

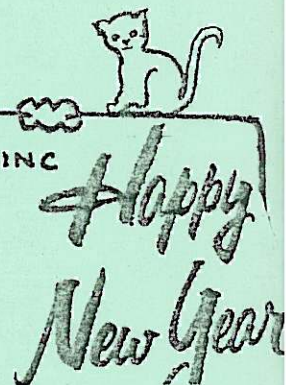


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## FIRST ANNUAL NEW AND IMPROVED CHRISTMAS PARTY!

This year an enormous amount of effort has gone into planning the best Christmas party ever. This year the party will be held on December 18th. Send your \$5.00 payment to President Paul Hansen, P. O. Box 116, Santa Rosa, 95402. Be sure and bring "a silly gift" of which the value should not exceed \$1.00. For any further information, please call Rose Siemer at 546-2746. If you have a bottle of your favorite booze that you would like to share, please bring that also. Place: DANCER'S WORKSHOP--779 Montecito Center, Santa Rosa.

## NEW CLUB OFFICERS

*Officers were elected, with Paul Hansen, WB6KXL, being elected as President. Vice President is Paul French, WA6KWN, and Secretary-Treasurer is Frank LaPointe, WB6FSA. The club is certainly fortunate to have such fine people elected to guide us through the 1977 year.*

On January 5, 1977, our meeting will be held at the Red Cross Building. We have a very special speaker on electrical safety. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and don't miss it. Included will be a film, Why Bet Your Life.

HR 10/76 CW comprehension tests for Amateur exams should come into use shortly. Master tapes, test questions and procedures were put in final shape some time ago, so only duplication, distribution and field office training remain before the new procedure can become adopted. Target date now looks like January 1.

HR 11/76 Novice license turnaround time can be sharply reduced, say several sources, by printing "AMATEUR RADIO NOVICE APPLICATION" in large letters on the envelope used to apply for a Novice exam, then returning the completed exam to Box 1120 in the envelope it came in marked "COMPLETED AMATEUR RADIO NOVICE EXAM ENCLOSED."

HR 11/76 FCC reduced the number of copies it requires to be filed in Commission rulemaking procedures from 12 to 6 (an original and 5 copies) in an action announced November 9. Anyone wishing a copy of his comments to go to each commissioner individually may still file an original and 11 copies as before, but the 6 copies specified in the new ruling assures that a filing is distributed to the appropriate FCC staff members.

HR 10/76 FCC Docket 20686....after November 26 signing portable or mobile no longer required....notifying FCC of extended period of operation away from the licensed premises dropped....you'll still need to have an "active" mailing address so you can answer possible FCC citations or advisories within the required 10 day period....portable and mobile will still be required for most ARRL league events.

Phil, WB6QCR, has a 450 HT that has spent more time in the United States mail than it has on the air. Ron Pipes, WB6NBR, is putting up a 64 foot tower in January. After that time all of the DX hounds better watch out on the DX contest weekends.

Chuck Prindle has all new RTTY. See Paul Hansen.

*Novice classes starting! Anyone interested in enrolling in a Novice class with such expert instruction that you are nearly guaranteed a Novice license should contact Ron Pipes, WB6NBR, at 545-3813 for more information. This class is planned to start on January 3, 1977, at Santa Rosa Junior High School, Room 3. Ron will teach this program two times a week on Monday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Since the enrollment fee is only \$3.00, this is a bargain that is so good that even some of us generals may want to take the class.*

AD: WILL TRADE 15 meter to 2 meter transverter for a 2 meter amp. - 5 watts input to 50 watts output. Want to trade? Contact W6RIA. 525-1681.

