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This is it the meeting you have all been waiting for since last month. This month we have two speakers. N60J, Chuck Ternes will speak on DXing. Chuck is a well known Dier from the southern end of the County. Our other guest will be William Stevens, W6ZM the director for the Pacific Division. So let's all mark the 7th of Febuary on our calendars and be at the meeting. POT-POURI... Heard Quent comment while mobile last week, while using a rig that he was unacustomed to, that CWLs knobs were out of adjustment... I guess this goes along with a bad front end... AE6H is going to a 4 element Quad...W6RIA should be home from the Netherlands by the time you get this...WD6GMR is busy listening to Oscar and working on some 2 mtr gear... KB6IL has a new beam and is getting good reports.... The new Novice class has 10 members and they are doing a good job ... The local repeater came in handy during the recent unpleasantness (rain/snow) a lot of road traffic was passed... Coming events include the Novice Roundup in Feb.; DX phone and CW in March; and the big one in June, Field Day...

Message from the President

We would like to hold some more raffles to raise money for the club projects. If you have any surplus "junk" etc. please bring it to the meeting or call one of the officers and we can arrange to pick it up.

Enthusiasm is building for the coming year. the fair project is growing. We also have a club construction project in the works. Thanks to W6DCR, Walt, for the receiver for our club station and lots of goodies for raffles.

Interest is growing in the Oscar Satellite program and a program on the subject is being planned. Several members have been monioring the orbits. If you have any special subject let us know.

If you know of anyone that has made his or her first contact, we have certificates for the same.

If anyone needs help getting a station on the air, please don't hesitate to let us know. We have help available to get you on the air.

Don Bremer, WD6GMR President

At a meeting to discuss county wide emergency communications, were Ray Bowers, WA6JNY, Assistant EC for Santa Rosa; John Dixon, WA6SKC, Assistant EC for Sonoma Valley; and Jim Tomer, W6CYM, EC for Sonoma County.

It had been hoped that there would be others present but circumstances prevented their attendance.

Of special interest was the degree to which the Sonoma Valley Emergency Communication plan has been put into operation.

Similar results are hoped for in other

areas of the county.

Your EC looks forward to the appointment of Assistant EC's for Petaluma, Sebastopol, Guerneville/Cazadero/Monte Rio, Healdsburg, Cloverdale, and SCARS/RACES.

If you are part of an area group, or club, and would like to participate, please call Jim Tomer, W6CYM, I'll come to your area for a group discussion.

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further information call any of the sons, All of them have applications lment in AREC. ARRL membership is

mot a requirement.

Lets put Sonoma County on the map!

73, CUL Jim, W6CYM EC. Sonoma County

For those who have had trouble installing co-ax connectors on RG-8-U, (experts can skip this), here is a method I have used for 25 years.

circle the co-ax jacket with a sharp knife, or tubing cutter, (don't cut the braid), about 3/4" from the end, and another circle about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the end.

Slit the jacket between the two cuts, and peel off. Leave the peice of jacket on the end. This holds the braid tight. Loose braid causes most problems.

Tin the exposed braid to about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the jacket on the line. Too much heat will expand the jacket and the fitting won't start to screw on. Keep the tinning light, as lumps must be filed off.

Cut the braid and the center insulation about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the jacket and pull off the end piece, twisting counter clockwise. The fitting should now screw onto the jacket, leaving tinned braid showing thru the holes in the fitting.

Ask me about the John Deeds method for RG58-U

K6MUP Hoppy

