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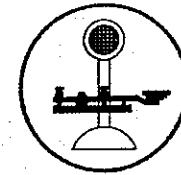
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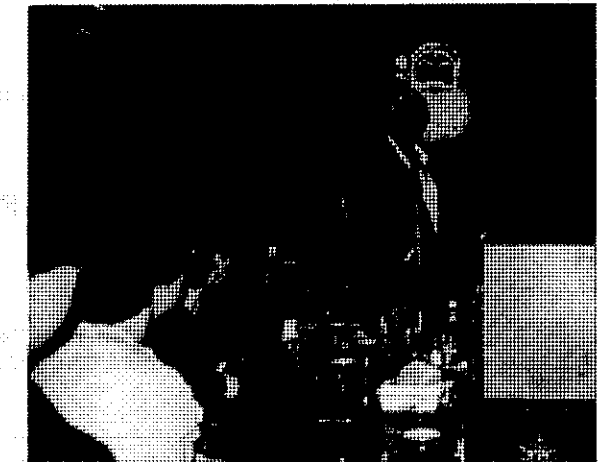
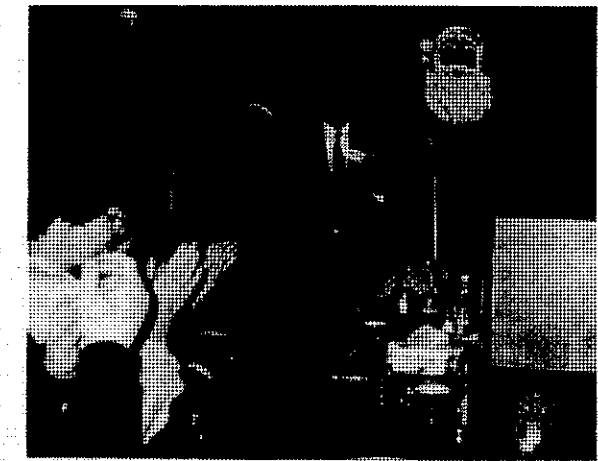
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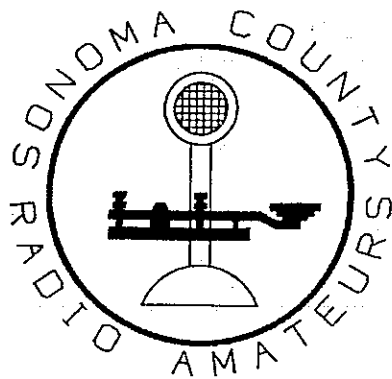
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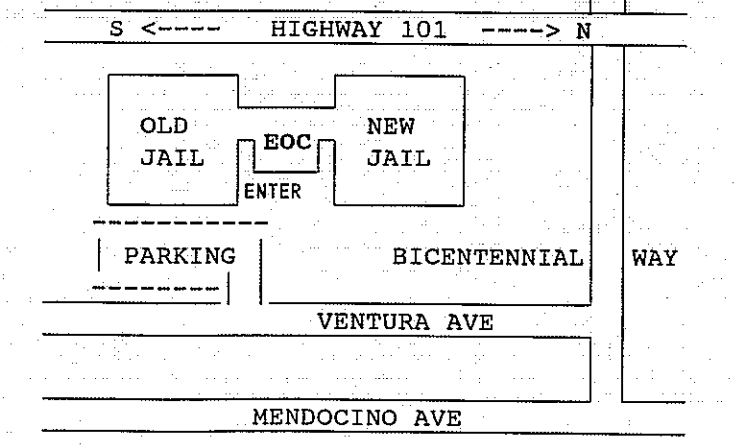
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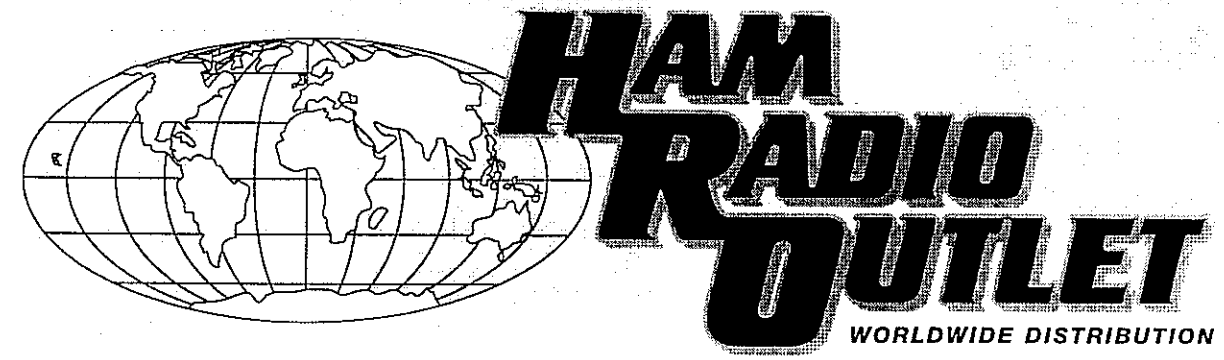
If so, then this is a complimentary copy. Our club is involved with almost every area of Amateur Radio: Repeaters (13/73), Field Day, license classes (Novice through Extra), volunteer exams, RACES, DX programs, packet radio, hidden xmtr hunts -- you name it. We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below) or check into the Tuesday night SCARS net on the 146.13/73 repeater at 7PM. You will hear the latest Amateur Radio Newline broadcasts, announcements of SCRA activities and a Swap Shop. If you would like to join SCRA, please refer to the dues listed below. Hope we can 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). Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is welcome.

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 1992
Program: Video: "Everything you Always Wanted to Know About Antennas" (see p5)
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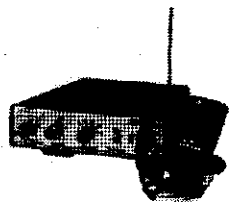
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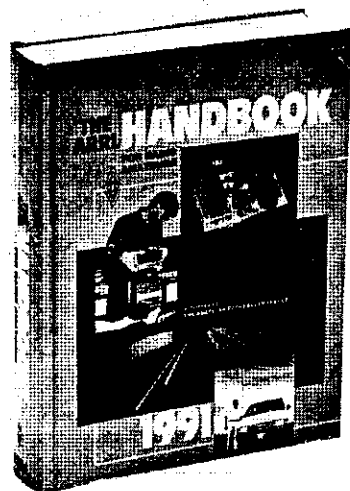
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- Etc...



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CHRISTMAS PARTY



The 1991 SCRA Christmas Party was held again this year at Cattlemen's restaurant in Montgomery Village. It was a chance to visit with old friends and meet a couple unexpected guests brought by Steve KD6GC.

First, outgoing President Jim N6PTM introduced the newly-elected Board of Directors for 1992. John WB6FRZ thanked Mrs. Ambrose of the Spinal Cord Injury Network for their support of the SCRA educational program. The club has made a donation in memory of Ken Ambrose who recently passed away.

This has been a difficult year financially for many of us, and the hard times have been especially tough on the needy. Jim WB6PER announced that the money we normally spend on our Christmas party prizes has instead been donated to the Santa Rosa Fire Dept's "Toys for Tots" program.

ARRL Section Manager and SCRA member John Wallack W6TLK was introduced by N6PTM. John presented ARRL Certificates of Merit to Jim Pelmulder N6PTM for his activities in SCRA, CDF/VIP and RACES, to John Breckenridge WB6FRZ for his many Novice classes, and to Hank Davis W6DTV.

Member Awards were presented by N6PTM to Steve Carniglia KK6VY for his DOS classes, and to Bill Splaine for his many many hours as Public Service trailboss.

The final Member Award was presented by Al N1AL, who thanked Harvey K6KZ and Ruth WA6AQA Lawrence for their work folding, labelling and mailing *Short Skip*.

The Amateur of the Year might be called the "Elmer of the year" as he has been responsible for many of the new callsigns you have been hearing on the Novice and Technician bands. Bill N6GHG presented the award to John Breckenridge WB6FRZ along with a gift and a T-shirt embroidered by Mrs. Pfeiff (XYL

of N6VUC). John modestly claimed that teaching classes is his way of keeping up with new regulations and making new friends -- he gets more out of it than he puts in.

Outgoing President Jim Pelmulder N6PTM received a plaque from Brian N6IY in the name of the club in appreciation of Jim's dedicated service in the past year. Merlyn N6VUC presented Jim with a Silver Gavel plaque.

Finally, Jim WB6PER noted that the new Board of Directors is a unique combination of experience and new blood. Rick K6ZWB is a past President of many (he won't say how many) years ago, while Gary KC6WTE is a recently-licensed ham.

DX: Steve KD6AGC and Pat KF6AG have a pair of Russian (I almost said "Soviet") hams visiting their home. Anatoly Nikisorov UA0IAE is from Magadan and Vladimir Kolodkin UA0IAS is from Palatka, near Magadan. We all learned to say "My name is" in Russian and signed their T-shirts. Afterward our Russian guests were treated to many rounds of well-lubricated Christmas carols sung in the bar.

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2nd Saturday, March-Sept.

JANUARY: 1992

- Dec 31-Jan 1 - Straight Key Night
4-5 - ARRL RTTY Roundup
5 - LARK Flea Mart, Livermore WU7R
6 - RACES etc. Net, 7:30 PM
8 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
16 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
17 - Deadline for February *Short Skip*
18 - Monterey Winterfest 408-663-6117
18-20 - ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
20 - RACES etc. Net, 7:30 PM
24-26 - CQ Worldwide 160M Contest, CW
Jan 25-Feb 2 - ARRL Novice Roundup

FEBRUARY:

- 1-2 - 10-10 Net 10-meter Phone QSO Party
3 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
5 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
14 - Deadline for March *Short Skip*
15-16 - ARRL DX Contest, CW
17 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
20 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
21 - W1AW code proficiency qualifying run
(Samuel F. B. Morse certificate)
21-23 - CQ Worldwide 160 M Contest, Phone

MARCH:

- 2 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
4 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
- **1992 DUES PAYABLE!**
7-8 - ARRL DX Contest, Phone
13 - Deadline for April *Short Skip*
16 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
19 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
20 - W1AW code proficiency qualifying run
(Samuel F. B. Morse certificate)
28-29 - CQ Worldwide Prefix Contest, Phone

APRIL:

- 1 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
6 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
10-12 - International DX Convention, Visalia
16 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM

- 17 - Deadline for May *Short Skip*
20 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
24-26 - Dayton Hamvention

MAY:

- 1-3 - Fresno Hamfest W6YEP or WA6OIB
4 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
2 - SRCC Wine Country Century BikeTour
6 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
15 - Deadline for June *Short Skip*
18 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
21 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
30-31 - CQ Worldwide Prefix Contest, CW

JUNE:

- 1 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
3 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
12 - Deadline for July *Short Skip*
13-15 - ARRL VHF QSO Party
15 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
18 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
20 - ARRL Hamfest, Cypress CA
27-28 - Field Day

JULY:

- 1 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
6 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
11-12 - IARU HF World Championship
16 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
17 - Deadline for August *Short Skip*
20 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM

AUGUST:

- 3 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
5 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
14 - Deadline for September *Short Skip*
17 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
20 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
20-23 - ARRL Nat. Convention, L. A. W6BF

SEPTEMBER:

- 2 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
7 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
12-14 - ARRL September VHF QSO Party
17 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
18 - Deadline for October *Short Skip*
19 - SCRA Flea Mart, Seb. Holy Ghost Hall
21 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM

OCTOBER:

- 5 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
7 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
15 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
16 - Deadline for November *Short Skip*
16-18 - Pacific Div Conv., Concord N6QGN
19 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
24-25 - CQ Worldwide DX Contest, Phone
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NOVEMBER:

- 2 - RACES etc. Net, 7:30 PM
4 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
7-9 - ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
13 - Deadline for December *Short Skip*
16 - RACES etc. Net, 7:30 PM
19 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
21-23 - ARRL Sweepstakes, Phone
28-29 - CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

DECEMBER:

- 4-6 - ARRL 160 Meter Contest
7 - RACES etc. Net, 7:30 PM
12-13 - ARRL 10 Meter Contest
17 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
18 - Deadline for January *Short Skip*
21 - RACES etc. Net, 7:30 PM
31 - ARRL Straight Key Night

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FCC EXAMS

by Steve Lund WA8LLY

The SCRA ARRL VE team had a very busy year. A total of 87 hours was spent giving 5 sessions to 111 candidates. A special thank you has been earned by the following volunteer examiners:

Name/Call	Hours
Al Bloom, N1AL	3.0
Gary Harwell, AA6CC	5.0
Jim Boyett, WN6D	3.5
Doug Bender, WW6D	1.0
John Breckenridge, WB6FRZ	9.5
Steve Lund, WA8LLY	36.0
Bill Kaiser, N6OLD	3.5
Robin Zinsmaster, N6PHP	7.5
Ken Kerwin, K6UXO	7.0
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Dave New, AA6YX	7.0

HANK'S SWAP SHOP (From p8)

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7955 home, 527-9372 work.

JANUARY PROGRAM

by Brian Torr N6IY

Jack Reeder, W6NGZ, gave me the following information regarding the video tape he will be showing at January's SCRA meeting:

It is an excellent, 40-minute video entitled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Antennas But Were Afraid to Ask". It is a condensed version of a much longer tape originally made by Frank Rutter, G2FMF, of Westinghouse. Another thing Jack mentioned is that the latest revision of Yagimax is on the SCRA bulletin board at HSC Electronics. ■



Bill Carter, KM5R and his son Alex

After a long series of flights I arrived late at the Antigua airport, with one leg of the trip to Montserrat left. I was alone in the waiting area with one exception, a tall young fellow lounging across two seats, his feet propped on an Alpha amplifier. It was Bill Carter, KM5R.

Bill and I were both on our way to Montserrat for separate operations from opposite sides of the island in the CQ Worldwide DX Contest. Later, in a story I would write about my visits to Montserrat ("A Montserrat Memoir," March, 1990 QST), I mentioned this chance meeting.

I saw Bill and his co-operators several times over the next week, even after they trounced us in the contest. Bill, who was 23, said to me he was "pretty confused about what to do with my life."

"I'm 40," I said, and "I'm confused, too. Don't worry about it."

Bill and I later corresponded and pretty soon he was settled in San Antonio, married, with a child on the way. Inevitably, a house and ham station were in the works, too. Bill had been described to me as a "born operator," from his earliest teen-age activity as N5BET.

On October 27, 1991, KM5R was completing his operation in the CQ Worldwide DX Phone Contest. There was a problem with one of the antennas on his 60-foot tower.

"You know how these radio guys are," his wife Cindy says. "Something doesn't work right and they need to fix it. Right now."

Bill Carter climbed his tower, without a climbing belt, and fell. He was taken immediately to a hospital, but he never regained consciousness and died two weeks later, on November 10.

In addition to his wife, Bill Carter leaves a 2-year-old son, Alex, and many Amateur Radio friends, including at least one in Connecticut. — K1TN.

The ARRL Letter