A local school has applied to be a SAREX sight for an upcoming mission. Would anyone in the club like to help mentor them to prepare. SAREX rebroadcasting will continue to be on 145.585.

Respectfully submitted by Steven Feil, KD6CJR, Secretary.



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**SCRA MINUTES**

October 2, 1996

The OCTOBER 1996 meeting was called to order by President Steve Carmiglia KK6VY at 7:35 PM at the Fountain Grove HP facility. Other officers present were: Vice President Rick Reiner K6ZWB, Secretary Steve Feil KD6CJR, Treasurer Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Activities Chairman, Bill KH6GJV and Member-at-Large Claude Jones AB6OL.

Visitors: There were 2 visitors present.

The minutes for the previous monthly meeting were approved as published in Short Skip. KE6UAR/N6MHG

The Treasurers report by Joel Nadler KJ6LF is Income = 2305.22, Expenses = 1608.25, Checking = 2423.82, Savings = 932.08, Cash = 81.23. There was considerable discussion on the results of the swap meet and why turn out and income was less than expected.

Activities Committee Report, by Bill KH6GJV There are two in the Novice/Tech course and 7 in the General course. Reminded everyone about Pacificon. Rick reported that Larry KD6VUM won the grand prize at the Swap Meet. The Dec. quarterly raffle will be a 50/50 split of the raffle proceeds.

Repeater Committee Report, by Steve KK6VY for Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ Programming of the controller is still progressing. Taking longer than expected. Changes on the hill are progressing. Will be announced after they are installed and tested. Questions about autotest. There is a new repeater based at the CDF facility. 146.955 - 88.5 PL. Owned by K6NKB.

RACES report by Meri N6VUC Weekly Checkins to net are 60 to 80. First aid/CPR class is tentatively set for Oct. 26. Final prep for state certification being submitted for approval. A new logo has been approved for RACES and Emergency services.

Joe KM6TN reported on the progress of the Santa Rosa antenna ordinance. Things are just now getting really going. Recommends everyone that lives in SR city limits to request a copy of the proposed ordinance, realizing that this is a first submission. Get it from Dept of Community Development at city hall. There have been proposed meetings on Nov. 8 and 15 with the Planning Commission.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 9, 1996

The October Minutes of the Sonoma County Radio Amateurs board meeting held at the North Bay Savings Bank on Marlow Rd. Members of the board present were: President, Steve KK6VY, Vice President, Rick K6ZWB, Secretary, Steven KD6CJR, Treasurer,

