

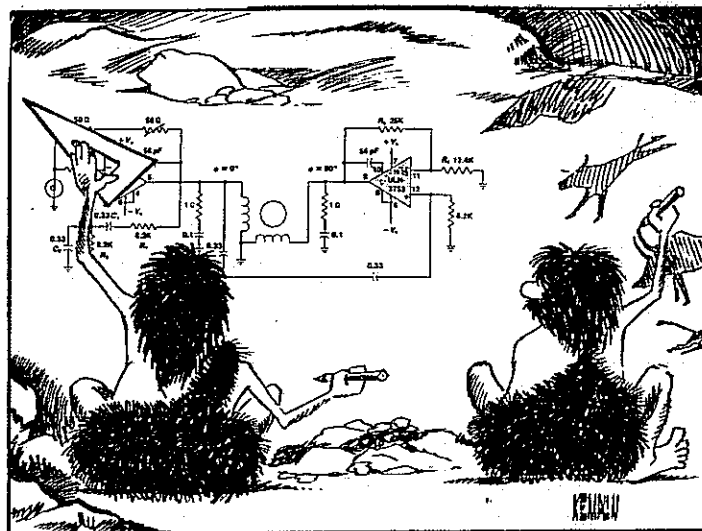


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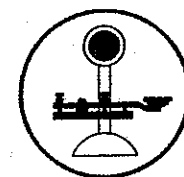
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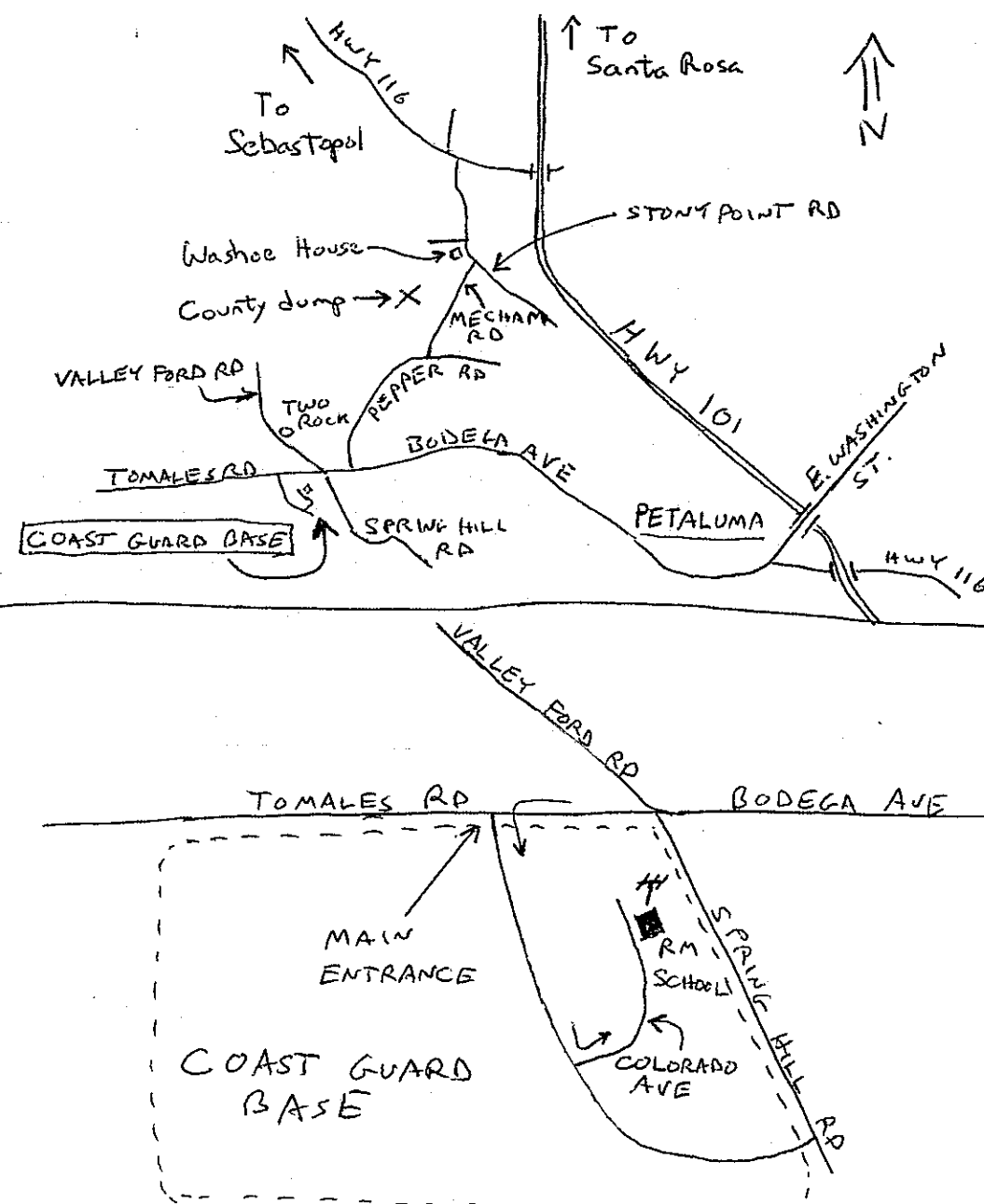
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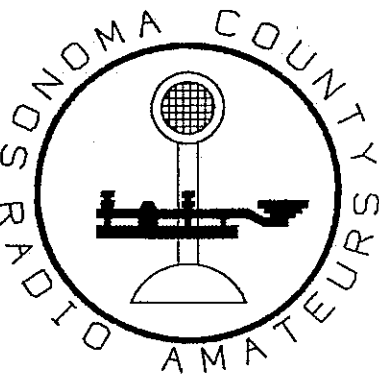
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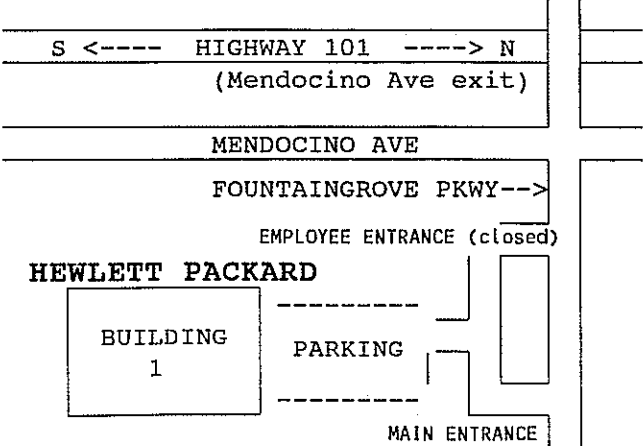
Club Meetings:

7:30 PM, 1st Wednesday each month at the Hewlett Packard plant in Santa Rosa. (See map below.) All are welcome.

Next Meeting: June 2, 1993
Program: Field Day!

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COMING EVENTS:

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- JUNE:
- 2 - SCRA meeting 7/7:30 PM
 - 6 - LARK Flea Mart, Livermore WU7R
 - 6 - Vineman International Miniature
 - 7 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
 - 12 - Foothill College Flea Market
 - 12-14 - ARRL VHF QSO Party
 - 17 - CDF/VIP Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 19 - Deadline for July Short Skip
 - 19 - Terrible Two Bike Tour, KK6GP
 - 19-20 - All Asian DX Contest, CW
 - 21 - RACES etc. Net 7:30 PM
 - 26-27 - Field Day

Application for Membership in SCRA

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- () Public Service Events
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() Field day, other operating events
() Helping with SCRA Flea Market
() Acting as club Net Control Station
() Helping with Short Skip newsletter
() Taking a Novice class
() Teaching a Novice class
() Taking an upgrade class
() Teaching an upgrade class
() Other _____

Treasurer's Report

de Jim WA2EWE April, 1993



ACCOUNT	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Refreshments at meetings ..	17.60	22.35
Dues and Initiations	729.00	
Raffle at meetings	61.00	
Badges		28.50
Misc		8.57
Short Skip Newsletter	160.00	195.70
Amateur Radio Newsline		17.14
Membership Supplies	28.00	
Officers' Expenses		12.57
	995.60	285.46

ASSETS:

General Fund Account	4922.91
Cash/checks on hand	28.00
Total General Fund	4940.91
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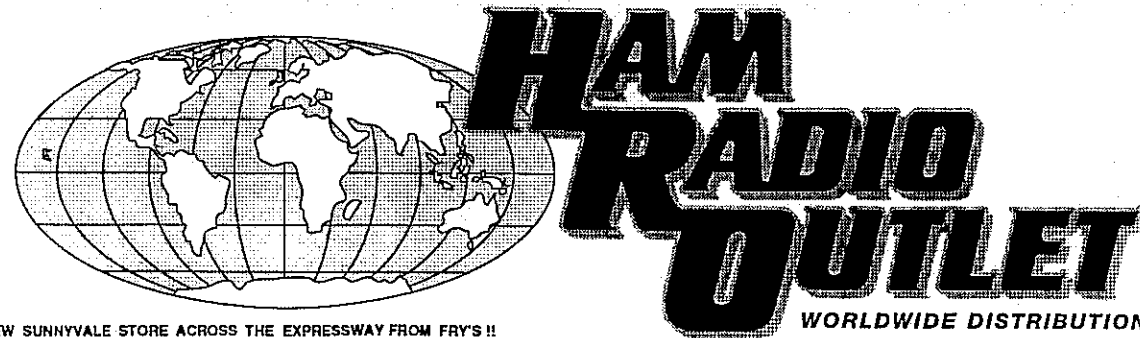


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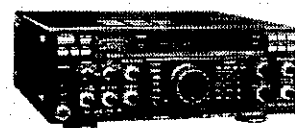
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Dinner:

Besides being an operating event, Field Day is also a social occasion for the club. Even if you don't wish to operate, please come to the dinner Saturday night. Bring the family and meet some of the folks you don't ordinarily get a chance to see in person.

Dinner Saturday night will be about 6 PM. Cost is \$5. We are asking people to pay in advance so we have an accurate count for food purchases. We'll order some extra food, or course, in case some extra people show up. Bring your check to the June club meeting or mail it to the club PO box.

There will be breakfast Sunday morning for the radio operators. Sodas and snacks will also be available. Otherwise, you're on your own for food.

The official Field Day operating period starts at 11 AM local time Saturday June 26 and runs 24 hours continuously. We will be going out to the Coast Guard base Friday afternoon after 4 PM to set up antennas. We're at the same site as last year — see map. Talk-in will be on the 146.73 MHz repeater.

**People:**

FD Chairman: Merl Pfeiff N6VUC 584-3898
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Site Ops: Steve Carniglia KK6VY 538-7658
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CW station: Al Bloom N1AL 538-7115
Phone stn: Rick Reiner K6ZWB 542-6907
Packet/satellite/alternate power Chairman:
Jim Andrews KC6PJW 795-2163

Equipment:

We'll be category 5A (club, 5 transmitter) again this year. However one novice station, packet and VHF are all "free."

If you plan to participate, please bring along spare supplies. We can always use heavy-duty extension cords, outlet strips, coax, coax connectors, chairs, rope, etc.

Stn	Rig	Antenna
CW1	Drake TR7	TA-33 tribander
CW2	Drake R4B/T4XB	Dipole/Wire beam
SSB1	Drake TR4C	TH-6 tribander
SSB2	Drake TR4	Dipole
Packet	Drake TR7	R5 vertical
VHF	144/450 MHz	Beams
Novice/Technician:		
CW	Collins S-line	Dipole
SSB	?	10M quad

An article on how to operate Field Day, including filling out the the log and dupe sheets will be handed out at the June meeting. Call N1AL if you'd like a copy in the mail. ■





SCRAPS: SCRA Public Service

By Kathy Mahan KC6UXJ

From April 18 - May 8, (a period of only 3 weeks), SCRAPS volunteers worked a total of 5 events...I think we're on a roll!!!! Without further adieu, I'd like to thank the following people who contributed their time in making these events a success:

Coddington Lions Club Biathlon: Dave KD6KWM, Wilbur N6MGY, Candy N6NSG, Dale N6MRV, Phil N6OOA, Kelly KD6CJQ, James KD6GSF, Kathy KC6UXJ. For such short notice you all did a great job!

Wine Country Cycle Classic: First time event for SCRAPS! Special thanks to Bill N6GHG who spent well over 2 hours going over the course doing signal checks a week or so before the race. I'd also like to thank Greg WA6RQX for the use of his repeater 145.47 for this event up at the Geysers. From what I understand it worked extremely well. Thanks also go out to Doug KC6RHA who also spent many hours on this event. And it couldn't have worked without Darlene KD6GCK, Dave KD6KWM, Bob WD6DPE, Jerry KD6HYC, Bill KA6JLP (at least it was a nice day for a drive Bill) Wike KD6FBN and Mark KM6XU.

Wine Country Century: Marie KI6QY did a fantastic job coordinating this event. The day was perfect for over 1,000 riders to cycle through the wine country and the day went without a hitch thanks to the following people: Bill N6GHG, Marie KI6QY, Rudy N6KLU, Bill KA6JLP, Phil N6OOA, Bob N6RMW, Georgia N6GZU, Bill KD6LTA, Phil N6KZS, Clarence W6IZR, Bill KD6LYW, Kathy KC6UXJ, Jim KD6JZJ, Mark KC6RLB, Ken N6GXI, Bob WD6DPE, Richard KC6RDH, Wilbur N6MGY, Doug KC6RHA and Dave KD6KWM (mobile bicycles). This event could have been called the BILL & PHIL EVENT! Thanks everyone!

Tour de Cure (American Diabetes Assoc.): This was the first event coordinated by Eran KD6KVO and he did an outstanding job! The following people also helped make things run so well. It's nice to see all those new call

signs out there: You're great. Thanks to: Kelly KD6CJQ, James KD6GSF, Matthew KD6KVH, Dave KD6KWM, Fred N6YEU, Nadine KC6WUI, Bill KD6LTB, Dale N6MRV, Candy N6NSG, Marie KI6QY, Raul KI6JC, Randy AA6GV, Josh KD6KML, Bruce KD6ZA, Jim AB6VU, Chuck KD6CIQ, Jamin KD6KWK, Eric KD6KVV, Jan WA6MGK, Mike KC6YUV, Ed AB6QL, Jim KD6KQC, John KD6KVZ, Peter AA6AV, Claude AB6OL, Dave KD6BYV.

Human Race: Another new event, the Human race decided to incorporate a bike race up at Annadel this year. This event coincided with the RACES drill so a simplex frequency was used. We all tend to underestimate the power of simplex, but we showed you don't always need a repeater to communicate. Some of our people hiked, some rode bikes and some drove vehicles into Annadel at sunrise. With the threat of a possible protest you still showed up... (oops guess I forgot to mention that to all of you.) Thanks to: R.L. KK6GP, Shirley KC6SXN (she hiked in, way to go Shirley), Bill KD6LTA, Walt KC6RHB, Nadine KC6WUI, Dave KD6KWM, Frank KC6WUG, Mark KM6XU (3 mobile bikes) and Kathy KC6UXJ.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 22	Special Olympics
June 6	Minivine
June 19	Terrible Two
July 11	Sonoma Valley Liberty Ride
July 24	Harvest Century
July 31	Vineman

All these events take many volunteers and hours.....If one or all of the these events interest you please call Kathy KC6UXJ at 823-4980 for more information.

The 2nd Annual SCRAP'S Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 11. Be sure and mark it on your calendars...this picnic is for you...hope to see you all there! (Time and place to be announced at a later date).

DO keep up the wonderful enthusiasm that you have for public service. It's a perfect way to increase your skills for emergency services.

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SCRA MINUTES

May 5, 1993



The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reiner K6ZWB at 7:40 PM. Other officers present were Vice President Pete Sourek KC6UXM, Secretary Al Bloom N1AL, Treasurer Jim McLaughlin WA2EWE, and Members-at-Large Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ and Merlyn Pfeiff N6VUC.

VISITORS: Fred N6YEU introduced 11 visitors.

UPGRADES: N6YEU is now an advanced.

The **MINUTES** and **TREASURER'S REPORT** were approved as published. m/s AB6OL/KD6CJQ, N6VUC/KD6PKF

REPEATER: N6PTM says that if you encounter difficulty bring up, the autopatch call a control operator for aid. Progress is being made on the new emergency battery backup.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Bill N6GHG reported a very smooth bike event last weekend. Dave KD6KWM passed around a signup sheet for the upcoming Vineman events June 6 and July 31.

An **EDUCATION CHAIRMAN** is still needed. The Chairman does not necessarily have to teach any classes. But we need someone to keep the list of those wanting classes and hook them up with instructors.

Former **VE CHAIRMAN** Steve Lund WA8LLY was presented with an award in recognition of his past service. Steve also noted he is qualified to check QSL cards for ARRL WAS and 5BWAS awards, as well as some VHF awards. Initial DXCC applications can be checked by REDX members.

Merl N6VUC covered **FIELD DAY** preparations. Saturday dinner tickets will be sold in advance to get a good idea how many will show up.

NET CONTROL STATION for June will be AB6OL.

The **MARCONI SPECIAL EVENTS STATION** operation went off without a hitch -- Everybody had a great time. Bill N6GHG mentioned that Ted KB6PTA got his baptism by fire working the pileups.

N6VUC's **MEMBER QSL CARD** display will be ready by the July or August meeting. Still time to get your card to Merl.

The **MEMBER LOTTERY** was explained by Jim KC6PJW. If you want to participate, just drop a quarter in the can at each meeting. The winner is randomly picked from the roster -- if (s)he is not present, the money rolls over until next month.

An **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DRILL** is taking place Saturday May 8, according to N6VUC.

The **BOARD MEETING** is Wed at 5:30 PM at the Northbay Savings and Loan building, corner of Marlow and Guerneville.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING may have to be moved. Bill N6GHG says the room at HP may not be available.

PROGRAM: ARRL Pacific Division Vice Director Brad Wyatt K6WR was kind enough to visit SCRA and spoke at length about ARRL and happenings that affect Amateur Radio at the FCC and Congress.

The **MEMBERSHIP LOTTERY** would have been won by KB6VBL had he been present.

N6IUY and KK6GP put on the monthly **RAFFLE**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38. m/s N6VUC/KD6POC

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Al Bloom N1AL. ■

Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM in the Northbay Savings meeting room by Vice President Pete Sourek KC6UXM. Other officers present were Secretary Al Bloom N1AL, Treasurer Jim McLaughlin WA2EWE, Repeater Chairman Jim Rutherford WB6PER, and Members-at-Large Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ and Merlyn Pfeiff N6VUC. Members Kathy Mahan KC6UXJ, Jim Pelmulder N6PTM, Joe Senft KM6TN, James Cureton KD6GSF, Dave Willey KD6KWM, Jim Andrews KC6PJW, and John Breckenridge WB6FRZ also attended.

N1AL reported on recent **CORRESPONDENCE**, including a request to the USCG for use of the Field Day site. Al also showed off his brand-new CW DXCC certificate.

Kathy KC6UXJ has contacted ARRL and the insurance agent for more information about to what extent the club's **LIABILITY INSURANCE** covers public service events.

N6VUC and KC6PJW discussed possible reasons for occasional slow response on the **PACKET BBS**.

The **AUTOPATCH** problem is being worked on by WB6PER and others.

ANTENNA COMMITTEE: Joe KM6TN reported on the hearing coming up on May 20 before the Santa Rosa Planning Commission about KD6HQ's antenna. Apparently a letter by the city attorney to the commission acknowledges the city's responsibility to make reasonable provisions for ham antennas.

PACKET MESSAGE HANDLING training will be provided by KC6PJW on May 15 and 22 9AM-12AM at CDF Headquarters on College Ave. Anyone is welcome to come.

FIELD DAY: The bulk of the meeting consisted of a long discussion of Field Day details led by N6VUC. Pete KC6UXM could use more help with food preparation. We already have about 40 signed up for dinner.

The board authorized WB6FRZ to purchase all wire, baluns, insulators, coax connectors, etc. needed to assemble antennas for the novice stations. m/s N6VUC/N1AL

We still need a person to handle Publicity for Field Day.

Respectfully submitted by Al Bloom, Secretary. ■



Field day in 1983 was not nearly so organized as in 1993: As of the June *Short Skip*, a site had not even been selected! The club was also considering putting on a swap meet in September. Details to be worked out.

SCRA provided communications for the Santa Rosa March of Dimes walkathon. N1AL was NCS with help from WA6ACX, KF6FX and W6UCP. For the Petaluma event, W6LGO, N6OH, K6GEV, N6IFQ, W6DTV, N6FAX, N6GXI, N6GZU, WB6RHP and KD6NT manned the radios. Seven are still SCRA members. ■

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Mini-DXpedition

by Bill Waters WA6OLW

Join the mini-DXpedition in late October. At the R-Wild Horse Ranch, Tehama County, 38 miles west of Red Bluff on State Route 36. Large RV sites, full hookups (30 amp electrical at each site), plenty of room for Sterba curtains, vees, longwires, you name it (not too many tall trees). Tent camping or motel at the ranch if you have no RV.

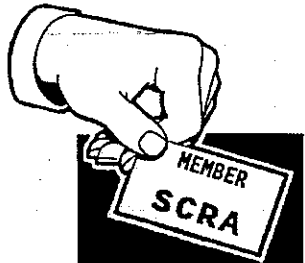
We need volunteers to choose the date and to organize antennas, operations and food. See Bill Waters WA6OLW at the June and September meetings. ■

Oregon Hamfest

The Coos County Radio Club's third annual hamfest is Saturday July 24 from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Junior High School in North Bend OR. Talk-in 146.61. Admission \$4 pre-register, \$5 at the door. Tables \$10. Free RV parking all weekend. Door prizes, dealer sales, seminars, swap tables, VE exams, snack bar. For more info, call (503) 396-4479. Coos Co. Radio Club, POB 3494, Coos Bay, OR 97420. ■



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NOVICE AND TECHNICIAN QUESTION POOLS for the written exams will change beginning July 1st of this year, so be sure that your study materials are labeled properly. New study guides have been available since April, but be sure to check before you (or someone you are helping) begins to study! The General Class is next to be revised, with an effective date of July 1, 1994. Advanced class study guides are valid until 1995, with the Extra class question pool valid until 1996.

THE FCC'S SCANNER BAN, long sought by the cellular lobby, became effective April 26. This new law not only bans the importation and sale of radio scanners capable of receiving cellular telephone signals, it also applies to any ham radio gear capable of such operation.

The ARRL request for specific wording to exempt bona fide amateur equipment from the new rules was denied by the Commission. The FCC, in denying the League's request, said the rule modification "would not adequately ensure that such equipment would not be readily available and commonly used to intercept cellular communications."

"However," the FCC said, "we do not believe it appropriate to restrict cable television converters or other devices that might be able to receive cellular telephone transmissions but were not designed for that purpose."

The FCC's new rules ban not only scanners, but also frequency converters that can tune frequencies from 824 to 849 and 869 to 894 MHz (or of being easily modified to do so.)

Commercial manufacturers may possibly file petitions for reconsideration, particularly for clarification of the "readily modified" definition. Meanwhile, don't burn that new HT with expanded receive — the prohibition on the sale of such items applies only to new radios, and even then only to units manufactured or imported after the magic date. It will be decades before all the current crop of cellular-capable radios disappears, and by then the conversion of cell phones to eavesdrop-proof digital modes will have long been completed.

NEW CLUB CALLSIGNS will be available under new rules adapted by the FCC. Callsigns will be issued by specially-selected organizations to be known as "Club and Military Recreation Station Call Sign Administrators."

To be an administrator, the organization must exist for the purpose of furthering the amateur service. Its membership must include at least one percent of the amateur operators licensed by the FCC, and it must be capable of serving as an administrator in all places where the amateur service is regulated by the FCC. *[Sounds like the ARRL to me — ed.]*

The organization cannot charge a fee or accept any form of reimbursement for services provided. Each administrator will be assigned initially a block of call signs having a two-letter prefix from the NA-NZ "by three" series. An example of a block would be NA1AAA through NAOZZZ. There are 26 possible blocks.

Dates for accepting applications from potential administrators have not yet been announced.

FAKE SOS BRINGS SENTENCE. An amateur extra class licensee has been sentenced for making fake distress transmissions on 14.313 MHz. Fifty-year-old Jorge Mestre, NS3K, of Fairfax, Virginia, had pled guilty in February to knowingly and willfully communicating false distress signals on August 7, 1992. At that time he made a plea agreement to surrender his FCC amateur license, dispose of his amateur radio equipment within 60 days, and make immediate restitution of \$50,000 to the U.S. Coast Guard.

At sentencing in U.S. District Court in Alexandria VA, Mestre was given one year probation on condition of his serving 60 days home confinement, ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, and to pay a 50 dollar special assessment. Mestre could have received a fine of up to 250,000 dollar(s) and up to 6 years imprisonment.

Tnx to W1AW, the *ARRL Letter* and the *Westlink Report* for the above information. ■

RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE CLUB AND THE CLUB GETS TO KEEP \$2 (no expense to you). Make out your check to SCRA, and send it with your ARRL renewal form to SCRA, PO Box 116, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 or give it to the Treasurer. ■