COMING EVENTS

August

Humboldt ARC Hamfest '98 - Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka CA. Contact Wayne & Cynthia Carlson at (707) 668-4396 or e-mail them at carlsons@saber.net

Reno Hamfest Contact John Peterson at (702) 853-8452 or e-mail him at kj7ee@aol.com

- 5 SCRA Club Meeting 7:30pm, Santa Rosa Hewlett-Packard, 1400 Fountaingrove Parkway
- SCRA Club Board Meeting 5:30pm Bank of the West community room, Marlow Road Shopping Center, Santa Rosa.
- 14 Short Skip articles due
- 14-16 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in San Diego. Contact Sybil Allbright at (619) 278-4284 or http://www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/lakes/8400/
- VE EXAM, Glen Ellen, 9:00am Sonoma Developmental Center. Talk-in on 145.35 repeater. From the south into Sonoma Valley, take Hwy 116 from Petaluma or Hwy 37 to Hwy 121, then to Hwy 116. Go north to Arnold Drive, past El Verano toward Glen Ellen. When you enter the state hospital "Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge", turn left past the flashing light/stop sign. Go west on Wilson to the McDougall Building. From the north, take Hwy 12 south to Arnold Drive. Turn right, go through Glen Ellen to the state hospital "Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge". One block past the flashing light/stop sign, turn right onto Wilson and go the McDougall Building.

SCRA club Foxhunt, 9:00am Piner High School, Fulton Road, Santa Rosa

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WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has more than 600 licensed Amateur Radio operators who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio operators donate these services free of charge to the City in the interest of the citizens of the City as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio operators are on alert for any emergency, local or worldwide, and practice their communication skittls during the American Radio Relay League, Inc.'s, Field Day exercise; and

WHEREAS, this year's Amateur Radio Field Day will take place June 27-28, 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHARON WRIGHT, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa do hereby declare the week of June 22-28, 1998, as

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

in recognition of this important emergency preparedness exercise and call upon all citizens to pay appropriate tribute to the Amateur Radio operators of our City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of June, 1998.



Signed Faron Lines

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Field Day News

This year's Field Day was one of the best organized events the club's ever had according to President Dave New, AA6YX. *THANKS!* to Larry Gustafson, KD6VUM, for all his hard work and planning.

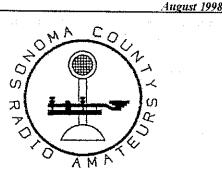
Another big *THANKS!* to Lee Dibble, KE6EAQ. In addition to being the club's antenna ordinance guru, Lee also managed to have the Santa Rosa City Council proclaim the week of June 22-28, 1998 as Amateur Radio Week as evidenced by the copy of the proclamation on your left.

Larry's planning skills were evident from the beginning of Field Day. Using the same design used on the three mini-DXpeditions, the antennas went up without a hitch and were operational at exactly 11am Saturday allowing operators and loggers to begin the contest promptly.

Larry had also built six A-frames large enough to hold poster boards displaying pictures of club events and QSL cards for the public to see. A map of the U.S. and Canada was displayed for marking QSOs made during Field Day. Dave New, AA6YX, challenged the group to contact all 50 states; they came close. The only holdout was Delaware, possibly due to the unseasonal storms that struck the East Coast during the contest.

As usual, those who participated had a lot of fun. (Editor's Note: I'd never seen the antennas go up before—it was quite a sight!) One visitor to Field Day who participated and even spent the night was Jeff Basham. Jeff was intially put to work logging for Larry, KD6VUM to learn the ropes. It must have worked, because Jeff ended up contacting a ham in North Italy! Good job Jeff!

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Club Meetings

7:30 pm on the first Wednesday each month at the Hewlett-Packard plant in SANTA ROSA. (See map below). All are welcome.

We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below). 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.

SCRA HOTLINE: 707-579-9608 Web Address: http://cdsl.net/scra

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Next Meeting: August 5 7:30 P.M. Hewlett Packard in SANTA ROSA

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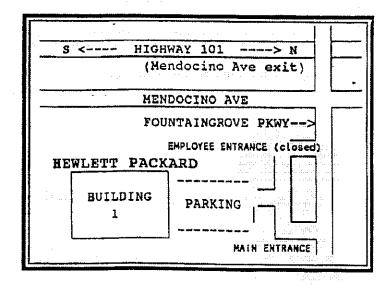
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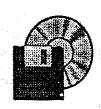
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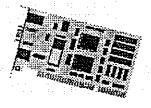
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The Terrible Two bike race (held June 20)

The Terrible Two Double Century--now in its 23rd year--has become one of the most prestigious and respected cycling events in the United States, at least among that sector of the cycling population that enjoys pounding out the ultra miles. It is a 200 mile bike ride that goes over some of the toughest roads in Sonoma County. This year, there were 196 riders; 169 of whom finished -- most of them by the 10:00 pm cut-off time that qualified them for one of the "I did it" T-shirts.

The Amateur Radio volunteers are an important part of the event providing the event coordinators a way to track the location of each rider on the course. In doing so, we successfully passed on thousands of rider numbers and times. There was an unexpected course change when a PCB-filled transformer exploded on Graton Road just prior to the arrival of the lead riders forcing a temporary closure of the roadway. Our volunteers were able to pass the information on to the event coordinator allowing course change to be made. A special thanks to David Dewey (KF6DDP), Jennifer Dewey (KF6DDQ), and Randy Black (KE6VMZ) who pulled extra shifts and worked as course marshals, routing the riders onto the new course.

All of our volunteers did a great job and the ride was a success in part due to our help. Thank you to the following hams for their time spent: Lee (KE6EAQ), Marie (KI6QY), Kim (KF6IAQ), John (WB6FRZ), James (KF6DHB), Colleen (KF6DHA), Nadine (KC6WUI), Greg (KE6FXK), Peter (N6JBV), Bob (K6GEV), Doug (KC6RHA), Dave (KD6KWM), Henry (KE6ORK), Al (N1AL), Sue (KF6QET) and Frank (N6LAJ).

Getting a Fix ... Foxhunt News

The July transmitter hunt kind of fizzled out this month. Mike, WB6TMH, was there to hide the fox; and Dave, KD6KWM, was there to do whatever it is he does but, alas, most of the 'hunters' were out looking for other game. (One was in Japan, one was in Sacramento, and the rest were helping out on the Terrible Two.) So, instead of reporting on a non-event, I found this article which I think you'll get a chuckle out of. I did!

Recently, our church had to replace the organ in the chapel. It seems that on occasion it would pickup the broadcasts from a nearby AM radio station's transmitting tower and play the music over the organ's speakers. (I guess it worked kind of like one of those old crystal radio sets.) Everything possible was tried to keep it from happening, but to no avail. The last straw came when, during the Sunday service, the organ blared out a rousing rendition of that country western "great", I LIKE MY WOMEN A LITTLE ON THE TRASHY SIDE. Needless to say, a new organ was quickly ordered!

Money Matters

6/16/98 – 7/7/98

<u> August 1998</u>

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TOTAL	4874.33
INCOME	
Donation Income	1.00
Dues	49.00
Initiation	18.00
Field Day	413.00
Monthly Raffle	34.00
Refreshment	<u>11.75</u>
TOTAL	526.75
EXPENSES	
Field Day	616.03
ARRL Membership	63.00
Badges, New	38.70
Badges, Replacements	9.68
Miscellaneous	10.00
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Refreshments	20.14
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Short Skip	<u>347.86</u>
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by Claude Jones, AB6OL

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The cost is still \$25, and the club gets to keep \$10. To get yours, contact Claude AB6OL at 527-8593, ab6ol@cds1.net or come to the next meeting. If you plan to purchase at the meeting please call ahead so we can have enough books on hand.

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Field Day News continued from page 1

As announced, the Field Day dinner was a chicken and/or beef ribs BBQ prepared by John Mullen, KD2LQ. Larry reported that, even at just \$6 per person, Chef John made a profit. Considering a pancake breakfast was included in the price, that's quite a feat!

For those of you unable to sample John's barbeque talents first-hand, here's John's secret sauce recipe:

John's (KD2LQ) Famous Chicken BBQ Sauce

John says:

"This makes enough sauce for 8 half chickens. Broil chickens over a slow fire, basting with the sauce frequently. Cooking time is approximately an hour for halved chickens, other cuts such as breasts or leg quarters will take slightly shorter. Chicken is cooked when juices are clear when chicken is pierced."

1 egg, well beaten
1/2 cup cooking oil
1 cup cider vinegar
2 Tablespoons salt
1-1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning**
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

** I prefer to use Bell's Poultry seasoning. You can tinker with the seasoning to suit your own taste.

The final contact count for Field Day 1998 for the club was

Brian Torr's, N6IIY, Slinky Antenna which was comprised of eight metal Slinky's magically hooked together in ways known only to Brian and John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ, went up with the help of a slingshot, some fishline, and some heavy bolts.

Ed Erringer's ATV demonstration went well. A problem occurred with the transmitter in the plane, so there wasn't as much aerial feed as anticipated, but the demonstration was up and running for the entire Field Day event.

Thanks to everyone for making this a great event!

KO6EF Qualifies for ARRL Award

By Steve Lund, K6UM

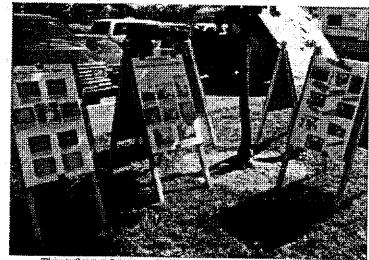
Congratulations to JC, KO6EF, who recently qualified for the ARRL Worked All States Award. He had some great QSLs in his collection and there is always a story or two to go with finally working that last state. JC does not have big antennas. You just have to get on the air.

Summer is a great time to get on and start chasing those states. Short skip on 10m makes it easy to work Oregon, Nevada and Utah, which will be hard to work this fall when Cycle 23's F2 skip returns.

Some Field Day photos...



Youth Park Field Day site, 1998



The A-frames Larry made showing club photos and QSL cards



Larry KD6VUM, and Jeff Basham, working a voice station

Editor's Note: Thanks to Claude AB6OL, and Darlene KD6GCK, for the above pictures and fast film developing!

ARRL NEWS

NEW VANITY FEE SET

The vanity call sign application fee will drop to \$13 effective September 14, 1998. The new fee will be for the ten-year term, payable at the time of application for a new, renewed, or reinstated license. The current vanity call sign application fee is \$50.

The FCC says it has no plans to refund the difference between the current fee and the new fee for applicants who submit applications before the new fee schedule goes into effect in September.

The FCC released its revised schedule of regulatory fees for all services for fiscal year 1998 this week, and it's soon expected to be available on the FCC's Web site.

The FCC calculated the new fee based on an expected 10,000 applicants during FY 1998.

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COURT UPHOLDS FCC AGAINST RADIO FREE BERKELEY

The US District Court for the Northern District of California has issued a permanent injunction against unlicensed broadcaster Stephen Dunifer, operator of Free Radio Berkeley. The 18-page decision reaffirms the FCC's authority to require broadcasters to have a license. The court enjoined Dunifer and "all persons in active concert or participation with him" from broadcasting without a license or causing or enabling unlicensed radio transmissions to occur. Dunifer had claimed the FCC's regulations were unconstitutional. FCC Chairman William Kennard applauded the decision. "The permanent injunction in the Dunifer case, and the FCC's success in the last two years in shutting down over 200 pirate stations, should send a message to all pirate broadcasters: obey the lawand join the FCC in our efforts to expand the legal uses of the public airwaves."—FCC news releases

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MISSING LOGS INCIDENT PROMPTS APOLOGY, IMPROVEMENTS

ARRL Membership Services Department Manager Bill Kennamer, K5FUV, has apologized to the amateur contesting community after a number of ARRL 10-meter Contest logs sent via e-mail--most from high scorers--were not listed when the contest results showed up in July's QST.

Kennamer said the e-mail autoresponder worked--indicating to those who had e-mailed that their logs had been received. The problem was that the log gathering procedure did not. "The situation was rectified months ago, but no one notified the world. Thus we had many logs missing, most of them top logs," Kennamer explained

Kennamer said a new redundant system is in place that uses both an in-house computer to record logs as well as another system outside of ARRL HQ. "You should receive a response that your log has been received, and the log should be saved on two computers," he said.

Kennamer said the League also has instituted a program—effective with the ARRL DX CW Contest—of posting logs received on the ARRLWeb site (http://www.arrl.org/contests/) as soon as the log database is completed. Kennamer said he hopes to eventually be able to provide a daily Web update of logs received. "Meanwhile, we will be posting changes to the received logs list on the CQ Contest Reflector as they occur," he said.

As for the ARRL 10-meter Contest results, these are being updated on the ARRLWeb page. Kennamer said those whose logs still are missing should send another copy of the log file and summary sheet to him at k5fuv@arrl.org. A corrected summary of the contest results is slated to appear in the October issue of OST.

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FIELD DAY BECOMES THE REAL THING

Fresh from participating in a Simulated Emergency Test June 27, hams in West Virginia's Kanawha County were eager to get started with Field Day. Members of the Kanawha Amateur Radio Club (ARES/RACES) and Kanawha Amateur Radio Emergency Service (KARES) soon were working FD in earnest. Although stiflingly hot, there was no rain in sight. Ops racked up contacts well into the wee hours of Sunday morning, when the rain that had begun caused major flash flooding in parts of Kanawha and in 16 other West Virginia counties.

Hams promptly abandoned their Field Day effort as the county EOC put out the call to activate ARES and RACES Sunday morning. The city of Clendenin was completely cut off, and hams were routed over mountains and down back roads to work their way into the flood-ravaged town. Hams were thus able to tell emergency services how to reach the town by vehicle. The first hams established communications by setting up communication posts at the local fire department, a command post and a shelter set up in a local church. Other hams were dispatched to a staging area just off Interstate 79. At one point, a Clendenin evacuee needed medication. The report was sent back to EOC via ham radio.

Other hams checked on flooding and road conditions, assisted at shelters, and passed along information on efforts to rescue residents stranded in their homes by high water and helping them reach shelters. Others shared shifts at the National Weather Service, relaying vitally-needed weather information.

The emergency net continued throughout the day and into the night, finally securing at 9 PM local time--more than 12 hours later. County emergency officials praised the hams' efforts in the flooding. Officials were particularly impressed with ham radio's ability to cross-communicate with other services involved.

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SCRA Club Meeting Minutes

July 1, 1998

Submitted by Jen Dewey, KF6DDQ

General meeting was brought to order by President Dave New AA6YX at 7:35 P.M.

Visitors/Upgrade News: There were 6 visitors. Dorothy Davison KD6OTC passed her General Test.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Field Day update: We made a profit on food at Field Day. \$440.00 came in and 385.00 went out. There were over 1000 contacts. Holly Gleason KE6MNT brought pictures to show.

Activities: Dave Willey KD6KWM announced anyone interested can get SCRA patches for \$3.00 each.

The Advanced class is ready to start. Cortland KA5S will instruct. However, the course material is still missing. If anyone knows where it is, call Dave or Cortland. Livermore swap meet will be on July 5. There will be a Hamfest on August 1 in Eureka at the fairgrounds.

Public Service: James Dean KF6DHB passed out a sign up sheet for Public Service events and for the Swap Meet.

Old Business: None

New Business: Henry Tate KE60RF had a battery pack for a bike. He wants to give it away free. He wants a written report of how it could be improved. It was suggested that Larry KD6VUM get it.

Program: Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV provided video program about an expedition at Heard Island.

SCRA Board Meeting

July 8, 1998 Submitted by Jennifer Dewey KF6DDQ

Board meeting was brought to order by Dave New AA6YX at 5:50 P.M. Present were Dave New AA6YX, Jen Dewey KF6DDQ, Dave Willey KD6KWM, Holly Gleason KE6MNT, Ken Harrison N6MHG, Claude Jones AB6OL, James Dean KF6DHB, Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ, Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, and visitor Dave Dewey KF6DDP.

Field Day Report: Dave New reported the tally for Field Day was 1014 contacts, 55% of that being CW. All radios were up and running at the start of Field Day and were still running when the time ended.

Larry KD6VUM: Computer logging should be planned now for next year and we need to start practicing now. There should not be sign-ups for radios ahead of time. We need to think about who would like to head Field Day next

year. During Field Day three new members signed up. The design plan for the antennas was a good one and helped to get the radios up and running on time. There should be a checklist for each radio setup — who will provide what (power supply, lights, keyers, filter boxes, etc.) We need a storage area to store all equipment. Cost of generator that we rented was \$49.00 for two days from US Rentals off Corby Road; 25 gallons of gas was used. It was discussed we should clean up the old generator, sell it and buy a new one. Maybe a used one from the rental place? We need to purchase a bigger tent for Novice. Tents will need to be stretched out and aired and dried. Larry KD6VUM said it would be O.K. to bring them to his house.

Holly KE6MNT: will be doing publicity for the Swap Meet. The newsletter can now be e-mailed to the copiers and be printed there.

Claude AB6OL says it is time to sell the KZST books. Cost is \$25.00. If you buy now you will get next year's book plus a free edition of this year's book for the rest of the year.

Public Service, *James KF6DHB*: Needed 30 people for the Vineman. They plan to use cellphones for the bike portion. They will have SAGs for bike repair.

Swap Meet, James KF6DHB for Colleen: Ad will be in QST, CQ, '73! and Nuts & Bolts magazines in September. Next year we need to get it in 3 months early. Also, QST must have an ARRL Swap Meet application form. It was taken care of this time but there were no notes about this in the file. We need to talk to kitchen person from last year and find out how much food was bought and sold. Still need a chairperson for the kitchen. Suggestions to talk to Harold WA6IF and Bob Olsten WD6DPE were made. We need to bring up at August meeting what prizes people would like to win. Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ will look into seeing about a good deal on mobile and handheld radios. Some people are questioning why we have a flea market. James suggested that the next flea market be in Santa Rosa because most people don't know where Sebastopol is. This will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Activities, Dave Willey KD6KWM: Brought up that we have some equipment that could be loaned to new hams for a couple of months. People that check it out need to make sure the equipment is in good working condition before returning it or have it fixed professionally if it isn't. Dave will coordinate if people agree that this should be done.

We need to find out where the educational material is and what the cost to buy new materials would be. This will be discussed at next general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.