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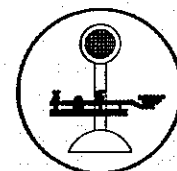
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WARREN KLINGER WB6RHP

Monday January 9, 1989, Warren Klinger WB6RHP became a silent key. Warren was born in Texas January 7, 1919. He grew up there working in the oil fields and joined the Army prior to World War II.

He rose through the ranks and became a Captain in the "Fighting 36th" Texas Infantry Division. He led his men at the front through battles all across the top of Africa into Italy. After having been wounded on two separate occasions and returning to his command each time, he was wounded for the third and last time in Salerno. The loyalty and devotion he instilled in his men was what prevented a front-line doctor from completing the job of amputating his right arm.

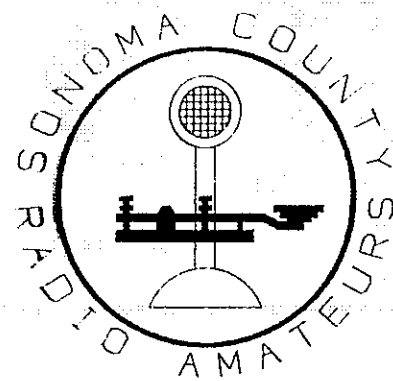
He was to be told over the next few years that he would never be able to use that arm, but since this man was Warren Klinger he went on to build his house overlooking the Pacific Ocean using both arms.

He had a capacity for making friends. One of them, Mike Pettus WD6E, got him interested in Amateur Radio, and the callsign WB6RHP was born. Whenever the need for a communicator was expressed, whether it was for a local emergency, a public service event, or a training exercise, he was there.

He felt an obligation to help people and did so in many ways. He gave of himself to all of us, and to strangers who needed help, more than he ever asked in return. It was only when there was no other way to get something done that he would reluctantly ask his friends for help. I am proud to have been one of those friends, and I know that those of us who have helped out wouldn't think of not being available to him.

The world could use more Warren Klingers. We will miss the one we knew.

- K6GEV



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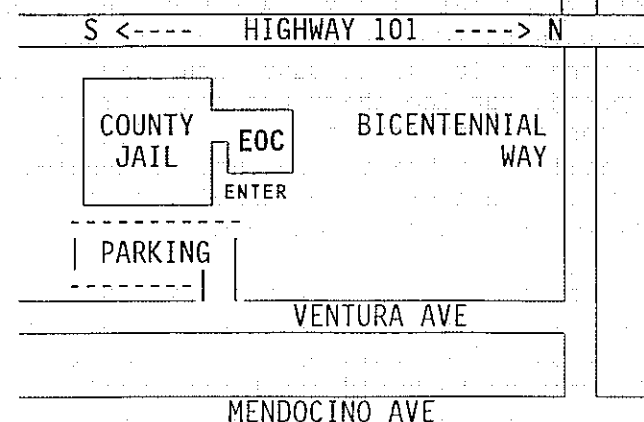
We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below) or check into the Tuesday night SCARS net on the 146.13/73 repeater at 7:00 PM. You will hear the latest Westlink Amateur Radio News broadcast, announcements of SCRA activities, and a Swap Shop. If you would like to join SCRA, please refer to the dues listed below. Hope to have an "eyeball" QSO with you at the next meeting! 73 ...

CLUB MEETINGS:

7:30 PM, 1st Wednesday each month at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center, see map below) All are welcome to attend.

NEXT MEETING: February 1, 1989

PROGRAM: RADIO CLINIC -- Bring your VHF/UHF transceivers for check-out
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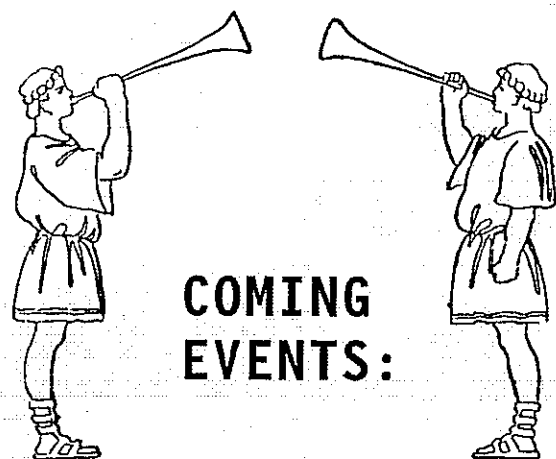
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A real ham

How can you spot a real ham? The following are the telltale signs:

1) A real ham will take his absolutely mint condition HT-32B to a hamfest and try to sell it for "\$248 firm." He will then sell this same transmitter for \$18.75 to the 12-year-old neighbor because that is all the kid can afford. He will also throw in an expensive coaxial relay at no charge.

2) A real ham is incapable of throwing away a working meter movement, whether he will ever use it or not.

3) A real ham is slowly collecting parts for at least four projects, one of which has already appeared in the "25 Years Ago" column in *QST*.

4) A real ham can pick out a BY prefix that is S-1 from underneath six state-side signals running S-9+20dB.

5) A real ham knows that antennas erected on calm days and during daylight hours will never perform as well as those erected in the dark and during a blizzard.

6) A real ham wishes that his tower was at least 10 feet taller.

7) Given a choice between Heard Island and Waikiki Beach for a vacation, the real ham will choose Heard Island. He will not understand why other people think this is peculiar!
— *Chicago FM Club, IL* □

Thanks, *Worldradio News*.

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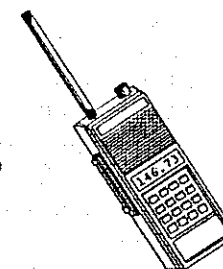
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18-20 - ARRL Sweepstakes, Phone
25-26 - CQ Worldwide CW DX Contest

DECEMBER:

9-10 - ARRL 10 Meter Contest

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ATTENTION RACES MEMBERS



There is a **COUNTY-WIDE SIMULATED EARTHQUAKE DRILL** coming up on Thursday April 6, between 8 AM and 11 AM. This is the first County-wide earthquake drill in this decade.

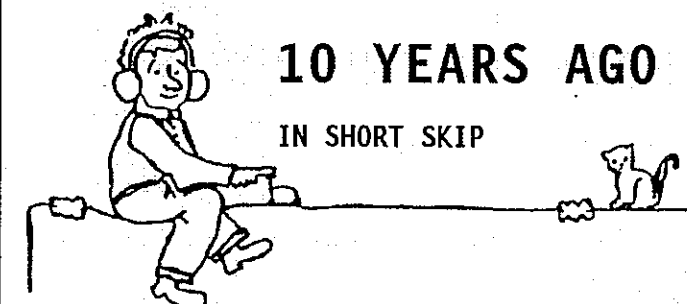
We will need 40-50 radio operators. If you need a letter for your employer to get time off from work, please contact me and I'll have the County send you one. We really need your participation on this one -- every city within Sonoma County is participating, and we need to cover EOC's, hospitals, schools, casualty collection points, etc. So, please mark your calendar and plan to participate. Let's show them what a good job we can do when the chips are down! ■

- Garry Palmer N6ONZ, 584-3425
Acting, Chief Radio Officer, RACES

HELP!

Anyone having any knowledge of the "RACES" Amateur antennas that are supposed to be mounted on the roof of the SRPD's new building on Sonoma Ave, please contact Garry N6ONZ at 584-3425. ■

10 YEARS AGO IN SHORT SKIP



The February 1979 meeting of SCRA featured a talk on DXing by N6OJ and a visit by ARRL Director Bill Stevens W6ZM. President Don Bremer WD6GMR was soliciting "junk" for the auctions at club meetings. ARES Emergency Coordinator Jim Tomer W6CYM reported on the recent meeting of ARES personnel to discuss implementing the Emergency Communications Plan. Also present were Ray Bowers WA6JNY and John Dixon WA6SKC. Hoppy K6MUP had an illustrated tutorial on how to install a coax connector on RG-8/U cable. ■

CAN'T GET INTO '73?

Perhaps your radio is off frequency. Bring your VHF or UHF radio to the February club meeting's Radio Clinic for checkout. ■

Long-time SCRA member and RACES leader Frank Gilman W6SVC is in the hospital recovering from a stroke. QSL and/or get-well cards may be sent to: Frank Gilman, Kaiser Hospital, 975 Sereno Dr., Vallejo, CA 94589.

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QSD?* ANYONE

By BOB SHRADER W6BNB



You OTs from way back may remember hearing sideswipers, also called cootie keys, on the ham bands, or you may have even used one. Could they ever mangle the code! But there were a few ops, and I do mean operators who could put out beautiful code with them. That was in the days before keyers, KBs, and computers. (There were commercial Kleinschmidt perforated tapes, run through Boehme heads, that put out machine-perfect code at speeds over 100 wpm, but rarely used by hams.)

Most of the better CW ops used semiautomatic bugs. Some could make them sound like Kleinschmidt tapes. Of course, those ops were hard to find then as well as now. But those who wanted to send a little faster

than they could with a straight key built themselves a sideswiper. It could be put together in the kitchen or shop for practically nothing. With a cootie key, an op could send 25 wpm without much trouble -- although not without a bit of practice. The sideswiper is basically a 3-inch piece of hacksaw blade anchored at the back end to a post set into a base, with a wooden or plastic paddle at the business end of the blade. Two contacts -- machine screws, nails or whatever -- were placed on opposite sides of the blade near the paddle. The contacts were connected together, and a lead from them, and one from the blade, went to the "key" jack. If you pushed with the thumb on the left side of the paddle, you got a dash. If you pushed with the first finger on the right side you got a dash too. Of course, if you pushed real quick-like, you produced dots! Get the idea? Three quick pushes, thumb, finger, thumb -- or maybe finger, thumb, finger -- and you have a letter S. Three longer pushes and you have the letter O. It doesn't take a genius to see how CW letters can be produced with such a technological breakthrough, but it sure does to make it talk! (If you want to cheat a bit, you can hook up many modern-day keyer paddles this way, and they will do the job.)

If you would like to get back to the "real old days of radio" you can build one of these "sideswipers" and really mess up the air too. You will have to anchor the base to the desktop pretty solidly, and it will take a little adjusting to get the contact spacing on both sides so the key feels OK. When you practice, practice, practice...

If and when you think you have your operations well in hand -- no, let's just say somewhat in hand -- you can join the SARO SS (SideSwiper) net of OTs that insult the airwaves on 3668.5 kHz Tuesday mornings, at 0830. (They're retired to make that time, of course.) Don't be bashful, just break in. None of them can send worth a hoot either, but they can receive, even the stuff you will be putting out. If you want a real challenge, try using a sideswiper on any frequency, and you will sound like a real OT. ■

* QSD? = "Is my keying defective" - Ed. (Yes, Bob, I looked it up, but I knew what it meant anyway...)



ATTENTION!!!!

ARRL Outgoing QSL Service rates went up.

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SCRA MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 1989



The meeting was called to order by President Glen Crowover N6DNB at 7:30 PM. Other Officers present were Vice President John Wallack W6TLK, Secretary Alan Bloom N1AL, Treasurer Jim Pelmulder N6PTM, and Member-at-Large Bob Olsten WD6DPE.

Jane N6NTB introduced the VISITORS: Frank Harper W6ZVW, Dave Walsh Jr. and Sr., and Fred Leoni.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Jim N6PTM: There is \$1274.47 in the General Fund and \$1981.65 in the Repeater Fund. Accepted m/s K6GEV/WB6RHP

The MINUTES of the November meeting were approved as printed in *Short Skip*. m/s N6KMJ/K6GEV

DUES will be due March 1. Jim N6PTM also has new members' BADGES to be picked up.

EDUCATION: Steve WA8LLY listed three Novice classes going on at the present time: Steve's own class will be doing the Novice exam in one week. (One person has already passed). John WB6FRZ is just starting a class. Tracy WB6TMY has just gotten out of the hospital, and will start at the Red Cross as soon as he is well.

ACTIVITIES and REPEATER CHAIRMEN: Glen N6DNB reminded everyone that the Board will have to fill these two positions, and is looking for volunteers, especially for Activities Chairman. We may have a lottery -- "Need not be present to win..."

The CDF/VIP REPORT was given by Garry N6ONZ. The govt. surplus bus has finally arrived. To turn it into a communications command center, Garry is looking for cheap sources of antennas, radios, and other gear. The Monte Rio and Guerneville Fire Departments have appropriated \$\$\$ for the "Russian River Disaster Preparedness Committee" to buy 2 meter stations for installation at the firehouses.

MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY: Warren WB6RHP is "willing" to turn over this job to another volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLUB NET: We need a new Net Control Station for February. Connie N6FYV volunteered.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR: Our new MOY, Sarah N6FAX, will be committee chairman for next year.

DONATION TO CDF/VIP: The club voted to donate \$100 for outfitting the comm. van. m/s N6KMJ/N6ONZ

FCC AMATEUR RULES REWRITE: Al N1AL has a copy of ARRL's reply to the FCC proposal.

PROGRAM: John W6CCY gave an interesting demonstration of how to prune coaxial cable to resonance using a grid-dip oscillator. It worked like a charm. John claims you can use shorter radials on your vertical by taking velocity factor of the coax into account. Al N1AL brought a reel of RG-62 (93 Ohm) for sale by SCRA, but had only one taker.

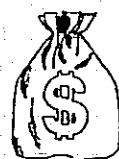
The MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY was "lost" by XE1RCU. Had Dave been present, he'd have won \$9.50.

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM. m/s N6KMJ/N6SRH Respectfully submitted by Al Bloom N1AL. ■

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Activities	306.00	575.90
Dues and Initiations	40.00	
Misc	39.00	74.95
Repeater Fund	44.48	
Short Skip Newsletter	64.00	
Westlink Report		6.77
Membership Supplies.....	19.00	
	512.48	657.62
ASSETS:		
General Fund Account	1269.44	
Cash/checks on hand	5.03	
Total General Fund	1274.47	
Total Repeater Fund	1981.65	de N6PTM



GUAM — WHERE AMERICA'S DAY BEGINS, AND MICRONESIA WAKES UP!

By NANCY VANDER VELDE AA6EA

The islands of Micronesia are often described as "sleepy", "slow-paced" or "lazy". Whether this is true or not may depend on your point of view. Some may argue that non-Westernized Islanders who can live entirely off the sea and land are very industrious in their own ways. But, regardless of one's definition of "sleepy", the moment you encounter Guam, it becomes obvious that, compared to the other places in Micronesia, Guam is wide awake!

This "wide-eyed" aspect is no accident. Guam is historically and politically different from its neighbors. The rousing started when Ferdinand Magellan sailed into what is believed to be Umatac Bay on March 6, 1521. Soon afterwards, Guam became an important stop-over port for the Spanish galleons commuting between Acapulco and Manila.

Following centuries of Spanish control and westernization, the United States took Guam as part of the spoils of the Spanish-American War in 1898. Temporarily lost to the Japanese in World War II, Guam was regained in 1944 in a bloody invasion. Since then, the United States has developed large military bases, ensuring that we never again lose this strategic island.

Overall development has accompanied Guam's military development. Modern sports cars whiz down six-lane thoroughfares, past many of the same fast food outlets one would expect to see in the States. Although the Guamanians themselves speak a Spanishized Micronesian tongue called "Chamorro", English is spoken everywhere.

This fast-paced development also spurs Guam's electronic communications. Two phone carriers service the population of 100,000, providing quality and prices competitive with the States. A half-dozen commercial radio stations carry various programming, and there is both broadcast and cable TV.

The high level of electronic know-how is seen in the NASA Tracking Station where a gigantic dish keeps in contact with orbiting spaceships.

Guam is also "awake" as far as Amateur Radio operators. While the majority of the hams are military personnel, a fair number of locals also participate in the hobby. Only a few are true Micronesians, but with these and the Americans and Japanese, there are enough to have an organized club that meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

Since Guam is a part of America, licensing for KH2 stations uses all the standard FCC forms and tests. Study materials are available locally. Tests are given every three months, so getting a license on Guam is about as easy as anyone could want.

They say that "Guam is where America's day begins", since this is the first significant US soil west of the International Date Line. It is logical, then, that for a Micronesian Island, Guam is really awake! Some contend that it is just like any other place in the United States and has lost its island characteristics and charm. While this feeling is not hard to understand when you see low-riding youths pull in for lunch at the "golden arches", there are lots of aspects of Guam that make it delightfully distinct. Where else in the United States can a bunch of kids climb on the family's water buffalo (more often referred to as a "carabao") and take it for a ride? If some of those kids were to get at least a Technician license, they could really have a unique mobile set-up!

Hafa Adai ya sitenta-i-tres (What's up? Hello and 73)



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association is now accepting applications for its annual \$1000 scholarships. Licensed Amateurs graduating from High School in 1989 are eligible. For further information and application forms, write: DARA Scholarships, 317 Ernst Ave., Dayton, OH 45405. ■

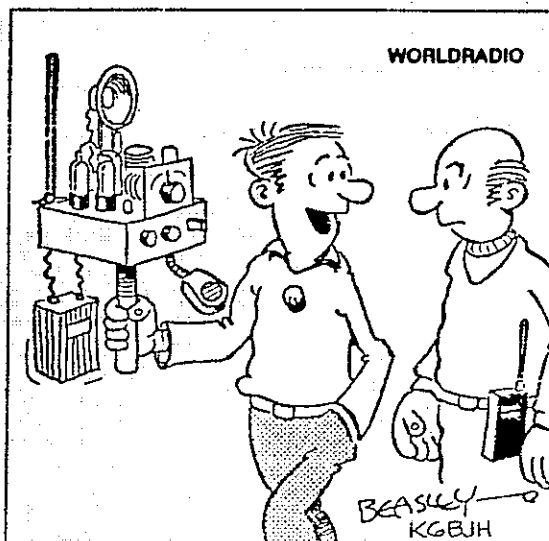
Thank you for 1988

I want to thank all of the Amateurs in California for the support you have given this past year. Without the help of RACES, ARES, VIP, ARRL, club members and individual hams to the State and local governments, we would not have had the superior communications we enjoyed during our heavy fire season. The Director and staff of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is most appreciative of your dedication, skill and professionalism.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

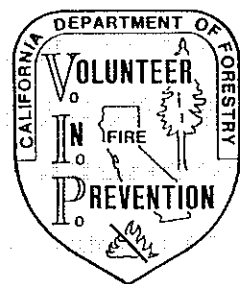
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CDF-VIP NEWS



VIP COMMUNICATIONS VAN

I would like to thank those of you who donated to the "Kitty Kan" that was passed around at the last meeting. I would also like to thank SCRA for the \$100 donation. Thanks also go to Tom KB6UOJ for the 2M beam, and to Mike Reilly, of Reilly's Trailer Sales, for the propane refrigerator. Ted WB6PTA, here's thanks in advance, even though I haven't gotten around to you yet.

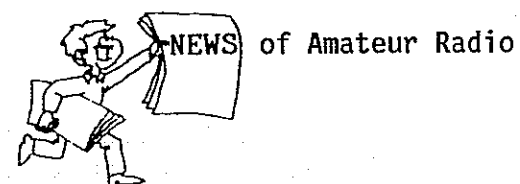
With the cash and equipment donated, the "VIP Communications Van" is off to a fine start. We still need a number of items:

- 220/450 MHz beam antennas
- 144/220/450 mobile antennas
- 144/220 MHz band-pass cavities
- (4) 2-way coax switches
- Scanner
- Scanner antenna
- 4 kW generator (with electric start)
- 1 kW inverter
- 10A (or larger) battery charger
- 10-15A regulated 12V power supply
- 23 foot Formica counter top
- 2 ft by 4 ft chart table
- Small sink with faucet
- 2-burner propane stove
- 20 gallon propane bottle
- 20-40 gal. drinking water tank w/pump
- Misc lumber, electrical conduit, cabinets, shelf brackets, light fixtures, multi plugs, etc.

We hope to have the van operational by next fire season. We have many, many hours of work ahead of us, so if you are a good carpenter or electrician, feel free to lend a hand -- you don't have to be in VIP to help with this worthwhile cause. The "Comm. Van" will also be available to the County RACES program during time of disaster.

Again, "Thank You" to all, and may 1989 be a good year for you and ham radio! ■

Sincerely and 73, Garry Palmer N6ONZ
VIP Field Comm Unit Leader



ATLAS AND DENTRON BACK IN BUSINESS??? Big ads running in 73 and CQ magazines trumpet that both of these previously-defunct firms are back in business, and that Atlas had "joined forces" with Uniden to market the AR/HR 2510 10 meter transceiver. Trouble is, Uniden has heard of no such agreement, and the former owners of Dentron and Atlas know nothing of this either. Apparently checks for orders for radios as well as parts and repairs to Atlas/Dentron equipment have been promptly cashed, but no deliveries have been forthcoming. The NY postal inspector is investigating -- call him at (516) 933-2416 if you have had trouble. Both 73 and CQ have stopped accepting ads, and QST never has. (W5YI)

ARRL HAS REQUESTED ORAL ARGUMENTS before the FCC Commissioners concerning Docket 87-14, the reallocation of 220-222 MHz to the Land Mobile Service. (ARRL)

STAFFORD ON NO-CODE COMMITTEE. The ARRL's No-Code Study Committee has been appointed, and our Pacific Div. Director Rod Stafford KB6ZV is a member. Other members come from industry, CRRL, QCWA, ARRL and the Amateur community at large. (ARRL)

A NEW COUNTRY! The ARRL Awards Committee has accepted the DX Advisory Committee's recommendation to add Rotuma to the DXCC Countries List. Both the recent 3D2XX and the 1982 3D2XR expeditions count. Submit cards after June 1, 1989. (ARRL)

A NEW SECTION MANAGER! Dick Wilson K6LRN has been appointed interim SM for the San Francisco Section of ARRL to replace Bob Smith NA6T who has resigned. (REDX)

Thanks to the W5YI Report, ARRL Letter and Sunspots newsletter of REDXA for the above information.

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FLEA MARKET SCHEDULE

The Perham Foundation is again sponsoring the Foothill College Flea Markets the SECOND Saturday of each month starting in March, 1989 and running thru September, 1989. Cost is \$7.50 per two spaces for sellers and buyers are free. Starting times vary with the rising of the sun so get there early for the best bargains! Foothill College is located in Los Altos Hills at the El Monte Exit of 280. Talk in is on 145.27/R.

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May 13 Foothill's Amateur Radio Society
Jun 10 Perham Foundation
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Sept 9 So. Peninsula Em Comm. Hardware Group

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