



# SHORT SKIP

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

You are now the owner of the first Sonoma County Radio Amateurs' Newsletter. This charter copy is bound to become a collector's item in years ahead. The concept of a newsletter has been around for years, but not until WB6EKV got the ball rolling by making necessary arrangements for printing and appointing a volunteer editor did the idea turn into reality. How this newsletter will develop and the type of material it will contain depends entirely on the wishes of the club members. Any member who would like material included in the newsletter should contact the club president, Bob Sones, WB6EKV, at 528-5321, or Wayne Light, W6RIA, 527-0456. The survival of this newsletter depends on you, the members.

## MEETING

Everyone will want to attend our next meeting Wednesday, June 2, 1976, at the Red Cross Building, 3911 Princeton Drive, Santa Rosa. Our agenda is especially interesting this time in that the Santa Rosa City Schools Emergency Communication Plan will be discussed. If you have two meter capability, we need your help in providing coverage of Santa Rosa City Schools in times of an emergency or emergency drill.

Also on the agenda is a short quiz on radio theory and practice.

Vern Spillman, K6CNJ, will talk to us regarding his work at Optical Coating Company.

Yes, there will be a raffle. This will be loser's choice, so be sure and bring your old tickets. This may be your last chance to go home as a winner. Donations for the raffle are always gladly accepted and appreciated.

## VHF DAY

Remember, VHF Day is June 12-13, 1976.

This year Field Day will be bigger and better than ever. Mark your calendars for June 26 and 27, and plan to participate. Everyone is welcome. There will be a Field Day organization meeting June 16, 1976, at WA6CWL and WA6IQJ's home. Their QTH is 915 Fourth Street. If you plan to participate on Field Day, this meeting will be important to you.

## DID YOU KNOW?

K6KVW, John Deeds, has retired so he can spend full time with his garden and amateur radio hobby. John is chief engineer and caretaker of WR6AFU located on Mt. St. Helena.

WA6STS, Glenn Elmore, has purchased a new QTH on Olivet Road. The first signals are an indication that this is a perfect spot for VHF and UHF work. Glenn is presently active on UHF, including 1296MHZ.

Bob Maple, K6CZ, is active on two meters and did very well at the hidden transmitter hunt last meeting. Bob is a good fellow to talk to about the old AM days of the 50's and 60's.

Donald Christensen, W6DZM, bought a new speaker mike for his hand held Wilson. Don has plans of going both mobile and portable with his new rig.







Audra Light, WA6EVD, and Wayne Light, W6RIA, were winners of the recent hidden transmitter hunt. It appears that everyone had a great time trying to find the "bunny" that was hidden under a bridge. Although everyone immediately was within 100 yards of the hidden transmitter, it took nearly 40 minutes for most of the fellows to find the transmitter, this is with the exception of Phil Payne, WA6QCR, who won the booby prize. I'm sure Phil will be delighted to tell you how long it took him to find the transmitter.

Bob Wolbert, AA6HPF, has nearly 200 JA stations worked, plus many other countries. It seems that Bob is giving Glenn, WA6STS, much competition even though Glenn has a genuine Dog X-ray hanging on his wall.

W6JOX, Charles Prindle, is very active on RTTY. In fact, he is considered the local expert on the subject.

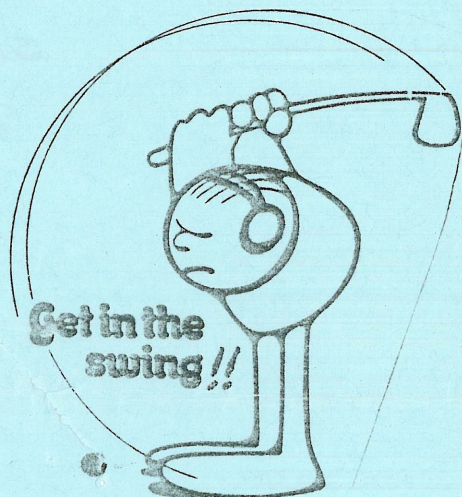
WB6KDF, Loren Eggleston, has been attempting air mobile operations recently. At last count, Loren had two airplanes, both of them grounded, but hopes to be aeronautical mobile soon.

Ron Pipes, WB6NBR, is running novice classes very successfully. Contact Ron for more information.

Terry LaDuke, WA6RNF, was second runnerup for our transmitter hunt. Terry was using a small weather radio with a 12" whip. Congratulations, Terry, especially when one considers the competition of a 12 element beam with a 100 DB attenuator. (What went wrong, Sam?)

#### REMEMBER

Anything that you would like to appear in this newsletter should be sent to Bob, WB6EKV, or Wayne, W6RIA, as soon as possible.



# FIELD DAY

JUNE 26-27



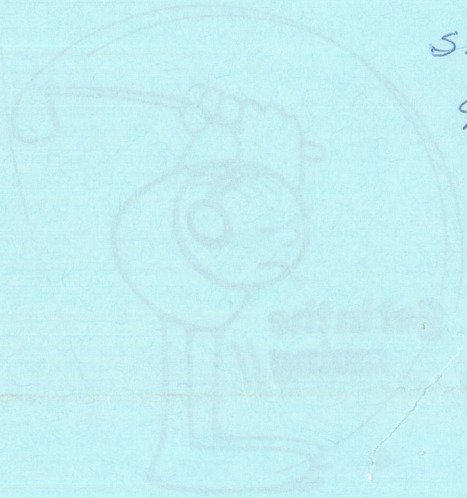


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