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WANT: 5645 KHZ CRYSTAL FILTERS for Drake TR-7. Need 300 Hz, 500 Hz and/or 1.8 kHz. Al NIAL 538-7115 or 577-3981 (days).

STILL NEED GENERAL COVERAGE RECEIVERS for classroom geography lessons at Fremont Elementary School. Also a good 20/15/10M TRIBAND BEAM and 20A 12V POWER SUPPLY. Stu WA6BTK 538-1217.

WANT: HF MOBILE RIG like Kenwood 120, 130, 140. Jim KC6KTO 996-6561.

WANT: MATCH BOX antenna tuner, KW size. Max N6BAA 829-0238.

440 HT for sale. WANT: 440 MOBILE RIG. Art W6LGQ 762-2132.

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. PO Box 116 Santa Rosa, CA 95402

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR MONTH ENDING August 31, 1990



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ACCOUNT	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Refreshments at meetings .	4.60	3.98
Raffle at meetings	. 30.00	20.95
Dues and Initiations	. 91.00	
Fund-Raisers (ARRL)	. 24.00	24.00
Short Skip Newsletter	. 64.00	115.30
Amateur Radio Newsline		13.80
Membership Supplies(QSLs)	53.44
Officers' Expenses		5.00
	213.60	236.47
	213.00	250.47
ASSETS:		
General Fund Account	1503.81	
Cash/checks on hand	46.25	:
Total General Fund	1550.06	thes.
Total Repeater Fund	755.43	* -
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OCTOBER 1990

Club Station W6LFJ

P.O. Box 116 Santa Rosa, CA 95402 Repeater Station WB6PVS

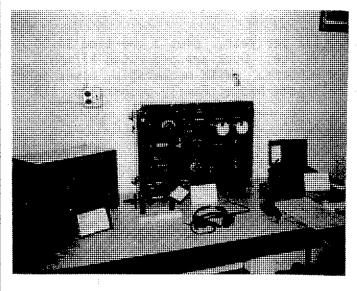
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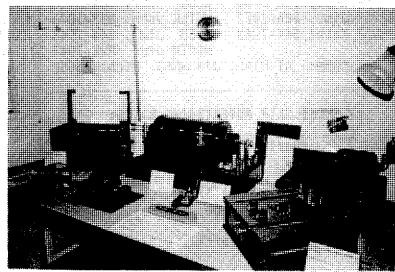
SCENES FROM THE SCRA MARCONI "WIRELESS" OPERATION

(PHOTOS TNX W6TLK)









SHORT SKIP



OFFICERS FOR 1990 -----

PRESIDENT:	John Wallack	W6TLK	833-1873	
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Hank Davis

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PUBLIC SERVICE: Bill Splaine N6GHG 431-8636 (days) 577-2913 EDUCATION: John Breckenridge WB6FRZ 838-6398

+WD6CKP WB7CNJ WB6TMY WA8LLY

TVI/RFI: John Lynch W6CCY 823-1357 FLEA MARKET: Chod Harris WB2CHO 526-2198 AWARDS: Steve Lund WA8LLY 823-4544 VEC EXAMS: WA8LLY 823-4544 Steve Lund

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N60NZ Garry 584-3425 WD6CKP Hoppy 542-6750 WB6PER Jim 526-2972 W6TLK John 833-1873 WB6UAZ Kathi 544-7943 WN6D Jim 544-7943 N6PTM Jim 823-7947

PACKET COMM: AT NIAL, Jim WN6D, Rich KA6SSL

SHORT SKIP ADVERTISING RATES:

Business cards: \$10

\$11 First 1/4 Column \$3 Additional 1/4 Columns (\$32 Full Page, 1 side)

Pre-printed inserts: \$32/sheet

Guaranteed circulation: 200/month AD DEADLINE: 10th of previous month

ARE YOU NOT AN SCRA MEMBER?

IF SO, then this is a complimentary copy. Our club is involved with almost every area of Amateur Radio: Repeaters (13/73), Field Day, license classes (Novice through Extra), volunteer exams, RACES, DX programs, packet (145.03), hidden xmtr hunts -- you name it.

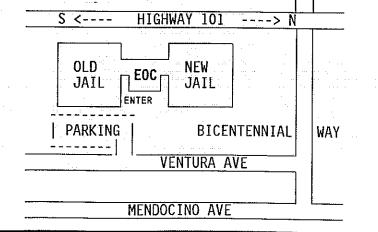
We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below)or check into the Tuesday night SCARS net on the 146.13/73 repeater at 7:00 PM. You will hear the latest Westlink Amateur Radio News broadcast, announcements of SCRA activities, and a Swap Shop. If you would like to join SCRA, please refer to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

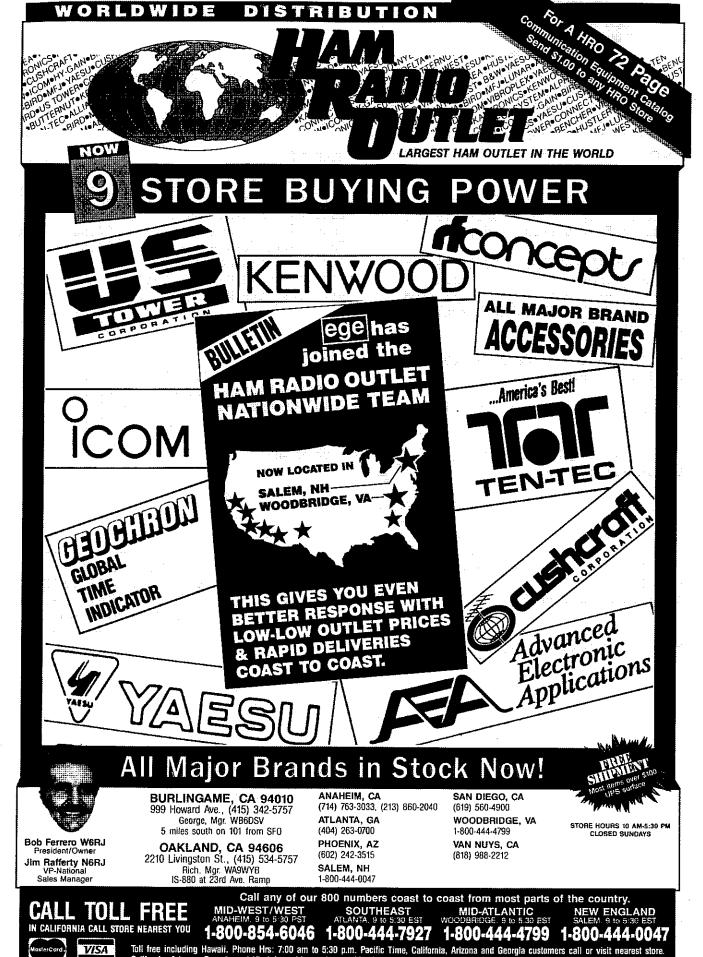
CLUB MEETINGS:

7:30 PM, 1st Wednesday each month at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center, see map below) Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome.

NEXT MEETING: September 5, 1990

DUES: \$12 per year, plus a one-time \$4.00 initiation fee. Dues are pro-rated \$1/month for new members. With membership, comes an SCRA call/name badge. Family membership: \$18





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SCRA MINUTES

September 5, 1990



The meeting was called to order by President John Wallack W6TLK at 7:30PM. Other officers present: Vice President Jim Pelmulder N6PTM. Secretary Al Bloom NIAL, Treasurer Phillip Gaul KC6BSI and Members-at-Large Chuck Sabin N6DDK and John Breckenridge WB6FRZ.

VISITORS were introduced by Jane N6NTB: Peter Beeley and Dave New.

UPGRADED to Advanced: Merlyn N6VUC.

The MINUTES were approved as printed in Short Skip. m/s N6DDK/WD6DPE

The TREASURER'S REPORT by KC6BSI shows \$1550.06 in the General Fund and \$755.43 in the Repeater Fund. Approved m/s N6VUC/N6NTB

REPEATER: N6PTM reports that the Repco has been loaned to the '73 group in Weaverville while their machine is back at the factory for repairs. They sorely need the capability to support emergency efforts in their isolated area during the fire season. The agreement specifies this is an urgent need by a bona fide club, they will submit a written request on club letterhead, and no modifications or repairs to the Repco.

WB6FRZ asked about an echo sound he heard on '73 when listening simultaneously to input and output. N6PTM answered that this is normal due to the 100 millisecond audio squelch delay on the repeater.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Bill N6GHG reports we successfully completed three events last month: the Vineman Triathelon, Stride for Life walk, and Bodega Bay-to-Breakers race. We have received a thank-you letter from the Santa Rosa Cycling Club along with a \$100 donation. Bill thanked all who helped out.

Next month should about wrap up the public service season. We have the Waves to Wine bike ride for the MS Society on Sept 22-23 and the Sonoma Co. Diabetes Assn. Sept 23.

THANKS to new SCRA member Dallas Pedersen WB7AKX for the FB Field Day site at the Salvation Army site in Healdsburg.

EDUCATION: John WB6FRZ says he has about 15 people signed up for his new Novice class starting Friday at 6:30 PM at the Old Red Cross Bldg on Yulupa.

ACTIVITIES:

MARCONI OPERATION: Our operation will now be in the powerhouse next to the old hotel (main building). We plan an HF and a packet station. Amateurs have volunteered from all over the Bay Area. The Society of Wireless Pioneers and the Foothills College museum are also participating.

FLEA MARKET: Our walking-wounded FM chairman Chod WB2CHO beat down his virulent virus long enough to come to the meeting and give a report. We got ads in all the magazines except 73. The raffle prize will again be a 10 meter SSB/CW station from Radio Shack. The Sebastopol Holy Ghost Hall has a nice kitchen and room for about 30 tables inside. Volunteers are still needed.

VEC EXAMS: In response to a question by Hoppy WD6CKP, Steve WA8LLY stated that the next exams will be the 2nd week of October. The club voted to pay any out-of-pocket VEC expenses by Steve. m/s N6DDK/WB6FRZ

ANTENNAS: The Club voted that the Secretary should send for the PRB-1 packet from ARRL. m/s KB6PTA/K6GEV

SCRA needs a CLUB HISTORIAN. The sole qualification is to have a place to keep the photo albums.

The next FOX HUNT will be sometime in October, according to "fox" WD6CKP.

Past-President Don KB6LO has moved to Missouri. Try him on 21.430 MHz, 9 AM weekdays.

NIAL offered registration forms for the upcoming Pacific Division Convention.

The MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY was WON by Ray KF6RS who took home a lucky \$13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Al Bloom NIAL.

VEC EXAMS OCTOBER 11

The next Amateur Radio exam session will be Thursday October 11 at 7 PM at the EOC (see map page 2). We'll begin with the written exams and start the code after the first round of exams are handed in.

No pre-registration is necessary. Bring BOTH your original license and a photocopy. Don't forget any Certificates of Successful Completion you may have. Other items to bring: check for \$4.95 made out to "ARRL-VEC", filled-out 610 form, photo ID, pen, 2 pencils, and a calculator (optional).

If you have questions, call Steve WASLLY at 823-4544.

VOLUNTEER FCC EXAMS

Following are some statistics lifted from the July, 1990 VEC Report (bulletin 7230-J from John B. Johnston, Chief, Personal Radio Branch, FCC). This report summarizes examination results under the VE program through June 30, 1990.

Year	No. of SESSIONS	No. of PERSONS	No. of ELEMENTS	PASS RATE
1985 1986 1987 1988 1989	3223 3784 4378	41439 42422 49728 53546 57417 34234	62589 61921 81042 89788 96092 56281	58.17% 59.65% 60.58% 60.99% 61.49% 61.17%

(1990 figures are year-to-date.)

\$\$ 1990 SCRA FLEA MARKET \$\$

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	NET
Auction	\$205.25	\$0	\$205.25
Club Table	301.75	0	301.75
Raffle	259.00	150.00	109.00
Food	433.15	218.85	214.30
Table Rent	430.00	250.00	180.00
Publicity	<u> 175.00</u>	324.00	-149.00
TOTAL	1804.15	942.85	\$861.30

A complete report will appear next month.



Bright yellow plastic-coated signs identifying "Amateur Radio Communications" were made available thanks to the loan of K Mart's printing facilities and the efforts of N6AUP (now KS6W), WD6CKP, K6QXB, W6DTV, WB6SMY, KA6MCU (now N6FAX) and WA6JSA.

The next SCRA breakfast was to be held on Oct 5, courtesy of N6DDK and W6CYM. Cost \$2.

"Would someone like to research our club OSL card [collection] and see if we can come up with a WAS award?" Was this ever done? Seems like W6LFJ MUST have worked 50 states by now.

FOLD, SPINDLE & MUTILATE

We need volunteer(s) to fold, label and mail Short Skip in the months of December. January and February when Harvey and Ruth will be on vacation. We also need someone to learn the procedures so they can act as "back-up".

Here is what is involved:

- 1. Fold and staple 200 copies of 3 sheets (12 pages) each. This is the time-consuming part. We do have an electric stapler.
- 2. Attach labels and bundle per post office specs. The labels come pre-sorted in ZIP code order, so this doesn't take too long.
- 3. Take the mailing to the post office bulk mail room (just around the corner from the main post office on D Street downtown.)

If you're interested, give either me or Harvey K6KZ and Ruth WA6AQA a call. Thanks!

Al NIAL, 538-7115 (nites), 577-3981 (days)

A COMPLAINT

Tnx to Lynn Rhynes WB7ABP via UNIX Notes. Edited by Brad Templeton.

The following is an actual letter. The original was typewritten, and all spelling and grammar has been carefully left intact, including errors.

To Mr. (name omitted) District Manager for Alabama Radio Shack 3300 N. Pace Blvd Pensacola, FL. 32505

Dear Sire,

This letter is complain about the problems I have having with the ham radio model number 19-1101 I had got from your company. I had this shipped special to me from your store 1096 Eastdale Mall Montgomery Alabama. I was got this because I think that i would get transmitt furthur that I did with the TRC 217 40 channel walkie talkie.

The problem that had first was when I was going to hook this radio HTX-100 to the antenna the conektor on the radio was wrong it wouldn't attach to my cable. I was able to hook it finally by making a small change in the connektor. As soon as I tried to use it there was no sound coming at all. This happened for two days and I never did get to talk to anybody the whole two days. That day the cable company came knocking my door and said there was something causing problems at my house and disconnekted my radio from the cable line. you knew when i brought the Radio that I was going to use that for my antenne. You didn't tell me not to why not?

Next time I decided to put the HTX-1000 in my automobile I thought I would see how it worked their. I hooked it to my CB-antenna and at least I could hear people. But what happens now is no one wants to talk to me because they says you have to have a licencs to talk to them. Why? I dont have to have a licencs to talk on my CB. They'll talk to me there. Anyhow it dont matter much anymore because somebody done took the radio HTX-1000 from my automobile.

What I would like for you Radio Shack to do is refund my money because I don't have the radio anymore and its not my fault i dont and I think you should give me back my money. Also the cable company here says that I hurt something in there line and want to be paid fix it. It will cost \$27482.98 to fix the equipment they say was damaged because you didnt tell me not to hook it to the cable. Please remit to me the check for \$27758.53 for damages due. To save this matter from going to court the check must be in my hand by June first or I will turn this over to my attorneys of law.

OCTOBER 1990

Thank you, (name withheld)

TO SCRA:

Attached find check for \$16 for dues and name badge. I am currently a General class licensee, a military retiree and a former operator of MARS station K3USA/A3USA, Fort Meade Maryland, many years ago with a former call of K3SFQ.

I run an ICOM 735 at 100W to a 3-element Yaqi mounted atop a 35-foot flagpole at my residence here in Penngrove. I also have an ICOM IC-GAT handheld, which I'm still breading in. I need some info on local repeater do's and don'ts.

I have an RV, with auxiliary battery and 3 KW Onan Generator installed, not yet wired for mobile operation. Would also like some suggestions in this area, as the rig might become useful in emergency situations.

I plan to attend some of the meetings and hope to meet some of the local hams at that

Sincerely, Bob Damon N6PLO

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Northern California Packet Association Tnx Jeff Crilly N6ZFX via UNIX Notes.

USER PORTS BY FREQ

10.147 - W6PW

14.098 - N6IYA

14.107 - KB6GOZ KB6IRS N6OA

28.113 - KG6XX-1

29.530 - WW6L

144.91 - Keyboard to Keyboard channel --Please do not use for mailbox

144.93 - WB6ASR KA6JLT-2 KE6BX KJ6FY-1 (Used for TCPIP in Sacramento area)

144.95 - DX Cluster channel --

Please do not use for mailbox 144.97 - N6EEG KB6GOZ_W6FGC-2 KD6XZ-1 WD6CMU N6LDL

144.99 - AA4RE-1 WW6L N6VV W6PW-3 KE6BX N6IYA-2 N6MPW KB6DUI WA8DRZ-1 (BBS only port)

145.01 - WA6RDH - Keyboard to Keyboard channel -- No new BBS

145.03 - Keyboard to Keyboard channel --Please do not use for mailbox

145.05 - Keyboard to Keyboard channel --Please do not use for mailbox

145.07 - N6IIU-1 KG6XX-1 WB6V KE6LW-1 KI6EH

145.09 - K6RAU-1 N6OA WA6NWE-1 WA6YHJ-1 K3MC N60MY-1 KB6IRS

145.71 - Experimental channel --Please do not use for mailbox

145.73 - 9600 BPS channel --Please do not use for mailbox

145.75 - TCP/IP Channel --Please do not use for mailbox

145.77 - WO6Y

145.79 - KA6FUB N60MY-1

146.58 - DX Cluster channel --Please do not use for mailbox

223.56 - KB6IRS KI6EH N6IYA-2 KI6EH-1 --Keyboard to Keyboard -- No new BBS

223.60 - N6IIU-3 (many other BBS-only ports) 441.50 - N6IYA-2 WA6NWE-1 KD6XZ-1 KG6XX-1

N6VV N6LDL KE6LW KA6FUB (+ other BBS-only ports)

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220 I	BACKBONE	SYSIEMS	(Can
access 2	20 MHz backbon	e 24 hrs/day)	Other
Call	Location	Backbone Node	Ports
	Los Altos Net% (No "H"	144.93 #SF02	14.111
KA6.11.T-1	Monla Park	144 03 -MDRRC	
KJ6EV-1	Menlo Park Benicia Richmond	144.03 #KDEC5	
MUECMII	Dichmond	144.93 #KKLGZ	
11000110	68000 computer	A TAT'S! WINDIT	
WAFGC-2	Twain Harte		
N6VV		144.00 #KREGZ	14 100
11011	Net%, 28.109 I		14.109
AA4RE-1		144.99-GVPSBB	
	San Francisco		
MVKDUM MOLM-2	Divon	144.33-31003	70.14/
VECILI 1	Dixon Yuba City	143.01 "DIADOS	441 EO
KG6XX-1	Carmichael	145.07 #VACAS	441.50
NGONN-1	Carmitenaer	145.07 #VACA3	
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	Palo Alto		
NCOMV 1	Fremont Merced	()	N6IIU-3)
NOUMY-1	Fremont	145.U9-FMIBBS	145.79
Kokau-1	mercea	145.09 #MRCED	
MYPUMF-T	N.Highlands		441.50
	TCP/IP bridge		
WA6YHJ-1	Livermore	145.09 #SF02	
N6IYA-2		145.09-SLVBBS	
		14.098 (N6IYA)	
		145.77 #KREG2	
KB60WT-1	Sunnyvale		
		to 145.75	
WA8DRZ-2	Redwood City	#NBAY1 441.50	144.99

NON-E	BACKBONE	SYS	TEMS	Other
Call	Location	Backbo	ne Node	Ports
KB6GOZ N6EEG	Petaluma Berkeley		WD6CMU WD6CMU	14.107 10.149%
KD6XZ-1	Sacramento	144.97	WA6NWE	441.50
N6LDL WW6L	Los Gatos Piedmont			441.50 28.205
N6MPW	Ben Lomond	144.99	N6IYA	28.109%
KB6DUI KI6EH	Boulder Creek Santa Cruz	144.99 145.07		223.56
WB6V	Ceres			
N6OA K3MC	Lemoore Fremont	145.09		14.107
VDCTDC	TCP/IP bridge			000 56
KB6IRS	Soquel	145.09	N6IYA	,223.56 107 Net
KA6FUB	Martinez	145.79	N6VV	
N7FZY	Pleasant Hill		N6VV	(CAP)

- = G8BPQ PC/NODE switch program. Name = BBS

% = Forwarding only

DX VEWS



SONOMA COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS, INC.

GUINEA BISSAU, J5. J5CVF has been active on 10, 15 and 20 meter SSB with a potent signal. QSL via CT1DIZ.

MALAGASY REPUBLIC, 5R. Watch for 5R8JS/P from September 23 to October 7 on the IOTA net as well as other frequencies. This operation from the Barren Islands off the coast of Madagascar will QSL via F5IL. Also, the Colvins have scheduled a stop here during their current six month expedition.

MALPELO ISLAND, HKO. HKOTU will be on the air November 3 to 8 with a team of 15 Colombian operators. They will be operating around the clock on 160 thru 10 meters, both CW and SSB. QSL via HK3DDD.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. The Colvins have scheduled a stop here on their current African visit. So far, WBONAA has had no luck in getting written authorization. Jim will be in Maputo until June, 1992.

ROTUMA ISLAND, 3D2. Look for 3D2XV operated by VK2BCH for most of the month of October. Bing prefers SSB and net operations.

SAINT PAUL ISLAND, CYO. Operation by FP5DX and VE1KM is promised for October 20 to 30. All bands, both CW and SSB, with RTTY on 20 amd 15 meters. Callsigns requested are CY9SPI and CY9DX. QSL via FP5DX.

SAO TOME, S9. Luis, S92LB, has been very active around 21220 kHz at 2100z.

SIERRA LEONE, 9L. Dave, 9L1US is on 21237 kHz at 1900z every Sunday. He will set up a schedule for a requested band and mode if you ask him nicely. Dave is planning an expedition to Guinea, 3X.

SINGAPORE, 9V. 9V1XQ, on SSB, and 9V1JY on CW, can be found on the 20 meter long path most mornings after 1000z.

SOUTH GEORGIA, VP8. QSL manager GM4KLO says gordon VP8CDJ, will be active from South Georgia for the next 18 months. He will be operating SSB only.

SOUTH SUDAN, STO. Yannik, STOOYD, is active on 20 meter SSB. He will also be signing ST2YD from Khartoum. QSL via F6AJA.

TAIWAN, BV. BV2DA and BV2TA are both on 20 meter CW most mornings. Both are looking forward to seasonal improvement in conditions on 10 meters. Try 28025 kHz at 0100z.

YEMEN, 70. Club station 707AA is currently active from 0900 to 1000z during weekends on 21335 kHz. The two YL and two OM opertors hope to expand operating hours soon.

PIRATES AND SLIMS. P5DX, 1Z9CW, 5V7HL and 9G1PR are all bogus.

ANGOLA, D2. The rumormill has a well known European DXer going to Angola for an official visit by government invitation. If he is successful in obtaining a written authorization to transmit, expect a week of intensive CW, SSB and RTTY operation.

SAN FELIX, CEO. Another persistant rumor has a Chilean operator going to San Felix in January, 1991, on a six month military assignment. He is said to prefer CW operation.

GOOD NEWS. It is fortunate that all rumors are not true, as illustrated recently in a rumor about the loss of Mohamed, 9K2CS. Mohamed is alive and quite well in his temporary quarters at Taif, Saudi Arabia. Mohamed thanks his radio friends for their concern as to his welfare. Not only is he OK, but the 701AA logs from his recent expedition are intact. An announcement regarding QSL information for 701AA will be forthcoming at the appropriate time.

Tnx to W1AW, Allen N2KW, and the Tristate DX Packetcluster Network, for the above info. ■

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AUTOPATCH GUIDELINES

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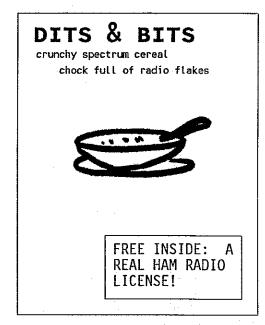
(Adapted from The Readout via LARK newsltr.)

It is sometimes confusing, especially to new members, as to what is permitted on the autopatch and what is not. The following are excerpts from a letter written by the FCC in response to an inquiry.

The FCC answered the following questions as YES or NO!

- 1. Can you use an autopatch to secure a grocery list for home needs? YES
- 2. Can you use an AP to secure a personal appointment? YES (Qualified as being yes only so long as the appointment is with a spouse or friends and not of a business nature, i.e. making a dentist appointment would be prohibited.)
- 3. May the AP be used to report an emergency such as a fire or accident? YES
- 4. May other criminal, civil, or traffic offenses (i.e. robberies, fights, drunk drivers, etc.) be reported? YES
- 5. Assuming that a telephone line is tied up (party lines, etc.) can the AP be used to contact a plumber or electrician in case of a plumbing or electrical emergency? YES
- 6. Can you use the AP to help benevolent, non-profit organizations such as the Lions Clubs, Heart Fund, Boy Scouts, etc.? YES
- 7. Can the AP be used to call in an order to a cafe or pizza shop? NO
- 8. Can the AP be used to call an electronics store to inquire about electronic needs for an Amateur station? NO
- 9. Can an AP be used to to relay scores and descriptions of plays at a sporting event?
- 10. Can the AP be used to make airline, bus or train reservations? NO
- 11. Can the AP be used to cancel an appointment with a dentist, doctor or attorney? (Personal appointment) NO

- 12. Can the AP be used to contact a licensed health-care provider in an emergency? NO [Ed note: Call 911.]
- 13. Can you use the AP to call a tow truch for yourself or someone that is broken down along the road? NO (Qualified to non-emergency situation. It is OK if it's an emergency, i.e. removal from a hazardous location such as in the roadway.)
- 14. Can the AP be used to call the weather station for a weather report? YES (Qualified for use by the Amateur only and not to be rebroadcast for the general public. Remember patches cannot be used for broadcasting.)



With the passing of the no-code license, who knows where future licenses will come from.. perhaps Battle Creek Michigan? Richard WF7A

Tnx Livermore ARC LARK.

AN UPGRADER'S PRAYER

by Bob Harris NX6G

Now I lay me down to rest I pray I'll pass the coming test. If I should die before I wake, That's one less test I'll have to take. Tell my Elmer I did my best Then pile my gear upon my chest.

from The Wavelength, Anchor Bay ARC.

PERSONALITY TEST

Here's a fun ham radio personality test that originally came from *Feedback* of the Laurel (MD) ARC (via Maria L. Evans, KT5Y). Circle all the answers that apply.

- A. Twenty meters is the band with all the action. Its propagation, overall characteristics, and the skill of it's regular operators epitomize the entire concept of Amateur Radio.
- B. Twenty meters is full of California flakes and East Coast Kilowatts. Amateur Radio is a fraternity, and that fraternity only exists on 40 and 75 meter SSB.
- C. Traffic handling is a living example of the history and traditions of Amateur Radio. Traffic handlers exude skills and decorum rarely found in the Amateur community and are superior operators in all regards.
- D. The high excitement and fever pitch of contest activities sharpen the endurance and stamina needed in emergency operation. Contesting is where it's at.
- E. Amateur Radio has few unexplored areas, few real operating frontiers. UHF is one of the last outposts of research & exploration.
- F. Amateurs have a duty to serve their community in emergency situation. Consequently, each amateur should be prepared that he/she may be called upon to render service above and beyond the call of duty.
- G. Personally, I find the traditional modes of Amateur Radio communication quite boring. Amateur Radio's only future is in the growing number of specialty modes and new developments in amateur communication.
- H. As a young person involved in Amateur Radio, I find that I am often confronted with cultural gaps in my hobby.
- **I.** Just as modern women are breaking into traditionally closed areas, today's YL is becoming more involved in Amateur activity. As one of this new breed, I find Amateur Radio exciting and challenging.

That's it. End of test. Now score yourself!

- A. You are fat, middle aged, and smoke cigars. A real DX fiend, you own stacked monobanders at 150 feet. King Hussein and Father Moran know you on a first name basis. When you key the mic, the power company declares a peak power emergency.
- B. Your idea of state of the art equipment is an HW-101. You and your cronies make an 8 KHz wide dent on the high end of 75. Your only knowledge of the word "splatter"is what bugs do on your windshield. On SSB, you use a chrome plated D-104 lollipop mic. For your annual CW QSO you use a bug set to send dots at 65 wpm, and dashes at 5 wpm. When people can't sleep, they tune to 40 and listen to you rattle about the "good old AM days."
- C. You are basically nosy, and get secret thrills out of reading the traffic you pass. Your obsession with line noise borders on paranoia. You fantasize about using thermonuclear devices to eliminate your neighbors' household appliances, and strangling the 75 meter roundtable geezers with hardline.
- D. You wear plaid shorts, black socks, and loafers to hamfests. Your call tag has little blinking LEDs on it. Children in your neighborhood get spending money by shoveling out aluminum beer cans at your place that stack up on contest weekends.
- E. You think two meters is for peasants. Your house looks like Mission Control in Houston. You have gear for every band above 440, but no one to talk to. People with pacemakers should not tour your shack.
- F. Disaster is a turn-on for you. You love to jump in your car and follow fire-engines and ambulances. You took every kind of first aid class the Red Cross offers in hopes of becoming a hero. You hover over the local repeater like the Angel of Death.
- G. Your shack looks like the cockpit of the Space Shuttle. For X pieces of radio equipment, you have (2*X) pieces of accessory gear, and (5*X) sets of interface cables. It takes you 30 minutes to change modes. In an ordinary garden variety ragchew, you are a total conversational geek.
- H. You parents hope that Amateur Radio is just a phase you'll grow out of. You lose points with dates by leaving the two meter

rig on at the drive in movie. You tell your friends that you'll be on MARS this afternoon, and they ask if you can get them some of whatever you're on.

I. Strange old men call you "honey" on the air. At hamfests, XYLs fume when you buy tickets for both the afgan and the TS-940. When you discuss erotic subjects like the Russian Woodpecker, these same XYLs drag their husbands away from you. Sometimes you wonder if these gals are going to get together and buy you a call sign hat with a scarlet A on it.

"As you probably have now discovered, NOBODY won this one!"

The Mike Harris KM4UL via UNIX Notes.

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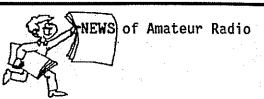
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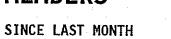
FIVE BARF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CITED by FCC for malicious interference. Three have received \$1000 fines, including defacto "Better Amateur Radio Federation" net manager KV4FZ. Tnx Westlink

IARN MANAGER K1MAN HAS BEEN CITED by FCC for running a phone patch to the USSR. The "International Amateur Radio Network" has been a frequent target of BARF. Tnx Westlink

A NEW YORK HAM WAS ARRESTED by the FBI after making on-the-air threats against FCC agents after their visit to his home to investigate alleged interference. Tnx Westlink

TWO NEW MAGAZINES are emerging in the wake of Ham Radio's demise. Communications Quarterly, to be published by CQ, will have 4 issues per year with about 100 pages of technical articles per issue. Beam magazine will be supported totally by advertisers --subscriptions are free. The first issue in July went to 10,000 Extra and 10,000 Novice Amateurs. Tnx ARRL Letter

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