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The May meeting will be held on the 2nd of the month at the Red Cross building. The meeting starts at 8 pm sharp. The feature speaker this month will be WA6RDA. Jerry will talk about the fun of owning your own TV station.

POT-POURRI...Heard via 13/73 that CKP and VSD were down by "Everybody's Talking" to check out some rear ends...They found one they liked so well they took it home to put in Norm's van...We nominate Norm and Hoppy's XYL's for the "understanding XYL's of the month" award...Understand the next night, Hoppy went to check out a miss that QXB had at the college. Busy man... UCP (Bud) has a new FT901, also RIA, (WAYNE) has one... That makes 5 in the area at least...AJR Dave, is back on 2 meters... The intrepid foursome will have a report on the Fresno Hamfest in next months Short Skip... if they have sobered up by then...

Rose, WA6CWL, announced over the repeater that she had something in the oven... This can be confirmed by many hams who heard the above statement...

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

we've got lots of activities going and the club has shown much enthusiasm. If you would like to be active in the club, don't be shy. There are many things that need doing and we can find a spot for every member. Each of us has a talent of some kind and if we put them all together, we can have a club that will attract more members, create new friendships and all to the enjoyment of the wide wonderful world of Amateur Radio.

## Don, KB6L0

## CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

Beginning May 1st, the person making the most contacts and getting confirmations before June 6th (meeting night) will receive a fine certifacate and an attractive trophy. Hers's the catch....All contacts must be on the novice bands in CW. The rules are simple and everyone has an equal chance. It's also a way to get some practice and help a novice get some contacts. Besides that, you might just get that last contact for WAS. Don't forget to bring you QSL cards to show at the June meeting.

We are still looking for a place to set up a club stations. If you have any ideas, please let us know. An ideal set up would be a trailer type shack that could be moved and used as an emergency communication center and also for demonstrations at public functions. Do you know of an old trailer, chassis or even an axle that we could build up. We already have some gear but we need a place to put it.

Minutes for meeting of 4 April 1979 Meeting was called to order at 8PM. by Pres. Don. KB6L0. Introductions of members and guests. Notice was given that those who have not paid their dues they will be dropped from the mailing list. Call for P.R. assistance for Earl Hickman. Novice Class has finished. Armed Forces Day 19 May. President thanked all for participation in March of Dimes Walkathon, special thanks to Paul WA6KAT and Dan WA6ACX. Reminder of the fair. "ELMER" award presented to Bob Rawlins by Terry KA6DEI. Picnic at spring Lake Park 22 Apr. Scott, WA7UVE presented a check to the club from SCARS for the Fair Fund. Certificate made up for DJ6TJ's club for sister club. Don brought up the idea of purchasing noise bridge for checking out to club members. tabled for time bein g. Vern, K6CNJ should have chassis for 2m ant. tuner by next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

New Members.
Scott Roleson, WA7UVE
John King WD6FEQ
Robert Brenstein KA6EUP
Mitch Smith KA6EAF

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Several Hams from the Santa Rosa Club participated in the Community Service Projects this past month.

The March of Dimes Walkathon was successful in a large part, because HAMS rendered communication services and transportation service for those hardy souls in dire need of our poop-out- wagon.

There was one minor mishap when the poopout- wagon had a poop-out-tire, and one major one for AG6C when one of her passengers mistook her car for a bank and left a deposit on the back seat.

Also several HAMS provided communications for the Valley of the Moon Running Club, during a run they sponsored at Annadel StatePark.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THEIR ARRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE---YOU CAN RENEW THROUGH THE CLUB AND WE GET A KICKBACK FOR TH CLUB. BE SURE TO GIVE A FEW MONTHS ADVANCE NOTICE.

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to our newest members; WD6FEQ, John, WA7UVE, Scott, and KA6EUP, Bob who is also a new licensee. Congratulations Bob.

Signupa for the fair are being taken now so get your name on the list. Remember, you do not have to be an operator to participate. we need people to hand out information also. The fair will be 12 days, 12 hours a day so it wil take a lot of co-operation and we need to start the scheduling soon.

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Don't forget, you get a pass into the fair in exchange for working the exhibit.

For those of you looking for something new to try, check out the Oscar Satellite program. The Beacons can be easily copied and you can apply for a SWL card from AMSAT by sending in the data that you copy. Tracking is quite simple and it does not require fancy gear. We have several members that have had good luck in getting QSOs vieOscar. Try it, you'll like it.

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Speaking of QSOs, Don, KB6LO recently handled phone patch traffic from the Yankee Trader which was enroute to Tahiti after delivering radio gear to Pitcairn Island. N1DX/MM3 has promised Don some photographs from Pitcairn. Two of the patches were made to Sonoma County.

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Keep your eyes and ears open for old CB rigs. These can be converted as a club project and used as an emergency net. There are a namber of them being converted to FM rigs also. 10 meter FM is on the upswing with all those Yaesu 90ls and that new Comtronix rig on the air. Quite a bit of activity on 29.600 Mhz.

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Got any radioo magazines, spare parts, old junk, et. round the shack? Bring it along to the meeting to add to the raffle.....