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Let's all show up for the November meeting to be held on the 7th of the month. We will be having elections for the coming year, so let's all show up for this important meeting. POT POURRI... WB6NBR and N6IP returned from a record setting weekend for the Cal. QSO party contest... Ron operated single op... N6AUP, is busy chasing DX during his lunch hour... He'll never catch AG6C... Nice blurb in the new QST, p. 72, concerning the club fair project... WB6NBR hasn't an explanation as to why we weren't in the field day report in the same mag... WA6RNF and WB6NBR will be working the SS contest on the 17th... That's SweepStakes, not Secret Service... WD6AJR is now working for HP... N6AUP, is taking a trip to the FCC on the 14th... Good luck Geo... WA6CWL, said she had her front end repaired... I wonder if she went to Sunnyvale (Silicon valley), for the repairs... Don't forget the 10 meter contest coming up in Dec., we can use the competition from the county...

We hope to compete in the "BEST CLUB" competition this year, but, it will take the teamwork and effort of all members to succeed. We can do it if the desire is there. We've had a good year in 1979 and 1980 can be better. Membership could easily top 100, but there has to be some incentive to join.

We need input of ideas for activities in order to attract new members.

SOUR GRAPES

On Sunday, October 28, Radio gear was stolen from Don, KB6LO's van. We are asking your help in attempting to locate the gear. It is believed it was ~~XX~~ a local job and the gear may still be in the area. Be on the lookout for : Kenwood TR7400A with Comtronix mike and also Kenwood TS 120S. Don can give you more information if you call him at 546-7047. A sizeable reward is being offered since they were not insured. A good point to keep in mind. Check your insurance policy. Don has informed us that his policy had a "rider" to delete a "rider". Now if that sounds confusing, it is. Be sure to do a double check and also to make sure, why not take advantage of the ARRL special radio gear insurance. You never can tell when you might be next.

Speaking of gear, we still have a number of potential hams in the Novice classes that are looking for used gear. Check out your garage and dig out that old rig. You could make someone very happy.

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Does anyone know anything about an old National 101X. 1938 vintage. See Don, KB6LO if you can help. He would like to get the old thing operating. Also, if anyone likes to play around with old WWII gear, he has a number of units in good condition just waiting for the "tender touch".

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For Sale::::Comtronix FM 80. Brand new and best price in the USA. Ten meters is in and in good shape. Phone 546-7047

Tubes-Tubes- Tubes:::::Oldies but many brand new. Have several terrific bargains on transmitting tubes. Same Phone number.....

As the business year comes to a close, A number of interesting and important issues deserve your attention. Several of these proposals are too involved to cover in this newsletter, but will be brought up at the November 7th. meeting. Don't miss this important meeting. Invite your friends to join us. This may not be General Electric but progress is still our goal (and product).

The "ELMER" club is off and running, thanks to the efforts of WA6IQJ, Quent and WA6CWL, Rose; who took the time to organize it. A number of Novice class students are already receiving personal tutoring and encouragement and will surely gain from the experience. If you would like to volunteer to help, let us know. You do not have to be an electronics engineer. Some of these students just need "moral" support.

We have been notified that our club emblems are being made and may be available in time for Christmas. New membership cards are also being printed for the new year.

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The trip to Alcatraz is still "on" but we still need to know who will be going. There is still some question about night time operation, but with a possible assist from W4YKH/ZF2BP, who works for U.S. GSA, We still may be able to beat the red tape. Be sure to notify Lyle, N6BLN if you are going along so we can get organized in plenty of time. We will have special QSL'S for the occasion.

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The teletype gang is growing. Newest member on the local scene is Don, KB6LO. He just recently got on both Two Meters and HF. If you have equipment and need help getting started, let us know about it. Other RTTY operators in the area are: W6JCK, K6CNJ, WB6VSD, K6QXB, W6JFN, WA6FGG, And WA6WYZ. Wb6KMI will be there shortly. Soon as he gets his ST-5 Fixed.

There is talk about the possibility of Taking a tour of one of the local electronics manufacturing plants. We would be interested in finding out how many people would like to take the tour so that we can make the arrangements. It is possible we may be able to do it some evening or perhaps on a weekend so that more people will be able to attend.

George, N6AUP is trying to get some more contests going for club members but would like to know how many would be interested. He doesn't feel it would be worth the effort if only two or three will participate. There are some rather unique trophies available and a contest always provides fun for those participating. What kind of contest we have is up to you. Let us know your idea.

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There are a number of people who have suggested having two meetings a month. One for a regular membership meeting and the second for a technical workshop. We need your ideas on this subject and also need someone to organize it. You do not have to be an electronics engineer for this either, all we need is someone to take charge. There are plenty of members willing to help but we still are plagued by the lack of willing leaders. Doesn't anyone have the "guts"?

We are also in need of an official club Photographer. It would be helpful if you can process your own work, as we need quick service and also large black and white pictures for press Releases. There is equipment available if you know how to use it. Think about it, you could become another Ernie Pyle. There is also a sore need for someone that can write news stories. The stories are there to tell, we just need someone to put them on paper. Surely there is someone in our club who has some experience at this mode of communication. How about it? Why not help the club and at the same time, further the cause of Amateur Radio.

Our complements go out to two fine people who did take on projects on their own. Jim, W6cym and Allen, KA6GDB have set up displays at local libraries. Jim has one at the Sonoma County Library and Allen's at the Rohnert Park Library. Both of them did an excellent job and deserve a lot of credit. Allen, one of our youngest members has been very active in all club activities and shows much promise of being one of our future leaders. Jim has already demonstrated his interest and ability many times. Thanks again to both of you and we hope the rest of the members will take the time to see the displays.

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The October transmitter hunt was something of a disappointment due to the poor turnout of "hunters". This may have been the last one unless there is more interest shown. But for those who went out, it was a real challenge. If we ever need a skilled search team, we can feel confident that we are in good hands. It only took them about 20 minutes to arrive in the immediate vicinity. The rest wasn't so easy. Seems that "The Rabbits" pulled an underhanded stunt and hid in a Sheriff's patrol car. At the county jail, at that. WD6ckp wiped out his Quad, several members nearly got arrested for peering into cars and prowling around the county complex. AG6C, Betty did a pretty good job by herself and the team of N6AUP and WD6CKP were the first to actually come close. Final discovery was made by KA6GDB, Allen. As usual, right there in the middle of the action. Next year it's your turn. Guess we'll have to look in the sand box. HI HI HI Just kidding.

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Elections will be held at our December meeting. Now is the time to start thinking about next years officers. We would like to propose some qualifications to consider when nominating a candidate.

1. Interested in an active club.
2. Willingness to devote time to that goal.
3. Willingness to be a leader and assume responsibility.
4. Desire to make new friends and get the most out of the hobby.