COMING EVENTS

July

- Club Meeting, 7:30pm, HP (Listen to the Tuesday Night Net on June 30 for the exact location.)
- Novice/Tech course begins at Elsie Allen HS, Santa Rosa. Time: 6:30pm 9:00pm. Call Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV
- Club Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Bank community room at Marlow Road Shopping Center, Santa Rosa
- SHORT SKIP ARTICLES DUE
- VE Exam, 9:00am, Hewlett-Packard in Santa Rosa, Building 1. Club Foxhunt, 9:00am. Piner High School, Santa Rosa Harvest Century, Public Service Event
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August

- Reno Hamfest. Contact John Peterson KJ6EE at (702)853-8452 or email him at kj7ee@aol.com Humboldt ARC Hamfest (Eureka CA), Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. Contact Wayne & Cynthia Carlson KF6AAP and KF6CMC at (707) 668-4396 or email them at carlsons@saber.net
- Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Hewlett-Packard in Santa Rosa
- Club Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Bank community room at Marlow Road Shopping Center, Santa Rosa 12
- 14 SHORT SKIP ARTICLES DUE
- ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in San Diego, August 14-16. Contact Sybil Allbright, W6GIC (619) 278-4284 and http://www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/lakes/8400/
- VE Exam, Glen Ellen. 9:00am Sonoma Developmental Center. Talk-in on 145.35 repeater. 15 Club Foxhunt, 9:00am. Piner High School, Santa Rosa Fair Oaks Swap Meet (near Sacramento). Bella Vista HS, 8301 Madison Ave, east of Sunrise Blvd. 6:00am - noon.

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MIR-SCHOOL QSOs CONCLUDE; ANDY THOMAS SAYS "THANKS" FROM SPACE

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A special arrangement linking several schools and individuals via telephone and Amateur Radio with US astronaut Andy Thomas. KD5CHF, aboard the Mir space station capped a series of highly successful Mir-school Amateur Radio contacts. The historic. early-morning QSO May 29 very likely marked the last ham radio contact between earthbound students and a US astronaut aboard Mir. The contact was coordinated by the Space Amateur Radio Experiment, or SAREX. Thomas' Mir tour ends in June. He's the seventh and last US astronaut scheduled to stay aboard Mir, and his departure comes amid renewed concerns about the safety of the Russian space outpost.

A school that had been scheduled for the time slot at the last minute wasn't able to get details coordinated in time. So AMSAT SAREX representative Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, took things in hand. He contacted the Burbank School in the Chicago area and Santa Rosa Junior College in California. The schools were able to quickly round up students, teachers, and mentors who were more than happy to get up before dawn to speak with Thomas.

T.J. Bailey, KF6IAO, of Geyserville, California, High School had the honor of calling Thomas on the radio and hearing Thomas Australian-accented reply. Outstanding conditions allowed Bauer to begin by thanking Thomas on behalf of the SAREX Working Group for touching the lives of thousands of students, teachers and parents all over the US in the past 14 weeks.

"It was my pleasure!" Thomas replied. "The students and you all are the ones who got up early. You're the ones who should be thanked."

White then thanked Thomas on behalf of the ARRL. "The future of the United States is in the hands and hearts of our youth, and you've fired their imaginations as you've spoken with them via ham radio," she said. White asked Thomas if he felt the students got a lot out of the SAREX contacts.

Thomas replied in the affirmative. "If the level of questions can be considered indicative, then these students gained tremendously," he said. "The questions from the many different young people were quite penetrating-they have a keen interest in the space program."

Students and teachers at the various locations then asked questions about the crew's sleep schedule, the greatest thing learned during any of the Mir missions, how he felt physically, and Mir's safety. Thomas reported that the Mir is very stable now, and that the hardware is "robust."

Thomas recently issued a "thank you" message of his own to hams around the world who have sent messages via the Mir packet system. "I hope it is understood that the volume of traffic has made individual responses impossible, but we really enjoy your mail," he said in a packet broadcast from R0MIR.

-- Thanks to Rosalie White, WA1STO, and Dave Larsen, N6CO

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Club Meetings

7:30 pm on the first Wednesday each month at the Hewlett-Packard plant in SANTA ROSA. (See map below). All are welcome.

We invite you to attend our next monthly meeting (see below). Membership in SCRA is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. If you would like to join, there is a membership application in this issue.

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Next Meeting: July 1 7:30 P.M. Hewlett Packard in SANTA ROSA

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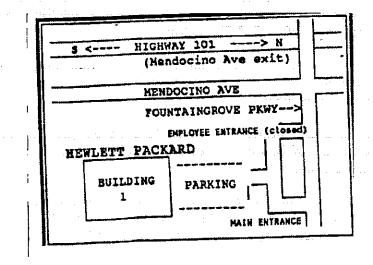
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Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act Needs Co-sponsors

On March 27, Representatives Michael Bilirakis (R-FL-9th) and Ron Klink (D-PA-4th) introduced HR 3572, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 1998. The operational portion of the bill is Section 3 (see below), which, if passed, would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" if the Commission reallocates any primary or secondary Amateur Radio frequencies. You can look up the full text of the bill on the House THOMAS website at:

http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c105:H.R.3572:

Our strategy is very straightforward - obtain as many House co-sponsors as we can before the end of the legislative session and elections later this year. To date, we have the following co-sponsors in the Pacific Division: Patsy Mink (D-HI-2) and Tom Campbell (R-CA-15). Let's get more of the Pacific Division House

Members to be cosponsors! Cosponsors don't vote against their own bills! Here is Section Three:

"SEC. 3. FEDERAL POLICY REGARDING REALLO-CATION OF AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM. Section 303 of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

(y) Notwithstanding subsection (c), after July 1, 1998--

(1) make no reallocation of primary allocations of bands of frequencies of the amateur radio service;

(2) not diminish the secondary allocations of bands of frequencies to the amateur radio service; and

(3) make no additional allocations within such bands of frequencies that would substantially reduce the utility thereof to the amateur radio service; unless the Commission, at the same time, provides equivalent replacement spectrum to the amateur radio service."

Please write to your congressperson today and encourage them to be a co-sponsor of this bill.

Lower fee levels proposed for Vanity Calls

In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making released March 25 (MD Docket 98-36), the FCC proposes, among many other things, to change the fee for an amateur vanity call sign to \$1.29 per year for Fiscal Year 1998 (that is, \$12.90 for the ten-year term of the license instead of the current \$50). The details are in section 13 of Attachment H. Fiscal Year 1998 starts Oct. 1, 1998. It is also proposed that there will be no refund from the current fee amounts to the new level for current Fiscal Year 1997 applicants. The entire document, which is fairly large because it deals with regulatory fees for all services, not just amateur, may be downloaded from: http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/ Miscellaneous/Notices/1998/ The deadlines for Comments and Reply Comments has passed.

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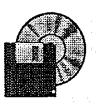
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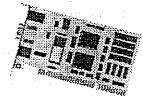
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Note From a Past Member

Hi,

Just cruisin' the net and found your (web)page. Was a member back in the '70's.

73 es GL on Fd,

David (Kulcinski) WD6AJR

e-mail: dkulcin@earthlink.net URL: http://www.geocities.com/TheTropics/1205

VE Exams

This month, SCRA will host the volunteer exam at the Hewlett-Packard facility in Santa Rosa at 1400 Fountaingrove Parkway. The exam will be held Saturday, July 18 at 9:00am in Building 1.

To reach the test site if you're coming from the south on Hwy 101, take the Bicentennial off-ramp and go east until it merges into Fountaingrove Parkway. Follow the road to the top of the hill. Turn right at the traffic light into the Main (visitor's) gate. Be prepared to show a picture ID and tell the guard you are going to the Building 1 main lobby.

If you are coming from the northern part of the county on Hwy 101, take the Hopper Avenue off-ramp and turn left at the traffic light. At the next light, turn left and go up over the freeway. Continue straight at the next light up Fountaingrove Parkway. Follow the road to the top of the hill. Turn right at the traffic light into the Main (visitor's) gate. Be prepared to show a picture ID and tell the guard you are going to the Building 1 main lobby.

Tests are \$6.35 for all except Novice which is free. Remember to bring a photo ID or two non-photo ID's, the original and a photocopy of your current license, any original CSCE's and photocopies, medical exemptions and your radiotelegraph license, if held.

Top Signs You May Need an Elmer...

By Jeffrey S. King, N1DJS

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An elmer is the guy you go to, to ask questions about topics in Ham Radio that you don't understand. In that vein, you know it's time for you to find an Elmer if...

- Your friend tells you he has a new two meter radio and you figure one of the meters must be for swr and the other for power out.
- You hear a conversation on the low bands about CW and you think they're referring to the cold war.
- You hear someone sign this is N8XXX mobile 4 and you think it's because he has three other radios.
- ➤ You hear that someone won a 40 meter radio at a hamfest and you wonder how they're going to get something that large in their house.
- ➤ You build a morse code key out of plexiglass and can't figure out why it won't key your radio.
- You think the difference between short wave and long wave is the speed at which you move your wrist back and forth.
- You're thinking about joining your other ham friends in the local ATV group because you own a four wheel drive vehicle that will go just about anywhere.
- You won't use a repeater because you've heard that using a repeater could be dangerous. You've heard an alligator could get you.
- > You think a co-linear antenna can only be used with two amplifiers.
- > You think fm is the modulation type that came after em, dm, cm, bm and am
- You wouldn't mind getting into packet radio but no matter how much you practice you can't get the hang of sending those beeps and braps with your keyer.
- You wonder what sound a short wave makes and why anyone would want to listen to one.
- > You think the repeater owner would be a lot happier if instead of talking about his cavities he just went to the dentist and got them filled.
- > You think a CW ID is the number the army gave you on your dog tags during the cold war.

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SCRA Board Meeting

June 10, 1998

SHORT SKIP

Submitted by: Holly Gleason, KE6MNT



Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by
President Dave New, AA6YX... Other officers present
were: Kelly Cureton KD6CJQ, Joel Nadler KJ6LF, Ken
Harrison N6MHG, Dave Willey KD6KWM, James
Dean KF6DHB, Jen Dewey, KF6DDQ. Also present
were:

Brian Torr N6IIY, Larry Gustafson KD6VUM, David Dewey KF6DDP, Jim McLaughlin WA2EWE, Adam McLaughlin KD6POC, and Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV.

Dave New discussed our problems getting someone to take Net Control each month. Why do we have roll? It's not reported anywhere. Need to find out why people don't want to be net control and fix it. Discussion was held. James has discovered people like to be called. Next, Dave said Ted DeCroff, KB6PTA has a contact with Cable One to have Public Service announcements made. Larry will get the address from Ted.

Kelly Cureton reported he looked into the EZ UP awnings. Friedman can get them, but cost will depend on their price. He'll also look at Costco and in Damark Catalog. Preference is for aluminum frame not steel. Dave proposed to buy the awning under the Field Day budget if it's less than \$250. Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Jen and Dave W. Motion passed. Kelly also requested Executive Session with Radio Control Ops after the meeting.

Ken Harrison reported the message on the club phone is way out of date. Need someone familiar with phone system to update.

Larry Gustafson-still hasn't been able to contact Piner HS principal regarding overflow parking for Field Day. He went into office and talked to someone who gave him form to fill out. Said he should know in a couple days if we can have overflow parking there, but it doesn't look like a problem.

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He also reported the club owns four tents which need to be ID'd somehow. He'll be taking a thorough inventory at Field Day. Has dropped off Field Day flyers at HSC. Lee Dibble was at Santa Rosa City Council meeting Tuesday where it was announced next week will be Amateur Radio week. Larry will try to have City Council come out for breakfast and see if they can help get TV50 to come out.

Food -- must pay John KD2LQ by Tuesday 6/23 to get ticket. No ticket, no meal. Cost is \$6 for ½ chicken or beef ribs; \$8 for both. This includes Sunday breakfast. If breakfast only, cost is \$3.00.

Jim McLaughlin. Novice station will be KD6KWM. Dave New, Brian Torr and Larry Gustafson will bring their radios and will be responsible for ensuring operators know how to operate. Primary station captains

will be: CW1 - Adam McLaughlin, CW2 - Dave New, Phone 1 - Larry Gustafson, Phone 2 - Brian Torr. Backups will be Cortland Richmond KA5S, and John Mullen KD2LQ with the two club radios. Larry will borrow another radio as secondary backup. Jim also stated that the Operating Schedule Detail passed around at last meeting was of bands probably most often used. Operators can change bands on paperwork if they'd like to work another frequency. Each operating station will display a sheet for band being operated. There will be one CW and one SSB sheet for each band.

Bill Hillendahl - got ARRL literature samples for FD use. Lit is free, but club has to pay shipping.

Brian Torr - in charge of Field Day antennas, brought in a Slinky Antenna made of eight metal Slinkys from design he found on the web. Brian also got an idea of quantities of coax the club owns.

James Dean - reported on Swap Meet (in Colleen's absence). Colleen would like to have short foxhunt at Swap Meet. Was also wondering if it's possible to get two sets of VE's so they can get up and check out the Swap Meet. Was directed to talk to VE Coordinator Bill Kinder. Larry suggested having operating HF station.

Holly Gleason - reported that Membership packet is being updated. Including new sections on Field Day, Foxhunting and Elmering.

Joel Nadler - Needs stamp with club address. Cost will be about \$16.00. Motion made to allow Joel to buy stamp by Ken Harrison, seconded by Dave Willey. Motion passed.

Kelly Cureton - mentioned that Bruce Donecker is not a club member but allows us to have a repeater on his property at English Hill. Wanted to know if we could make him an honorary club member. Motion made by Jen Dewey to make Bruce Donecker an honorary club member, seconded by Ken Harrison. Motion passed.

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(not submitted due to illness)

Hope you're feeling better Jen!



More Membership Info

Here are the names and addresses of more club members whose names were not included on last month's roster.

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New prefix for Pitcairn

The new prefix for Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific is VP6. The British possession changed its call sign prefix from VR6 to VP6 on May 1. Call sign suffixes will remain the same. As part of the reversion of Hong Kong to China, the British government also ceded the international ITU prefix block, VRA-VRZ, to China. Old timers may recall that VP6 used to belong to Barbados before it became independent.

Worldwide ham population

According to the annual statistics collected by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), there were 2,777,000 amateur radio operators in the world in 1997.--thanks to Nao Akiyama, NX1L

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SCRAPS

Nine hams were present to help out on Sunday, June 14, during the

bike, swim event - did not include the ocean swim this year due to the poor weather. Race officials deleted the swim portion of the competition at the beginning of the month, way before the day turned out to be sunny, hot, and humid! Lee Dibble KE6EAQ, served as net control with Barnaby O'Leary, KQ6EX serving as his assistant. Other club members who participated were:

John Mullen KD2LQ, Dave Dewey KF6DDP,

James Dean KF6DHB, Bob Olsten WD6DPE,

Bob Scolnick K6GEV, Ted DeCroff KB6PTA, and

Joel Nadler KJ6LF. A big *THANKS!!* to all those who came out to participate and help make this event a success!

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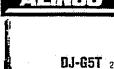


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