

# SHORT SKIP

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.



Club Station

P.O. Box 116

Repeater Station

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Santa Rosa, CA 95402

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## SCRA DX EVENT

25/50/25



SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS  
25/50/25 DX EVENT

1. **ACTIVITY PERIOD:** This event will begin at 0001 UTC October 9, 1987 (5PM local time October 8) and ends 2359 UTC November 1, 1987 (5 PM local time November 1).
2. **OBJECTIVE:** Objective of this event is for club members with a Novice, Tech, or General Class license to work 25 DIFFERENT DX countries in 25 days. Club members with an Advanced or Extra class licenses will have to work 50 DIFFERENT DX countries during the same 25 day period.
3. **TYPE OF COMPETITION:** This is a single operator event, you must operate your station without assistance. Contacts may be made on SSB and/or CW. You may use any of the following bands: 1.8; 3.5; 7; 14; 21; or 28Mhz.
4. **EXCHANGE** RST and QTH. Be sure to maintain a separate log for this event. Accurate entries are essential as in the event of a tie the log with the earliest time entry will be the winner.
5. **AWARDS** Certificates will be awarded to the first Novice, first Tech and the first General to work 25 DX stations during the 25 day event. Certificates will also be awarded to the first Advanced and the first Extra to work 50 DX stations during this period. Additional awards will be given for the class of licenses working the MOST DX stations during the 25 day period.

REMEMBER YOU MUST WORK 25/50 DIFFERENT DX STATIONS.

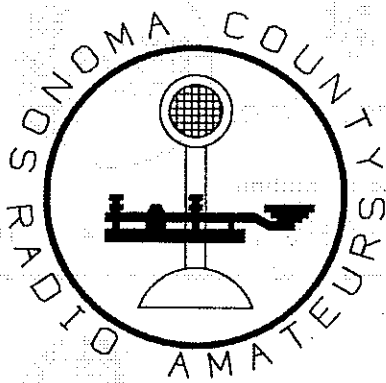


## ENJOY OPERATING

GOOD LUCK/GOOD HUNTING



WW6F



**-----OFFICERS FOR 1987:-----**

PRESIDENT:	Connie Freitas	N6FYV	544-1609
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SECRETARY:	Marie Mappus	KI6QY	664-1978
TREASURER:	Alan Bloom	N1AL	538-7115
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	Brian Torr	N6IIY	887-1388
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 GREETER AT MTGS: Sarah Davis N6FAX  
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 Steve WA8LLY, Joel WB6PDP, Larry KF6WV  
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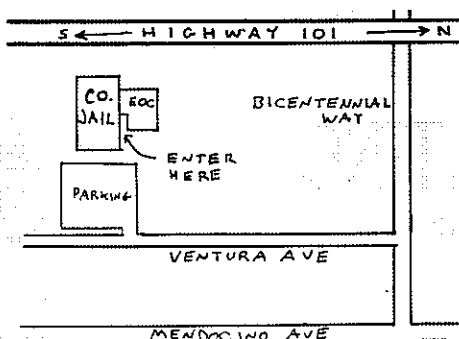
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 WB6PER 526-2972 N6KMJ 778-1758  
 WN6D 544-7943 WB6UAZ 544-7943

**-----CLUB MEETINGS-----**

7/7:30 PM first Wed each month at the  
 Emergency Operations Center (EOC).  
 NEXT CLUB MEETING: Sept. 2, 1987  
 PROGRAM: W6JFN talk on Amateur TV

Meetings open to all, member or not.  
 Dues are \$12/year, plus a one-time \$4  
 initiation fee. (Includes call sign/  
 name badge.) Family membership: \$18.



**ARE YOU NOT AN SCRA MEMBER?**

IF SO, then this is a complimentary copy. Our club is into almost every aspect of amateur radio: repeaters (13/73), Field Day, license classes (novice/upgrade), volunteer exams, RACES, DX programs, packet radio, hidden xmtr hunts -- you name it.

We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below) or check into the SCARS net on the 146.13/73 repeater every Tues. night at 7 PM. You will hear the latest Westlink Amateur Radio news broadcast, SCRA announcements, and a Swap Shop. If you would like to join SCRA, please refer to the dues listed below. 73!

**SHORT SKIP ADVERTISING RATES:**

Business cards: \$10

\$14 First 1/4 Column

\$2 Additional 1/4 Columns

(\$28 Full Page, 1 side)

Pre-printed inserts: \$28/sheet

Guaranteed circulation: 200/month  
 AD DEADLINE: 15th of previous month

**RADIO SHACK**

Store Nr. 3855

Zane Bates, Manager

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**PACKET COMMITTEE:** Al N1AL Jim WN6D  
 Terry WA6RNF Rich KA6SSL

# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Reservations are now being taken for the SCRA's Christmas Party. It will be held at North's Chuck Wagon 4575

Sonoma Highway in Santa Rosa.

The banquet room is reserved for December 5 from 6:30 to 9:00. The club will pay for members only; guests will pay their own. The price for guests is \$6.35 including tax, and I believe it is 40 cents per year for children. There will be seating for 80 people. To make your reservation, call Marie KI6QY at 664-1978. Reservations must be in no later than October 30.

I hope everyone had a good time at the flea market. I am sure Al will have a report on the flea market at the October club meeting.

George Wallace N6DSW A.K.A. "N6 Drinking Straight Whiskey" or "Tomales George" became a silent key this month. He will certainly be missed. See story about George elsewhere in this month's Short Skip.

Don't forget to bring your food donations to the next club meeting.

That's all for this month.

-- 73 Connie N6FYV

FCC FORM 1-73	
REGULAR	EXTRA
NAME AS MAILING ADDRESS	
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION	

UPGRADING TO

TECHNICIAN?

The next SCRA-sponsored FCC exam session will be October 17, 9-12 AM. The Technician exam only will be given at this session. Location: EOC (map p.2). No walk-ins will be accepted -- you must pre-register. Call Steve Lund WA8LLY 823-4544 for further details.

The NEXT VEC EXAMS will be sometime before Christmas.

-- WA8LLY



## CHRISTAS PARTY

The Christmas party will be held the first Wed. in December, Dec. 2. All reservations for the party must be submitted no later than November 1st. Make your reservations by calling Marie KI6QY at 664-1978. All reservations will be confirmed after the November cutoff date. Once your reservation is confirmed, you will be sent a ticket to present to the cashier at North's. Guests or non-members must pay for their own dinner at the register. There is room for only 80 persons, including guests. Reservations will be confirmed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

- N6FYV



## SILENT KEY

GEORGE WALLACE N6DSW

We all will say 73 to you Geo. We will miss your good sense of humor and fellowship you brought to any group that you attended.

It is hard to say goodbye to a friend and fellow amateur when you want to say to yourself that he is still there.

George was 68 years young and is survived by a sister Roberta Townsend and a brother Erlyn Wallace. There will be no funeral services by his request.

May all your CQ's be answered and all your QSL's be confirmed. 73 from all of us.

-- W6DTV

## STOLEN!

N6KM lost his Kenwood 7930 from his car (parked in his driveway!) August 19. S/N 3080011. 935-9197

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF SCRA, SEPTEMBER 2, 1987**

Officers present: President: Connie Freitas N6FYV, Vice President Russ O'Neill N6KMJ, Secretary Marie Mappus KI6QY, Treasurer: Al Bloom N1AL, Repeater Chr. Hoppy Bravin WD6CKP, Activities Chr. Lyle Meek WW6F, Members at Large: Don Osborne WA6ACX, Brian Torr N6IIY.

Visitors: Jim Blaine, V. T. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bloom, Zachary Light, Jon Bloom KE3Z, Antonin Bastick, Bill Olden WB6HZZ.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Connie Freitas N6FYV, at 7:32 PM.

Warren WB6RHP made a motion to approve the August general meeting minutes as they appeared in Short Skip. Doug WW6D seconded the motion.

Phil N6OOA made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Rudy N6KLU seconded it.

Al N1AL asked the club to decide on which radio they preferred as the grand prize at the Flea Market: an Alinco HT or a Kenwood TH-21AT. Jud N6QAV made a motion that the club approve the purchase of the Alinco from HSC with a vote of 22 to 5. Russ N6KMJ seconded it.

Al N1AL also stated that the rent to the Sebastopol Community Center was due (\$125 for the use of the facilities and \$100 cleaning deposit). The cleaning deposit will be refunded provided the premises are left clean. Russ N6KMJ made a motion to pay this amount and Hoppy WD6CKP seconded the motion.

Jon Bloom KE3Z was the guest speaker for the evening. He is the Lab Manager for ARRL and spoke about packet radio and how it can be transmitted from one station through relay stations to its destination. He also spoke about the testing that the ARRL does on radio and related equipment that is advertised in QST.

The member raffle was won by Patrick Broderick. It was for \$85.65. Since he was not in attendance, this amount will be held over until next month's raffle.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Hank W6DTV announced that there will be upgrade tests given the day of the Flea Market at the Sebastopol Fire House.

Steve WA8LLY asked people who attended the Club Picnic to check and see if they accidentally picked up some serving utensils that belong to him.

Steve also announced that Don WA6ACX will teach a Novice class and that Doug WW6D will assist. Steve WA8LLY will be willing to teach an Advanced class. He also is taking orders for ARRL Callbooks. They will be \$20.25 for both the US and DX books.

Lyle announced the next activity the club was sponsoring. It is a 25/50 in 25 days DX Contest. Novices, Techs, and Generals are to make 25 contacts, and Advanced and Extra class 50 contacts. It will begin on October 8 at 5:00 PM PTD.

Hoppy WD6CKP said the repeater is working fine, and there are no current problems.

Al N1AL reported that the packet station is still not quite ready for operation.

Doug WW6D reminded the club that there is a Calif QSO party the weekend of October 2-4 and that members should get on the radio and make some contacts.

A nominating committee for the selection of 1988 officers of the club has been appointed. They are Hank W6DTV, Hoppy WD6CKP, and Dale N6MRV.

Rudy N6KLU is Chairman of the Ham of the Year Award Committee. He stated that all nominations (in writing) for this award must be in his hands no later than October 31.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Connie N6FYV announced that club members are continuing to bring gifts of food for needy families. Contributions to this cause were brought by Phil N6OOA, Hank W6DTV, Sarah N6FAX, Hans KI6PD, Rudy N6KLU, Marie KI6QY, Jud N6QAV, and Lee KA6NZO.

Al N1AL again asked for volunteers with the swap meet. Help is needed in all areas.

Connie N6FYV asked if the club was interested in making a contribution to Westlinks. Hoppy WD6CKP made a motion to give \$25 to Westlinks. This was seconded by Russ N6KMJ.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The subject of the club's annual Christmas Party was presented to the club. The Board of Directors had previously selected three options: 1) a potluck, 2) a meal at North's Chuck Wagon with the club picking up the tab for members and 3) a dinner at a more elegant restaurant with the club and individual members splitting the cost up to a certain figure.

Rudy N6LKV asked that a fourth option be considered. It was to use the money that would be spent on a dinner and gifts and donate it to needy families in the area.

The vote was: Option #1: 0, Option #2: 20, Option #3: 8, Option #4: 6.

Ted KB6PTA offered the suggestion that the club raffle off something to raise money for needy families.

Phil N6OOA announced that the guest speaker for October will be Kermit W6JFN. He will talk about Amateur Radio and slow-scan television.

There were 54 in attendance at the meeting.

Russ N6KMJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Hoppy WD6CKP. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Mappus KI6QY, Secretary.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR MONTH ENDING  
AUGUST 31, 1987

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Dues & Initiations	28.00	
Fund-Raiser	25.00	52.58
Badges		28.62
Repeater Fund	7.00	11.44
Newsletter		131.45
Member supplies	71.75	
Officers expenses		11.00
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	131.75	235.09
ASSETS:		
General Fund Account		938.79
Cash/checks on hand		355.26
Total General Fund		1294.05
Total Repeater Fund		2032.20

-- de N1AL

## NEW CALLS AROUND THE COUNTY

Was... Is...  
KB6OYC N6QAV Jud Spruce

## WHERE IS HE NOW?

Dear All:

I sold my Drake SSR-1 General Purpose Receiver the week before the Valentine's Day flood last year.

I had it 10 good years.

I never did get an Amateur license.

But would some of your members happen to know the whereabouts of an older retired radio Amateur from Geyserville. About the time I myself had to go on disability from the Post Office, he ended up with a heart attack. My ex-wife and I used to visit them from time to time, but I've lost touch with them. Is he still alive? He'd been a ham for like 20 years at the time, so he'd been around. I'd like to take the bus up there and see him sometime, if it'd be alright.

Thanks & take care,

- Mike Thuesen, Cotati Tech!

POB 306, Cotati, CA 94928

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# FLEA MARKET

First of all, I apologize for the lack of photos this year. The reason my pix didn't come out is too embarrassing to explain...

Nobody knows exactly how many people showed up this year. For sure we were bigger than last year, but only 214 people filled out door prize tickets. One reason was half the flea market was outdoors this year, so many never saw the ticket booth. It also didn't help having the ticket booth around the corner from the registration desk where it was not too visible.

We had 72 paid vendors with 37 inside and 35 outside, plus 6 "free" tables (SCRA, RACES, ARRL, etc.). This compares with 56 paid tables in 1986 and 48 in 1985. We're growing!

## FINANCIAL RESULTS:

	NET	GROSS
Table sales	388.00	388.00
Food Concession	454.45	301.78
Auction	237.55	169.05
Raffle	351.00	82.82
Club Table Sales	1.00	1.00
Hall Rent/Deposit		-225.00
Mailing to clubs		-52.58
Mass flyer mailing	96.00	-83.89
Door prize		-28.30
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TOTAL		\$552.88

We still have \$96 coming in from the other ad in the flyer, and we should get most of our \$100 security deposit back from the Community Center, so we should net over \$700 all told. This compares with \$692 last year and \$381 in 1985.

This flea market was put on by 46 club members with help from 7 folks who are not members of SCRA. Those who I forgot in the following list, please forgive me. (After all, I'm just a volunteer, too!)

ADVERTISING: N6ONZ, KG6YR, N1AL.

PRIZES: NA6T, KA6SSL, N1AL.

SET-UP Fri. PM: N6PTM, WD6DPE, WA6ACX, WD6CKP N6IIY, W6CCY, N1AL

SET-UP Sat. AM: N6PTM, WW6F,

Dan Smith, N1AL.

ARRANGING FOR TABLES: W6DTV.

PARKING LOT: KB6EOC, N6GZV, KF6RS, W6TLK, WB6EKV, WA6RNF.

TALK-IN: N6FAX.

REGISTRATION TABLE: KI6LS, KB6KUI, WA8LLY, WB6UAZ, KI6QY, N6KLU.

REFRESHMENTS: WD6DPE, KD6GC, N6DDK, WD6DXW, W6RIA, Zach Light, N6QAV, Mandy Spruce.

RADIO CLINIC: KE6WL, KD6NT.

CLUB TABLE: N6MRV, N6NSG, W2HWQ.

AUCTION: WA6RNF, WB6RHP, WW6D, WB0DKT.

CLEAN-UP: WA6RNF, KA6HGW, Kitty Holmes, WD6CKP, W6LGQ, WD6DPE, KF6WV, WB6MCE, N1AL.

FCC EXAMS: WA8LLY, W6DTV, WB6PDP, WW6D, WA6ACX, KF6FX, WU6W, WN6W.

## SPECIAL DISPLAYS:

Our ARRL Director Rod Stafford KB6ZV and Section Manager Bob Smith NA6T were kind enough to equip and man the ARRL booth.

Woody WA6KVV was, fortunately for us, able to make it again this year with his antique radios, a perennial highlight of the event.

Thanks also to W6JFN for the ATV demonstration. If you didn't catch Kermit's "foot mobile" station, you really missed it!

Many thanks also to HSC Electronics for the special "Deals" on the Raffle and Door Prizes. And a very special thank you to ARRL and our SM Bob Smith NA6T for the BIG box of ARRL pubs we used for prizes. World Radio Magazine also generously donated several subscriptions.

46 SCRA members helped out with this event in some capacity. (Who says nobody volunteers?) In Callsign order, they were:

WA6ACX Don Osborne, N1AL Al Bloom, W6CCY John Lynch, WD6CKP Hoppy Bravin, WW6D Doug Bender, N6DDK Chuck Sabin, WB0DKT Glenn Hetchler, (next page)

**BODEGA BAY TO BREAKERS RUN**

After driving through heavy fog to Bodega Bay and eating a hearty breakfast at the Sandpiper, we assembled at Westside Park at 7:30 AM for our last-minute instructions and assignments.

It was an 8K run that took place on Westside Road. Our main duty in this run was to coordinate the traffic on Westside Road with the people taking part in the run. Since the run took place on the road leading to Bodega Head, cars had to be stopped in both directions until the runners cleared the area. While we did not direct the traffic, we communicated with the various check-point run personnel to coordinate the flow of traffic in both directions.

There were 340 runners plus a few who chose to make a leisurely stroll out of the event. It was a perfect day weatherwise, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. While there were no incidents, we were prepared for any eventuality. The run ended shortly after 10:00 AM.

Many many thanks to Hank W6DTV, Sarah N6FAX, Don WA6ACX, Irma KF6FX, Hans KI6PD, and Marie KI6QY for a job well done.

The next scheduled event is the American Diabetes Assoc. activity on Sunday October 4. If you are interested in helping, give me a call at 664-1978.

-- Rudy N6KLU

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**WHO IS GONNA BE RUNNING THIS CLUB, ANYWAY?**

Elections of club officers are in November. Who do you think would make a good President? Repeater Chairman? etc.? The Nominating Committee needs to have your recommendation(s) by early this month (October), so call Hank W6DTV, Hoppy WD6CKP or Dale N6MRV (phone nr's on page 2) within the next week or two.

**WERE YOU A MEMBER OF SCRA IN YEARS PAST?**

Please, if you have any of the following issues of Short Skip in your collection, call Al Bloom N1AL so we can photocopy them for our records. 577-3981 (days) or 538-7115 (eves).

Vol. II (1977) all issues

Vol. III (1978) issues # 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12

Vol. IV (1979) issue # 4.

Also, some of our pre-1985 issues are in poor shape, so if you decide to throw away any old copies, throw them this way instead!

Thanks to Bob WD6DPE, Betty AG6C, Terry WA6RNF, Warren WB6RHP & Brian KE6WL for their past donations.

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**FLEA MARKET REPORT**

(from page 7)

WD6DPE Bob Olsten, W6DTV Hank Davis, WD6DXW Bill Thomas, WB6EKV Bob Sones, KB6EOC Bob Phillips, WW6F Lyle Meek, N6FAX Sarah Davis, KF6FX Irma Osborne, KD6GC Steve Schaffer, N6GZV May Kobold, KA6HGW Bart Holmes, W2HWQ Bill Koczon, N6IIY Brian Torr, N6KLU Rudy Mappus, KB6KUI Jeremy Light, W6LGQ Art Hagopian, WA8LLY Steve Lund, KI6LS Ren Baculo, WB6MCE Dick Joy, N6MRV Dale Vawter, N6NSG Candy Vawter, KD6NT Al Schmidt, N6ONZ Garry Palmer, WB6PDP Joel Potts, N6PTM Jim Pelmulder, N6QAV Jud Spruce, KI6QY Marie Mappus, WB6RHP Warren Klinger, W6RIA Wayne Light, WA6RNF Terry Laduke, KF6RS Ray Heil, KA6SSL Rich Freitas, W6TLK John Wallack, WB6UAZ Kathy Boyett, WU6W Bob Gabler, KE6WL Brian Kotzian, KF6WV Larry Rau, KG6YR Mike McAndrews, and Dan Smith.

- de N1AL

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HAM RADIO



## CDF-VIP



At the meeting Sept 17, CDF VIP leader Darrell Mead announced that a new incident base radio is to be installed at CDF HQ on Tuesday Sept 22. VIP's are invited to look on.

The question came up: Why were the Sonoma County VIP's not called up in the recent wildland fires that burned up thousands of acres in the Sierra's from California to Oregon?

There were a number of factors. First, it was not, for the most part, a CDF fire. "Only" 30,000 acres were under CDF jurisdiction, while over 600,000 acres (at last count) were being run by the US Forest Service.

CDF had plenty of help from the VIP units in the areas where the fires were located. (No fires in Sonoma Co.) The only exception was the Santa Clara VIP's were called out to make use of their packet radio and ATV, capabilities not yet in place here.

At the fire, Darrell offered our services to help with support functions (Fire Information, etc.). However, they had been wanting to get their non-professional CDF staff involved in these activities, so the offer was declined.

Darrell commented that before he calls us out, he wants an official order number. If you decide to go without an order, be aware you are truly "on your own". An official call-out is much better because

- 1) you will be covered by insurance,
- 2) you will be assigned a specific job with a specific supervisor, and
- 3) your time and location will be tracked, so if you get lost or into trouble, people know you're "out there" and can come help.

Don't forget the October 15 meeting: packet radio training. This includes instruction on how to "fly" the computer and special CDF forms software. See you there!

- N1AL

## RACES NEWS



Get out your RACES card. Has it expired? If so, or if you would like to join RACES, come to the Introduction to RACES class at the EOC (map page 2) on Saturday October 10 at 10AM. There will be a no-host lunch at Lyons on Steel Lane after the class.

- N6ONZ

## NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST MONTH

Daniel F. Smith  
4947 Marshall Dr  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Charles Coffel WA6BPA  
1933 E. Haven  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Glen Crownover N6DNB  
251 Sylvia Dr.  
Glenn Ellen, CA 95442  
938-5986

Steve Wysong AL7GI  
USCG Tracen EMT School  
Petaluma, CA 94952

Glenn Elmore N6GN  
3528 Deerpark Dr  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
544-3595

Shigeru Kawabata ex-JH3JXD  
1814 N. Dutton Ave #22  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
575-1836

Edna Hetchler KB6OKA  
1257 Bertha Lane  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
578-7432

Mike Schumacher ~~KG-6YL~~ KG-6YL  
5822 Lowell Ct.  
Cotati, CA 94928

Mike McAndrews KG6YR  
1924 San Miguel Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
575-8961

We now have 193 members.





### MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year, SCRA makes an award to the most outstanding member of the club who has consistently and actively participated in Amateur Radio and club activities.

A committee has been formed to select the Member of the Year for 1987. The committee is made up of myself and two other members. We will be taking only written recommendations up to and including October 31. Recommendations received after Oct 31 will not be considered.

Your recommendation must state your candidate's name and your reasons for the nomination in sufficient detail to justify your recommendation. Nominations may only be made by paid-up club members. Only individual nominations will be accepted: Petitions will not be considered. Only voting members who have been club members for at least 1 year are eligible for the award. No person may receive the award more often than once every 3 years. [Previous winners: 1985: Betty AG6C & 1986: George KS6W - ed.]

The primary time period to be considered shall be from Nov 1, 1986 to Oct 31, 1987. Performance in prior years, however, may also be considered.

Criteria which the committee will consider are as follows:

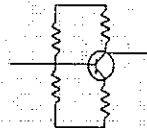
1. Standards of operating ethics and practices, compliance with FCC requirements, exhibition of fair play, sportsmanship, and good operating practices at all times.
2. Participation in club activities, service as officer or director, Short Skip editor, participation in and support of club repeater, attendance at club and repeater meetings, service on committees, bringing in new members and/or making guests welcome.
3. Achievements: Amateur-related appointments and service, as in ARRL offices or appointments, service to the public in walkathons, emergencies, etc., promoting international goodwill, assistance to potential or new Amateur Radio operators, conduct of training programs, winning major contests, winner of awards such as WAS, DXCC, VHF achievements, etc.

Please act promptly and forward the information on your nominee to me in care of SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Remember, nominations received after October 31 will not be considered regardless of the circumstances.


- Rudy N6KLU

### TELEPHONE QRM

According to an article in Radio Amateur Information & News (Humboldt Co.), the Far West Amateur Radio Rptr Association's 146.01/61 machine on Mt. Pratt has had to go P/L (100 Hz) access. The problem: a pair of telephone company repeaters on the same mountain spaced 600 kHz apart. Remind anyone of the situation in downtown Santa Rosa?



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ALM-203T	HANDHELD	\$275.00
ALR-22HT	45WATT UHF	379.00
ALR-22T	25WATT UHF	310.00
ALR-206	25WATT UHF	310.00
ALR-72T	25WATT UHF	410.00
ALD-24T	DUAL BANDER	499.00

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\*\*\*\*\*TRIPPLITE\*\*\*\*\*

40-AMP REG. POWER SUPPLY	\$174.00
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In Humboldt County, a new NET/ROM digipeater KLMTH/N6AFT-2 on 145.01 is at 4300' near Klamath. KA6NEO-1 "EUREKA" is now also using NET/ROM. The 145.05 digi on Horse Mt, KE6LF-5 can also be accessed thru KE6LF-2 on 145.01. KE6LF-1 is the local BBS.

The link towards Sonoma County is via W6AMT-7. 'AMT-7 has been down recently, but should be up again using NET/ROM by the time you read this. (Tnx R.A.I.N. newsletter)

### CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY

1600 UTC Oct. 3 - 2200 UTC Oct 4  
9 AM Sat. Oct. 3 - 3 PM Sun. Oct 4

Single ops operate any 24 hours within the period: "off" times must be at least 15 min. long. Stations may be worked once on both CW and Phone on each band. Non-CA stations work Calif only; we can work anyone.

**EXCHANGE** is QSO number and County, non-Calif stations send QSO # and state/ province/country.

Phone counts 2 points, CW 3.

Multipliers: states, VO/VE1-7, and VY1/VE8 (max total 58). Non-Calif stations use Calif counties (58 max)

**FREQUENCIES:** CW: 1805 kHz and 50 kHz up from each band edge, 80-2 M (except 30 and 12 ameters). PHONE: 1815, 3850, 7230, 14250, 21300, and 28500. NOVICES: 10 kHz up from band edge and 28490.

Try: CW on the half-hour.

10M on the hour 1700-2000Z

147.54 at 2000, 0000, 0400Z

160M at 0500Z

80M at 0700Z

Send scores/summary sheets to NCCC c/o Gary Caldwell WA6VEF, 1830 Polk St, Concord, CA 94521 by Nov. 15.

Include SASE for results. Must send dupe sheets if more than 200 QSO's.

-- Tnx REDX newsletter

### HOW TO CALL CQ THROUGH NETROM

Here's a method for calling CQ through packet radio networks using NET/ROM (such as the W6AMT chain):

1. Connect to your local NET/ROM node.
2. Establish a link to a distant "target" node.
3. Ask it to connect you to the call sign "CQ" with the following command:

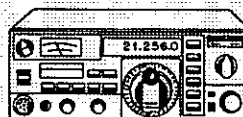
"C CQ VIA FROM NETROM NODE xxx" where "xxx" is your local NET/ROM node. This will cause the target node to send out a connect request to the callsign "CQ" and route it via the digipeaters "FROM" "NETROM" "NODE" and "xxx". Of course, there aren't any digipeaters near the target node by these names, but people monitoring the channel there will see this and will know how to respond to you.

Some niceties of this method are:

1. The target node will send your "CQ" 10 times, then stop.
2. Because you have specified several "digipeaters" as shown above, the target node will pause for a short time between each CQ. This provides a means to spread your CQ out over several minutes. Without the extra digipeaters, it will transmit every 5 seconds or so.

**IMPORTANT:** Don't forget to enable multiple connects on your TNC so that if someone responds while you are still connected to the target node, you will accept his incoming connect and not give him a BUSY signal! This technique is being used successfully in Florida.

Tnx Tom Kneisel K4GFG via Compu-serve's hamnet via Gateway magazine.



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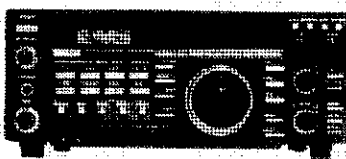
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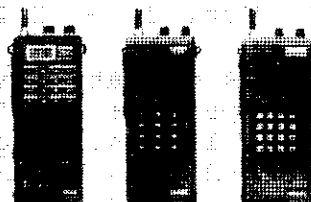
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- 2-4 - ARRL Div. Convention, S. Jose
- 3-4 - California QSO Party
- 7 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
- 5 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
- 15 - CDF VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17-18 - Simulated Emergency Test
- 19 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
- 24-25 - CQWW SSB DX Contest

**NOVEMBER:**

- 7-9 - ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
- 21-23 - ARRL Sweepstakes, Phone
- 28-29 - CQWW CW DX Contest

**DECEMBER:**

- 2 - SCRA Christmas Party
- 4-6 - ARRL 160 Meter Contest
- 12-13 - ARRL 10 Meter Contest

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This paragraph is printed using an Elite printwheel. I should point out that it is not convenient to print some articles in Pica and some in Elite on the same page -- it should be all of one type or another.

If you have an opinion about this let me know (phone Nr's and address on page 2). I have no particular preference one way or the other.

- Al N1AL

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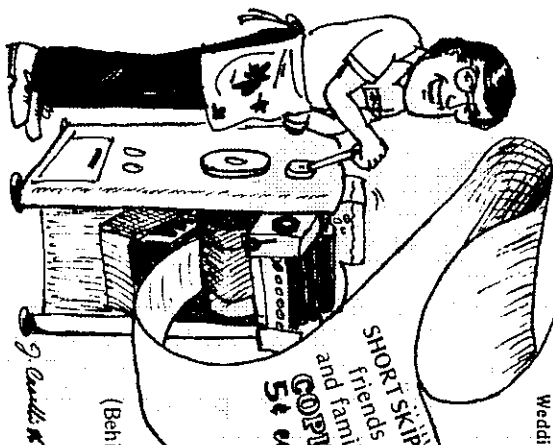
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