

SONOMA CO. RADIO AMATEURS INC.

SHORT SKIP

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MERGER

SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, Inc.
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
SONOMA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

CLUB OFFICERS

President Len Gerald K6ANP
795-4335

V. Pres.. Lyman Wiltshire
833-2000 WB6SMY

Tres.. Gary Davis WB6PMN
528-4304

Sect.. Doug. Stewart N6DET
523-2118

Board: Alan Bloom N1AL
527-0840
Chuck Sabin N6DDK
795-2371
Steve Schaffer KD6GC
546-8860

Short Skip Hank Davis W6DTV
823-7885
Lyle Meek N6BLN
Chod Harris VP2ML
DX Watch
Terry La Duke and David
Kulinski- Printers

Club Call W6LFJ
Club meeting 1st Wed. each Month-~~7:30~~

Educational-Gary Davis-528-4304
Explorer Post 599- Mike Ter Sarkisoff
N6DBZ- 823-8977
Parts and Raffle Mgr. Lyman Wiltshire
WB6SMY-833-2000
Club Merger-Lyle Meek and Gary Davis
Picnic-Steve Schaffer and Ron Pipes

Radio Shack, Farmers Lane has been very good with donations for the Club Raffle stop by and say hello or buy an item or two.

RADIO SHACK
STORE NO. 3855
Zane Bates
510 Farmers Ln. 546-8423
Santa Rosa

Club Badge Mgr --Ron Pipes WB6NBR

QSL Mgr. for W6LFJ - Jim Tomer

W6CYM

Don't Forget = Oct 17th-9am
Races Training = SRJC

CLUB OFFICERS

President Geo Shedore KS6W
528-0201

V-Pres.. Lyman Wiltshire WB6SMY
833-2000

Sect-Tres. Jim Tomer W6CYM
838-9464

Board Con Osborne WA6ACX
829-0565
Bud Lockwood WA6UCP
539-1579
Chuck Sabin N6DDK
795-2371

Club Call WB6PVS- Also Repeater.
Club Meeting 2nd. Tuesday each month
EOC Meeting Room, 7:30 PM.

Merger Comm-Geo KN6S, Hank W6DTV
By laws- Const. W6GFY, Van--K6XZ Bob
WB6RHP Warren.
Election WA6ACX Don--KD6GC Steve
Tech. Comm. Horny Sr. K6MUP

NOTICE

Next meeting of joint Clubs is to be held at EOC Meeting Room the first Wed. of October, 7 th. at 7:30 Pm.

By-Laws

By-Laws Comm. for SCRA, Inc. is the following: N1AL Alan, N6DDK Chuck, and W6DZM Don.

NOTICE

Col. Waterman will organize a trip to the U C Marine Lab at Bodega Bay. For those interested there will be a signup sheet at the next Club Meeting Oct 7 th. It is a real interesting experience one not to miss. Talk it over with the XYL.

HEAR THIS

September the 30th is Joint Board meeting at the ECO. 7:30 Pm ??

SORRY

KA6POE, Irma helped WA6ACX and WB6NB and N6DDK, to put up a vertical antenna and a long wire end fed Hertz antenna at WB6SMY's station. Sorry I missed.

New Calls-
N6FAX - Sarah = N6FBB Martha
N6FCV - Jerry

SWAP SALE WANTED

- FOR SALE: Kenwood 2400 HT Leather Case- Bat Pak- Base Charger--Mobile Charger, \$375.00 Call Vern K6CJN 544-5333
- FOR SALE: KLM-664 All Mode-6 Meter Transceiver 10 Watts -AM- CW FM-U-L- SSB \$300.00 Dentron Clinerton L Z Lin Amp. 10/160-\$350.00--Yaesu Phone Watch SP101PB \$30.00 Call N6AKU--Leroy--763-8448
- FOR SALE: Realistic Mof 45 Scanner, Ital Cont. 10 Channel, 10 Xtals but not for local area. \$50.00 Call Hank 823-7885
- FOR SALE: Yaesu 101F, Complete with Manual-160/10-\$600.00 Yaesu YC601 Readout for 101F, \$125.00--Yaesu 227R, 2 Mtr. 1 cr 10 Watts Big. Readout. \$250.00---2 Mtr. KLM 70 Watt Amp. 1 to 15 Watts input. \$100.00--Lunar Pre Amp. 6 Mtr.\$35.00 Call Frank at 542-7617
- FOR SALE: Yaesu FT DX400, Cw filter, SSB filter, \$350.00--Wilson 220 Mc. HT With Adj. PL and TTPad. Xtals--\$200.00---VTVM \$25.00--HI/LO Band Monitor Rec. FM\$20.00---10 Minute timer, \$5.00--HP130 Scope, plus spare Scope for parts, Manual \$35.00-- Call Geo 528-0201
- FOR SALE: Kenwood SM220 Scope for Kenwood equipment. Has a panadapt- or added for band opening spotting. Covers other functions such as PTTY. Call Chuck 542-0348
- FOR SALE: Drake G Line, Complete \$700.00, Call 526-7731 Also Ant Tuner \$125.00---
- For Sale Kenwood Twins---New Price, Call Tom 778-7226
- FOR SALE: HT320SSR-\$150.00 Call 545-3051
- FOR SALE: KLM Momo Bänder--4EL Yagi \$65.00--Call 823.1357

DISASTER ASSESSMENT TRAINING

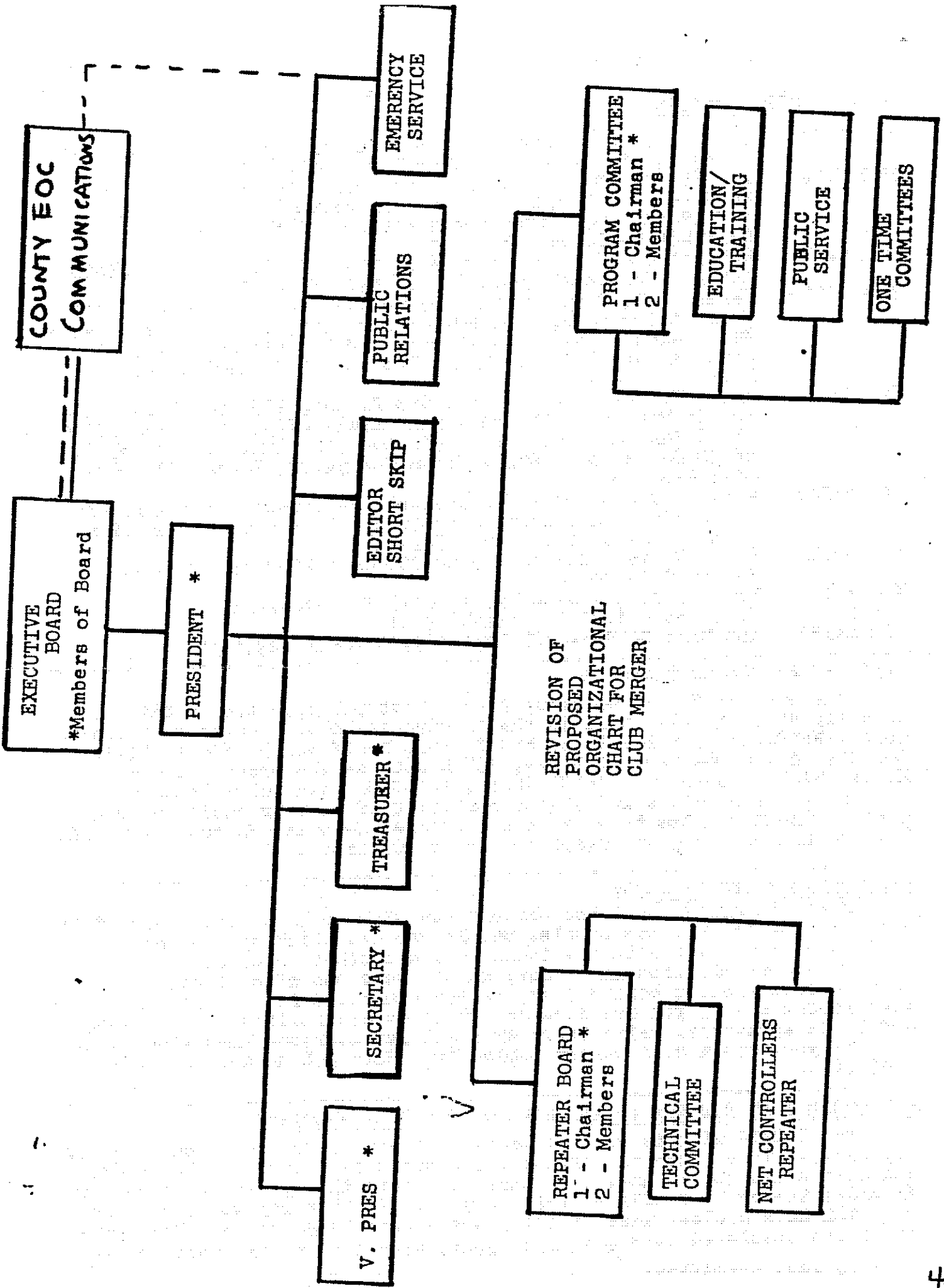
The western Sonoma Co Group from Sebastopol sponsored a DAT Class at Analy High School. Held in the Electronics Shop. Members attending were---N6DBZ-Mike, N6BLN Lyle, W6CCY John, N6FAX Sarah, WD6DXW Bill, Ben Bisordi, N6DSW Geo, KS6W Geo, N6CTL Rob, WA6IXC Spence, WD6CKP Hoppy, WA6UCP Uncle Bud, N6DDK Chuck, KB6LO Don and W6DTV Sponsor. A very good class and a good combining of amateur radio and red cross. The next item to work on for future class is CPR and First Aid. This would make a group complete for any disaster.

SOME THING TO THINK ABOUT

Start thinking about the persons you wish to hold next years Offices. They have to be vreative people. people who can think up good new ideas and be able to live with the ideas they and others create. This next election in January cannot be a one nite stand. It has to have some thought behind every person nominated for office. Look for that person and if you are sure enough about his ability for the job, and he is agreeable, write Short Skip and let everyone know about him. If you have a good person---Blow Your Horn---Loud and Long--We need it...

FOR THOSE THAT DID NOT ATTEND SOME OF THE PAST MEETINGS

SHORT SKIP will be sent to members of both Clubs until one Club is organized. This month the organization chart is printed in Short Skip and next month the finance part that goes into the by-laws will be printed. In order the by-laws will be printed also. In this way we hope every one will have a clear idea of the process that is going on. One Committee has completed it's work and turned over it's recommendations to the by-laws committee.



REVISION OF
PROPOSED
ORGANIZATIONAL
CHART FOR
CLUB MERGER

REPEATER BOARD
1 - Chairman *
2 - Members

TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE

NET CONTROLLERS
REPEATER

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
1 - Chairman *
2 - Members

EDUCATION/
TRAINING

PUBLIC
SERVICE

ONE TIME
COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE
BOARD
*Members of Board

COUNTY EOC
COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT *

V. PRES *

SECRETARY *

TREASURER *

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SERVICE

WSYI REPORT

Deregulation Coming to the Amateur Radio Service

The FCC has agreed to completely review the Part 97 Rules during 1981 and 1982. The purpose of the review is to be certain that there is a need for the rule and that it is in keeping with the technology, economic conditions and other factors that may have changed since the rule was initiated. FCC Chairman Fowler is making good his promise to determine if rules can be eliminated or modified to make it easier for licensees - while at the same time not impairing the public interest.

Now the Commission has announced that they have set up a Regulatory Review Working Group (called RegRev Group for short) in the Office of the General Counsel. Their job will be to "assist the Bureaus and offices in comprehensive, systematic review of each of the Commission's rules and policies looking toward the overall agency objective of eliminating unnecessary rules, regulations and policies." They will perform a "zero-based legal and economic analysis" of the rules.

The RegRev Group will be headed up by a Maurice P. Talbot, Jr., who has been named Acting Associate General Counsel. An extremely educated man, Talbot, 43, holds a BSEE degree from the University of Massachusetts, MSEE from Northeastern, an MBA from Loyola, a JD (lawyer) degree from Suffolk University with special studies in communications at Harvard. He has been with the FCC for 9 years.

ON STRENGTHENING THE TECHNICAL ORIENTATION OF THE AMATEUR SERVICE.

"There are a variety of opinions and explanations of why technical experimentation may have declined as an amateur radio activity and why the "ham" fraternity may contribute less to the radio art today than before World War II. FCC regulations may have played a major role, simply by not allowing new technologies (like spread spectrum modulation) or by allowing them belatedly (as in the case of ASCII). Many (and in the case of Advanced and Extra-Class, most) amateurs work professionally in telecommunications or electronics-related fields. This suggests that the "technical skills 'reservoir' of amateur radio is very large indeed" and potential for "much wider experimentation probably exists than one now observes. A 'digital class' or similar amateur license, which could allow technically competent licensees to operate on VHF amateur bands without passing Morse code tests may be desirable."

FCC ISSUES PUBLIC NOTICE ON RETRANSMISSION OF RADIO MESSAGES.

The Commission has reminded all licensees in an August 25th release that Section #605 of the Communications Act "prohibits the interception of point-to-point radio transmissions and divulgence without permission, by retransmission or any means, of the existence, summarized contents or texts of messages transmitted by others." Section #605 applies to all persons and is enforced by criminal and other penalties specified in the Act. "A private party may also seek a remedy by civil litigation", the public notice said. "Permission from the originating party must be obtained before any part of the substance or text of a radio transmission" may be broadcast, retransmitted or divulged to a person not a party to the communication."

The report reviews the current state of digital communications in each of the five major private radio service categories. (i.e.: Aviation, Land Mobile, Marine, Microwave and the Personal Radio Service of which amateur radio is a part.) Driving forces stemming from the computer revolution and the need for more flexible and efficient communication systems are then identified and are used to project the likely development of digital communications in each service area. The study also suggests regulatory actions that could be taken to facilitate the adoption of digital technology in the near-term.

FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH

NO TEST REQUIRED FOR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE..... Scary???????

You bet it is. In fact, if that situation ever comes to pass, it will be the end of amateur radio as we have known it. That situation could be quite possible with the rapid increase in the numbers of "unqualified amateurs".

A natural reaction to becoming an amateur radio operator, is the desire to encourage others to join us in the fascinating hobby. We offer to help the prospective amateur learn the things necessary to pass his test and just as eagerly, await his license. The question is: How far are we willing to go to help him reach his goal? Quite often, the student is either a friend or relative and in our enthusiasm it is very tempting to be a little "Liberal" when it comes time for that Novice test.

A few years ago when the Novice license was good for only TWO years, and not renewable, this practice may not have seemed so important. With the present rules, it could be the decline of the integrity of Amateur Radio in general. Some of this well intentioned "help" has turned to downright cheating. The original "Bash Study Guide" came mighty close and to those of you who used that book to get your license, I ask; "Are you proud of your accomplishment?". The current Bash book has improved greatly and is quite informative.

What about those of us who indiscreetly pass along the contents of our CW test for the benefit of someone getting ready for their test? We objected when the FCC suggested removing the code requirement for the Amateur license, but what is the difference if the person knows the answers in advance? It has been noted recently that some very informative "notes" are being passed around. Remember, the FCC could require that amateur to take a re-test if there is doubt about the validity of the test.

The FCC has gone all out to provide us with a comprehensive ~~MM~~ study guide. Using this guide and the time to prepare, makes the test possible for anyone with the desire. The current tests are fair and reasonable and with proper effort, there is no reason to fail.

There has been much talk about the poor operating and crowded band conditions. Have you ever stopped to wonder how many of these operators got their start with the help of some "well meaning" friend? Are you responsible for one of these "LIDS". Give this some thought the next time you are tempted to be extra helpful. Remember, you will have to operate on the same frequencies as these new operators. Furthermore, what respect can a person have for his or her license when there was no effort involved to get that license.

There is more to say on this subject and further instalments will cover some different views on the matter. STAY TUNED.

KB6LO, Don

The bands are hot. A large number of DXpeditions will activate rare and seldom-heard spots around the world. The contest season begins, providing many hams with their best shot at exotic DX. Working DX should be the easiest part of the DXCC quest for the next few months. The most difficult part might be getting the QSL card to confirm that contact. You can improve your QSL return rate by avoiding these common mistakes:

1. Not in the log: Be sure you worked that DX station, not another station at the same time. Ask for a confirmation if you have any doubt.
2. Time wrong: DXpeditions and contest stations work hundreds of contacts per hour, and a time error of only five minutes puts you on a different log sheet. Keep an accurate clock on UTC, and check it frequently against WWV.
3. Date wrong: Remember that the UTC date changes before the calendar date. Write the date day/month/year, with the month spelled out: 30Sept81.
4. Wrong address: The Callbook addresses are often dated, or a QSL manager might be the best way to QSL. Listen to the station you worked, and if he doesn't explain how to QSL in 15 minutes, ask him for the best way.
5. Improper postage for return of QSL: if you send your QSL with a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE), the best way, be careful to include the proper postage. US stamps for stateside QSL managers, but International Reply Coupons (IRCs) for foreign managers.
6. Not enough patience: QSLs via the bureau can take a year or two in each direction, Russian cards even longer. And even QSL managers must wait for the end of the DXpedition, return of the logs, printing of the cards, and the often formidable task of opening, sorting, checking and answering thousands and thousands of cards.

SEED FOR THE FUTURE

Amateur Radio in the area of Sonoma Co. has a unique possibility for Public Service.

This last weekend some 15 persons took Disaster Assessment Training. This is a foundation of help towards the Red Cross in time of Disasters. Many times these are every day type of disasters as they are single family mishaps. RACES is bigger than this and would not be called out. Yet we have to be trained and retrained for RACES also. Yet the help is needed for smaller times.

Another needed Public Service from Amateur Radio is help to CDF Information Officers and to fire fighters at the Fire Camps. Some of these men may not have talked to family or friends for many days. A crew of Radio Amateurs with VHF and HF facilities would be of great help.

There are enough individuals available with equipment ready to go at all times. All that is needed is an organization to get this in order. Perhaps after the CLUB is organized this could be an early priority.

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