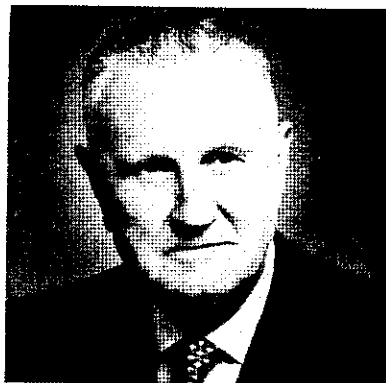


HISTORY
of
SONS IN RETIREMENT
A MATEUR RADIO CLUB
SIRARC



FOUNDED JANUARY 1, 1974
BY



MILLARD C. GEORGE
K6ZRY



Preface

January 1, 1982

Eight years ago today SIRARC was founded, with the following three as its first members:

Millard C. George - K6ZRY
August L. Bernes - W6HCE
Kenneth L. Snell - K6KQH

Inasmuch as W6HCE is a SILENT KEY and K6KQH is no longer a member, as its Founder, I am the only member of SIRARC who has in his possession, both in writing and memory, full and complete data regarding its organization and operation from the date of its inception todate.

In view of the above, I felt it my duty and very important to write this full and complete History of SIRARC, covering the first eight years, while all of the information was available and fresh in my memory. The first eight years of SIRARC operation has given definite proof that this Radio Club will continue to grow proportionally to the growth of its Parent Organization, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and should exist until the end of time. As long as I am a member of SIRARC, and able to do so, I will continue to keep this History updated currently. It is my sincere hope that, when I become a SILENT KEY, other Historians will be appointed who will be dedicated enough to maintain an updated and lasting History for future reference, and in memory of those who have given so generously their time and talent to make SIRARC the outstanding Radio Club it is today.

While it is possibly of little interest or importance to the membership today, for history of the Club and membership in years to come, it could be of some importance and interest to know something about SIRARC's Founder. I became a member of Sons In Retirement in March 1968. I have always been interested in organization work - my first real effort on my own was as Co-Founder and Organizer, as well as first President, of the Berkeley Camera Club, which is now one of the largest and well-known Camera Clubs in California. The Club presented me with a Plaque of Honorary Life Membership on October 21, 1972. My dedicated work with Sons In Retirement is as follows:

Peralta Branch No. 12 - Greeter 1969-1970
" " " " - Program Chairman 1971-1973
" " " " - Little Sir 1973

Peralta Branch No. 12 - Big Sir 1974
Director State Board Sons In Retirement 1974
Secretary of State Board 1974-1975
State Chairman for SIRARC 1974
State Vice-President of Sons In Retirement 1975
State President of Sons In Retirement 1976
State Chairman of Advisory Board 1977

Having served to the best of my ability at both the Branch and State Board Level, time has tempered my desire to accept any further heavy responsibility in the Organization - it is time for me to slow down and let the younger group assume all responsibilities, which I am sure they are most capable and willing to do. It has all been a very personal rewarding experience. I have made countless long and lasting friendships through these years which I value very much and which I shall never forget!

Millard E. George
Founder and First President

Updating History

In writing and outlining this History, special consideration has been given to an easy and convenient method of keeping it updated currently. It has been broken down into eleven sections, each section being numbered one and up. As time goes on, sections will require additional pages which can be numbered consecutively for the section in question.

Your Historian, Millard George K6ZRY at present, is maintaining a Master Copy which will be kept updated currently and from which future copies will be made for members as ordered. The Historian will advise the SIRARC Secretary of any and all additions, deletions, etc. and the Secretary in turn will include one special paragraph entitled UPDATING OF SIRARC HISTORY in his Luncheon Meeting Reports. In this manner, each holder can update his own History, with the following exception:

In cases where an additional page has been added, or sufficient changes made in the original page, the Historian will deliver copies of such pages so the Secretary can include same with the Luncheon Meeting Report going to the Holder of a History. For this purpose the Historian will maintain an updated List of History Holders.

SECTION XI - LUNCHEON MEETING REPORTS contains a copy of each and every meeting activity. To the present "old-timers" of the Club who have been a member from almost the beginning, and who have kept their copies, the inclusion of these reports in this History may appear to be a waste of printing cost. However, again, this History was designed for the long "pull", and the History would not be complete for new members coming into the Club who might want a copy if Luncheon Meeting Reports from the beginning were not included.

Each History Holder should insert each Luncheon Meeting Report in his binder as received from the Secretary to keep his History updated.

. HISTORIAN

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SECTION I



General History



GENERAL HISTORY

The idea of a State-Wide Radio Club, as a special activity of our Parent Organization Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, was conceived during the latter part of 1973 when I was Little Sir of Peralta Branch No. 12. Inasmuch as there were three Amateur Operators in Branch No. 12, I had the feeling there must be a sufficient number of interested Amateurs throughout the State Organization to form a successful and lasting Radio Club. With this idea in mind, I met with the other two Amateurs in our branch, August L. Bernes W6HCE and Kenneth L. Snell K6KQH, to get their reaction to such an idea. They were equally enthusiastic about the formation of a Radio Club, even if we were able to locate only a few Amateurs throughout the entire State Organization who were interested in becoming members. Accordingly, on January 1, 1974, SIRARC became a reality, with three members:

Millard C. George K6ZRY
August L. Bernes W6HCE
Kenneth L. Snell K6KQH

On January 1, 1974, immediately after taking office as Big Sir of Peralta Branch No. 12, I addressed a letter to the Big Sirs of all Sons In Retirement Branches, with copies to the State Board Officers and Area Governors, seeking their cooperation. A copy of this letter is included in SECTION X, MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST. While waiting for a response to this letter, the three of us met regularly to complete SIRARC's basic organization, on the assumption that the Radio Club would be a success.

Inasmuch as this was to be an activity of our Parent Organization, we chose the name SIRARC - short for Sons In Retirement Amateur Radio Club. Time has proved our decision to be sound, as the name has been enthusiastically accepted by all members during the past eight years, as well as by the State Board of our Parent Organization. Also, the name has become well known to hundreds of "Non-Sir" Amateurs throughout central and northern California.

The next step was the drafting of suggested Rules and Procedures under which SIRARC was to operate. Simple effective Rules, and as few as possible, are the cement that holds any organization together. After considerable study and discussion, the following Rules were drafted and tentatively accepted by the three of us:

1. SIRARC membership is open only to members of Sons In Retirement, Inc., who hold current FCC Amateur Radio Licenses.
2. On-the-air Net Operations are to be conducted in as informal manner as possible that is acceptable to good operational procedures.

3. SIRARC has been organized primarily for the pleasure of those participating and, in addition, to serve as a liaison unit for inter-branch communications and discussions of mutual interest.
4. SIRARC should not be considered as a traffic net, as such, but we stand ready to help out in any way we can in case of emergency communications. This is the code of all Amateur Radio Operators.

The above Rules are still in effect, with slight amendment and addition. These changes will be shown later as adopted by the membership.

The enthusiastic response to my letters to Branch Big Sirs and Area Governors was overwhelming. By March 12, 1974, less than two and one half months after my letters were mailed, the membership in SIRARC had reached 38. Our first Roll Call on the air was March 12, 1974, lasting from 10:30 A.M. to 12:10 P.M. Inasmuch as most of the 38 members were equipped to operate on 40 meters, and many not equipped to operate on 80 meters, we chose any available frequency in the neighborhood of 7225 to 7250 KHz SSB. It was a rather confusing net due to crowded band conditions and high noise level. The following 21 members checked in on this first Roll Call:

W6BNH	George H. Smith - Now a Silent Key
W6BUY	John D. Holmes, Jr.
W6BZ	Melvin D. Whiteman - Now a Silent Key
W6CBR	George P. Johnson
W6CBX	Norton C. DeWolfe
K6ER	Joseph Spatafore - No longer a member
W6FDV	Pete Antonio - Now a Silent Key
W6HCE	August L. Bernes - Now a Silent Key
K6JI	George B. McCullough - No longer a member
W6JTQ	Lewis B. Steward, Jr.
W6JXJ	C. C. Swanson - No longer a member
K6KQH	Kenneth L. Snell - No longer a member
W6LGW	Oscar W. Peterson - Now a Silent Key
W6MYI	Nicolas M. Nungent - Now a Silent Key
W6GNTW	Kenneth M. Eberts - No longer a member
W6PGQ	Dave H. Brodie
K6TCD	Wilbur A. Meyer - No longer a member
W6TVO	Elwyn C. Bau
K6VY	Robert C. Harriss - Now a Silent Key
W6WUD	Fred H. Wolcott
K6ZRY	Millard C. George

I served as Net Control for the first Roll Call.

John Holmes W6BUY served as Net Control for the second Roll Call, which was on March 25, 1974, at 10:30 A.M., using the frequency of 7233 KHz SSB, with 19 members checking in. Again the band was crowded and the noise level high. After the above two rather unsatisfactory nets on 40 meters, it was agreed by all to move to 80 meters, using 3925 KHz SSB as our regular frequency, and meet each Friday morning from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. This time and

frequency has worked out so well that, after eight years, we maintain this same schedule. The Friday morning schedule has developed into a very fine net, with an average of about 25 members checking in. In reviewing my records, I find that the smallest number checking in was six on April 19, 1974. The largest number checking in was 45 on November 19, 1976. As of December 31, 1981, SIRARC has the following eight weekly nets:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>MODE</u>
Tuesday	08:15	7085 KHz	CW
"	10:00	145.80 MHz	AM
Wednesday	09:00	7275 KHz	SSB
Thursday	08:15	3770 KHz	QRQ CW
"	09:00	3725 KHz	QRS CW
"	10:30	145.85/.25 MHz	FM
Friday	08:15	3770 KHz	CW
"	10:00	3925 KHz	SSB

There are fast CW nets for general rag-chewing and one slow-speed net, organized and conducted by "Lammy" W6URA, to assist the Novices and Technicians in meeting the required code speed for a General Class License. Lammy has been most dedicated and done a wonderful job in this connection. Lammy was awarded a Special Certificate of Recognition at the June 27, 1981 Luncheon. The following page is a copy of the Standard Preamble adopted for use by all Net Controls before proceeding with Roll Call.

By mid-March, word regarding the successful organization of SIRARC had reached Sons In Retirement State President Harry Mayfield, who was sufficiently impressed with our growth and enthusiasm that he declared it a State activity of Sons In Retirement and appointed me as State Chairman to represent SIRARC at the Sir State Board Meetings. A copy of the letter received from President Mayfield confirming that appointment is included in SECTION X, MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our first business luncheon was held at Spenger's in Berkeley on May 24, 1974, with a total of 28 members and one very brave, but welcome, XYL in attendance. As of that date, our membership had reached 51, representing 27 Sir Branches. The first order of business was to elect a slate of officers, the results of which were:

PRESIDENT AND STATE BOARD CHAIRMAN - Millard C. George K6ZRY
 VICE PRESIDENT - August L. Bernes W6HCE
 SECRETARY/TREASURER - Donald G. Dunn K6BJJ

Effective February 1, 1975, due to Sons In Retirement State Board responsibilities, I resigned as SIRARC State Chairman and Robert C. Harriss K6VY was appointed as my successor.



AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
SIRARC

STANDARD PREAMBLE

The following suggested preamble is based on the original composed by Past-President Al Bernes, W6HCE, in 1976, for use on the Friday morning 75-meter SSB net. It has been revised with the help of suggestions from WA6FXC and W6BOW.

CQ -- CQ -- CQ SIRARC

THIS IS_____, NET CONTROL FOR THE SONS IN RETIREMENT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB_____METER NET WHICH MEETS EACH_____MORNING AT_____HOURS LOCAL TIME ON OR ABOUT_____KHZ. ALTHOUGH THIS NET IS OPERATED PRIMARILY FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF SIRARC, ANY AMATEUR IS WELCOME TO CHECK IN. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF SONS IN RETIREMENT AND ARE INTERESTED IN SIRARC, OUR SECRETARY,_____, WILL GLADLY SEND YOU AN APPLICATION.

TO EXPEDITE NET ACTIVITY, SIRARC WOULD APPRECIATE THE USE OF THIS FREQUENCY FOR APPROXIMATELY THE NEXT HOUR. BEFORE STARTING ROLL CALL, WE WILL CALL ON OUR PRESIDENT,_____, FOR ANY COMMENTS HE MAY HAVE. (President should respond)

NOW OUR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT,_____. (First V.P. should respond)

NOW OUR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT,_____. (2nd V.P. should respond)

NOW OUR SECRETARY,_____. (Secretary should respond)

WE WILL NOW COMMENCE ROLL CALL STARTING ON PAGE_____OF OUR CHECK SHEETS. PLEASE ANSWER WITH YOUR CALL AND QTH, RESERVING YOUR REMARKS FOR THE SECOND GO-ROUND WHICH WILL FOLLOW.

(After reaching your own position on the list, you should invite one of the succeeding stations to be net control next week and you should be his back-up. In selecting a net control, it is advisable to pick one who has good two-way communication with most of the stations in the net.)

(After net the following conclusion)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. THIS IS_____CONCLUDING THE SIRARC NET AT_____HOURS. NEXT WEEK NET CONTROL WILL BE _____AND I WILL BACK HIM UP. GOOD DAY GENTLEMEN AND 73

The first luncheon meeting was a long session, but much was accomplished in the way of organization and approval of the Rules and Procedures as written by the original members K6ZRY, W6HCE and K6KQH. Other details and action taken at this meeting are included in my report on the First Meeting to all members, which is included in SECTION XI, LUNCHEON MEETING REPORTS. SIRARC was very fortunate that Donald G. Dunn K6BJJ accepted the responsibility as the first Secretary-Treasurer. Don was a very dedicated individual and did an excellent job during his term. Fortunately, he continued the practice of preparing a report of each luncheon meeting. This practice has also been continued by our competent and dedicated Secretary Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ. As a result the SECTION XI, LUNCHEON MEETING REPORTS is, in its self, almost a complete History of SIRARC. It is hoped that through the years to come these reports will be continued and included in the History of SIRARC. In view of the above, it is not necessary to add very little, if any, to this History, as these reports will carry most information regarding activities and actions taken by the Executive Board, from meeting to meeting. Any special information will be currently added to the History to keep it updated.

The decision to include the XYLs at our luncheon meetings has added a social side to our activity which I personally feel is most important. With good programs of interest to the XYLs, as well as the members, the regular attendance at our luncheons is now nearing the 150 mark, about forty five percent of which is XYLs.

Discussion has come up from time to time regarding the rotation of the luncheon meetings between Sacramento, Berkeley and possibly San Jose. However, at least for the present, the membership as a whole prefer Spenger's in Berkeley which is centrally located. Also the food is excellent, the price is right and the service is good.

President Harry Mayfield's interest in the progress of SIRARC remained strong throughout 1974. On Friday, July 26, 1974, W6JXJ, C. C. Sansom of Saratoga invited President Harry to his Shack to hear our SIRARC SSB Net in operation. President Harry was greatly impressed and came on the air to extend his greetings and congratulations on the fine progress of our organization. By this time I was a member of the State Board of Sons In Retirement as State Secretary, as well as President of SIRARC and State Chairman.

At the State Board Meeting on August 5, 1974, I had the pleasure of presenting President Harry Mayfield with a special Certificate of Recognition on behalf

of SIRARC, which read, in part, as follows:

SONS IN RETIREMENT

Amateur Radio Club

SIRARC

HONORS

HARRY L. MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED 1974

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WITH AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN "SIRARC" IN
RECOGNITION OF HIS INTEREST AND GUEST PARTICIPATION
IN OUR NET OPERATIONS ON JULY 26, 1974

Our first SIRARC Roster was prepared and presented to the membership on August 1, 1974. After considerable searching, I found an "ANGEL" in The Great Western Savings and Loan who did the printing and binding in a beautiful silver color, all for FREE.

Our Secretary, Walter Jones WB6PIZ, now keeps our Roster updated throughout the year.

I had the feeling from the beginning that each member of SIRARC would appreciate an attractive Membership Certificate to display on his "Shack" wall. Early in May 1975, I discussed this with the Executive Board and all heartily agreed it should be done. To make the Certificate more attractive, I felt it should carry the adopted Gold Seal of Sons In Retirement, which, of course, required approval at the State Board Level. Accordingly, I wrote President Lee Perryman on May 13, 1975, asking for such approval. A copy of his reply approving the use of the Corporation Gold Seal is included in SECTION X, MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST, for ready reference in case a question should arise at any time regarding our authority to use the Seal. The Gold Seals are furnished by the State Board Supply Chairman on request, at cost. At the present time the cost is about \$4.00 per hundred and, as time goes on, this will undoubtedly be increased. With President Perryman's approval to use the Gold Seal, I proceeded to design our present Membership Certificate, a copy of which is enclosed for history should the Executive Board decide at any time to revise it. This copy is found in Section II, MEMBERSHIP ROLL. I spent the next few months preparing a Certificate, with the name in old English letters, for each member. Our fifth member-XYL luncheon was held on October 10, 1975, at Spenger's, at which time I presented Membership Certificates to the 102 members as of that date. These Certificates are now prepared currently and presented to new members at each Luncheon Meeting.

Individuals who willingly give their time to present a program at our Luncheon Meetings, at no cost to us, certainly should have some special recognition for their time and effort. Accordingly, I designed a Certificate of Recognition which has, for some time been presented to each individual as a Guest Speaker or for presenting a program. For record purposes, a copy of this Certificate is included in SECTION VIII, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS.

In mid 1977, the SIRARC Executive Board passed a resolution that a special Certificate of Recognition, sealed under plastic on a plaque board, should be designed and presented to each Past President and each outgoing President at the end of his term in office. In compliance with this resolution, I designed such a Certificate, a copy of which is included in SECTION VIII, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS. Such a plaque was presented to me and to Past President Paul K. Churchill W6QBY at our eleventh luncheon on October 1, 1977. This plaque has been presented to each out-going President since that date.

The first change in our original four simple Rules covering SIRARC membership and operations was made at the July 2, 1976 Luncheon. "Dead Wood" in any organization, if permitted to remain, is comparable to leaving one "rotten" apple in the barrel - if permitted to remain all apples in close contact soon become rotten. After considerable discussion, the membership adopted the resolution to add Rule No. 5, reading:

5. Any member who, for a period of one year, has shown no interest in the Club, shall be dropped from the Roster. In this context, interest can take the form of Luncheon Attendance, Net Check-In, a contribution by mail, or in fact almost any kind of communication which shows at least some degree of interest.

The second change was made at the February 25, 1977 Luncheon, at which time the membership voted to amend Rule No. 1 as follows:

1. Regular SIRARC Membership is open only to members of Sons In Retirement, Inc., who hold current FCC Amateur Licenses. An active member who loses his qualifications may, at the discretion of the Executive Board, be kept on as an ASSOCIATE MEMBER. A regular member who has rendered outstanding service to SIRARC may, by vote of the membership, be awarded HONORARY MEMBERSHIP should he become disqualified.

In view of the above Amendment a resolution was then proposed and adopted by the membership, reading as follows:

Since our retiring President Paul K. Churchill, W6QBY, is planning to move to Southern California and will, therefore, cease to be a member of Sons In Retirement, Inc., the Secretary is authorized to bestow upon him the Class of HONORARY MEMBER.

The Honorary Membership presented to Paul on September 30, 1977, reads as follows:

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED

Amateur Radio Club

SIRARC SERVICE AWARD

Be It Known To All Concerned That
This Award Is Conferred On

PAUL K. CHURCHILL - W6QBY

President 1975 - HONORARY MEMBER

In Recognition And Appreciation Of His Outstanding And Dedicated Service To Further The Ideals Of Amateur Radio And The Principles Of S I R A R C

On October 10, 1981, Sons In Retirement State President Kenneth J. Casper addressed a letter to SIRARC State Chairman Clyde H. Sunderland questioning our authority to confer Honorary or Associate Membership on any individual and even requesting that, if we had any members in SIRARC who were not members of Sons In Retirement they must be dropped from our roster. This matter was fully discussed at the Executive Board Meeting on October 22, 1981, and Clyde was authorized to write President Casper, explaining the full matter and advise him we did not feel we were out of line in making such presentation inasmuch as we are only an activity and not a branch; and that such Honorary Membership was conferred on Paul as an Honorary Member in SIRARC and not Sons In Retirement. At the Sirs State Board Meeting on December 7, 1981, I had the opportunity to further discuss this matter with President Casper and also the State Legal Advisor, both of whom, after hearing the full details, agreed that our action was not in violation of Sons In Retirement Rules and Procedures and By-Laws and the matter could be considered as closed. President Casper said he would make such a note on his file copy and pass it on to incoming President Jack Lubbock, so that no further action would be forthcoming. I also discussed this matter with President-Elect Lubbock. For future reference, should this matter be brought up at a subsequent date, I am including a copy of President Casper's letter of October 10, 1981, in SECTION X - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

At this point, it might be well to explain why original Rule No. 1 was written to limit SIRARC Membership to only those individuals who are current members of our Parent Organization Sons In Retirement, Incorporated. Most of us are, or

have been at one time or another, members of other Radio Clubs during our years of operation. We have seen young Amateurs, full of temporary vim, vigor and enthusiasm, join the Club and try to change every rule in the book." In a short time all of this interest has worn off and, one by one, they disappear, leaving the Club with "dead wood" on the roll. In addition to this, when Rule No. 1 was written, it was our feeling that the younger operator was living in an entirely different world than we "retirees" and would not fit into our organization. By Rule No. 1 eliminating this type of Amateur Operator, we have an exclusive group of old-time operators who have survived the youthful "drop-outs" and who have made Ham Radio our hobby and what it is today. This feature, plus the fact that there are no dues, club being supported by voluntary contribution from the membership, SIRARC is, without doubt, the most unique Amateur Radio Club in existence. It is a Club which will have a slow but steady growth in proportion to the membership growth of our Parent Organization, one which will never fade away but will continue to grow until the end of time. For this reason, I have prepared this History and it is most important that this SIRARC HISTORY BE UPDATED CURRENTLY. Long after those of us who are members today become SILENT KEYS, this History will be of extreme importance and interest to the members of the Club at that time.

Even though our regular membership is limited exclusively to members of Sons In Retirement and Net Roll Call made accordingly, we do recognize the "break" of a non-member of SIRARC on our weekly nets. It is not only the privilege of any licensed Amateur to call for a "break" into any existing QSO, but it is our duty to be polite and recognize same and welcome his comments.

With today's rebel trends, we may some day face a discrimination charge due to the wording of Rule No. 1, but we will face that should it happen and, in the meantime, may we enjoy our activity and nets as now set up.

For quick and easy reference, the complete updated Rules, as of January 1, 1982, are repeated as follows:

1. Regular SIRARC membership is open only to members of SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC., who hold current FCC Amateur Licenses. An active member who loses his qualifications may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be kept on as an ASSOCIATE MEMBER.

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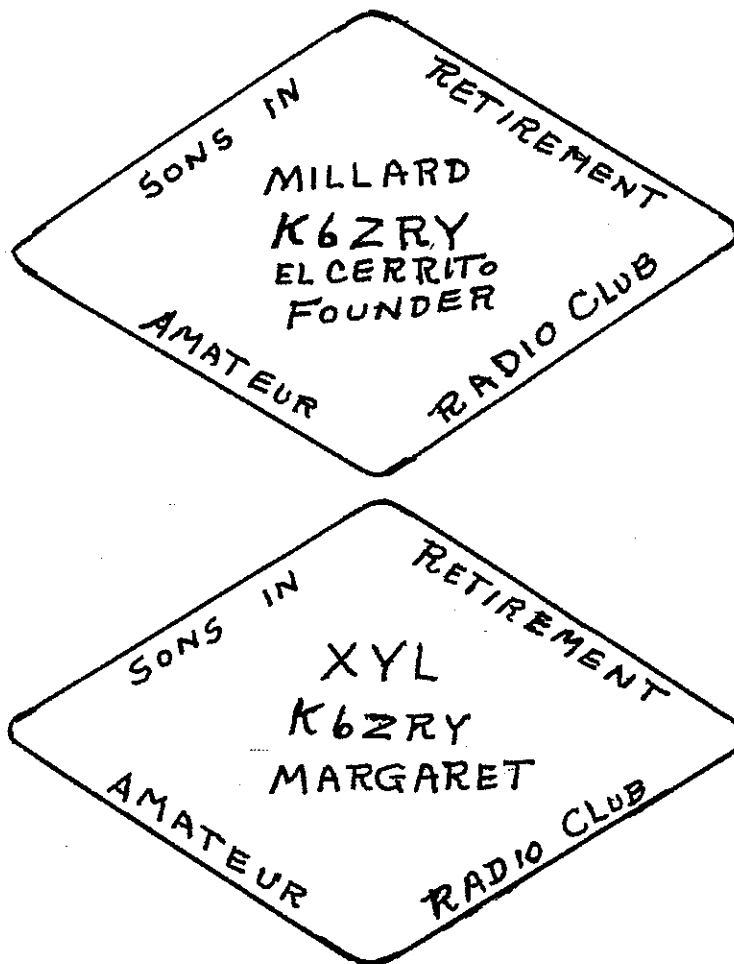
Even though SIRARC was organized primarily as a "rag-chew" Club, we have not overlooked the fact that it is our duty and willingness to assist in any kind of emergency, local, state or national. Many of our old-time members have been through the "mill" in emergency operations, either individually or as an organized team, handling communications and traffic around the clock when all other means of communication were out. Any number of SIRARC Members are equipped with mobile rigs or have portable generators for use at base stations or in the field. Some of the most modern and high-powered equipment is in the hands of our members, which can reach almost any point on the Globe, band conditions permitting. SIRARC has members who are equipped to operate on every frequency allocated to the Radio Amateur, either on AM, FM, SSB or CW.

Many members have Public Service Awards hanging on their "shack" wall covering their service in emergency conditions. These Awards were presented to them by The American Radio Relay League, Inc., a National Organization of Amateur Radio Operators, in recognition of their service. In order that this SIRARC History may have on record how SIRARC Members can be, or have been, of great help in emergencies, I would like each member who holds a Public Service Award send me a good Xerox copy for inclusion in SECTION IX, PUBLIC SERVICES RENDERED AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS. I would also like to have a memorandum of the circumstances covering the emergency operation for which such Award was issued. The memorandum can be hand-written or typed and I will retype for inclusion in this History.

At the meeting on February 25, 1977, it was announced that SIRARC had become well enough known that we had been invited to become a member of CCRC, Central California Radio Council. The membership voted to accept the invitation, sending a representation to the Council Meetings and paying the required \$6.00 Annual Dues.

Our Silent Key Member, Robert C. Harriss K6VY, designed the beautiful SIRARC Badges, now worn by most of the members and their XYLs at our luncheons. The

design was enthusiastically approved and accepted by the Executive Committee in April 1976. An exact-size facsimile of these Badges is shown below:



For quick reference and easy indexing, this History has been broken down into eleven SECTIONS. Also, for easy indexing and additions throughout the years, each SECTION has its pages numbered from one up. Any addition to any SECTION will be numbered consecutively up.

When I founded SIRARC January 1, 1974, little did I realize it would have such a fantastic growth. It is my hope that we can instill in the new members the same interest and enthusiasm enjoyed by the current membership. This will be our best insurance that SIRARC will remain the outstanding Radio Club it is today and be in existence all through the years that follow.

The writing of this History has given me the opportunity to relive the first eight years of SIRARC. I count my blessings for the many friends I have made through SIRARC and I assure you these friendships will be valued until I have become a SILENT KEY.

Millard K6ZRY
January 1, 1982

YEAR 1982

Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ completed six years service in February 1982 as our SECRETARY/TREASURER. The Secretary of any organization carries a heavier work-load than any other officer, and SIRARC is no exception. As our organization has grown, Walter's work has increased accordingly. He is extremely dedicated and has exceptional talent for this office and has done an outstanding job during these six years. Our Founder and Past President, Millard George K6ZRY, presented Walter, on behalf of SIRARC, a Certificate of Recognition, sealed under plastic, at the February 5th Luncheon, as a token of appreciation for his dedicated work.

Hard-Bound copies of this History were presented to the President and Secretary-Treasurer at the Executive Board Meeting on January 28th. Inasmuch as the above officers have need for full updated information on SIRARC at all times, it was moved, seconded and passed that these copies should remain in the custody of the current officers at all times. It was also moved, seconded and passed that an updated copy of SIRARC History would be presented to each President and/or Secretary/Treasurer at the end of his term in office.

SECTION II



Membership Roll



The Membership Roll includes the name of every Amateur who is, or has been, a member of SIRARC. After eliminating those shown as dropped or SILENT KEYS, those remaining are current active members. The members are listed in consecutive order as of the date they became a member in SIRARC. The date of each member's application is considered the date of membership. Only those who passed away while an Active Member in SIRARC are shown under the Silent Key Column in the Membership Roll and listed in SECTION IV, SILENT KEYS.

At our first luncheon meeting on May 24, 1974, it was agreed that all individuals whose application was dated on or before MAY 24, 1974, would be considered as CHARTER MEMBERS.

In years to come, it will be very interesting to the members to look back over the long list of Amateurs who made SIRARC the Radio Club it is.

NO.	NAME	HANDLE	CALL	MEMBER- SHIP DATE	DROPPED	SILENT KEY
1	Millard C. George	Millard	K6ZRY	1-1-74		
2	August L. Bernes	Al	W6HCE	1-1-74		*
3	Kenneth L. Snell	Ken	K6KQH	1-1-74	*	
4	Kenneth M. Eberts	Ken	WB6NTW	2-27-74	*	
5	David H. Brodie	Dave	W6PGQ	2-28-74		
6	Carroll V. Steffen	Carroll	K6AY	3-1-74		
7	Joseph Spatafore	Joe	K6ER	3-1-74	*	
8	George B. McCullough	George	K6JI	3-1-74	*	
9	C. C. Sansom	Sandy	W6JXJ	3-1-74	*	
10	Milton R. Mausshardt	Milt	W6KPO	3-1-74		
11	Walter B. Jones	Walt	WB6PIZ	3-1-74		
12	J. Howard Zurcher	Howard	W6RCE	3-1-74		*
13	Claude A. Cole	Claude	W6YCT	3-1-74		
14	Melvin O. Whiteman	Mel	W6BZ	3-2-74		*
15	Norton C. DeWolfe	Nort	W6CBX	3-2-74		
16	George F. Burnley	George	WA6DZD	3-2-74		
17	William G. Gerlach (ASSOCIATE MEMBER)	Bill	W6BG	3-3-74		
18	Lewis B. Steward Jr.	Lew	W6JTQ	3-3-74		
19	Walter C. Erwin	Walt	W6THO	3-3-74		
20	Robert C. Harriss	Bob	K6VY	3-3-74		*
21	Richard C. Frey	Dick	W6IPK	3-4-74	*	
22	Thomas A. Bayley	Tom	W6NQJ	3-4-74		
23	George E. Elliot	Pappy	W6OPW	3-4-74		
24	George P. Johnson	Pres	W6CBR	3-5-74		
25	Pete Antonino	Pete	W6FDV	3-5-74		*
26	Walter Spicer	Walt	WA6UMQ	3-5-74	*	
27	Nicholas M. Nugent	Nick	W6MYI	3-6-74		*
28	Elwyn C. Beu	El	W6TVO	3-6-74		
29	George H. Smith	George	W6BNH	3-7-74		*
30	Claude H. Gregory	Claude	W6AWB	3-8-74	*	
31	Wilbur A. Meyer	Bill	K6TCD	3-10-74	*	
32	John D. Holmes Jr.	Jack	W6BUY	3-12-74		
33	Leo Barusch (Dr.)	Leo	WA6KYY	3-12-74		
34	Oscar W. Peterson	Pete	W6LGW	3-12-74		*

NO.	NAME	HANDLE	CALL	MEMBER- SHIP DATE	DROPPED	SILENT KEY
35	Fred H. Wolcott	Fred	W6WUD	3-12-74		
36	Clyde H. Sunderland	Clyde	W6CBF	3-20-74		
37	William R. Gielow	Bill	WA6FXC	3-27-74		
38	Roy F. Stuart	Roy	W6JXI	3-28-74		*
39	Paul K. Churchill (HONORARY MEMBER)	Paul	W6QBY	3-30-74		
40	Gerald F. Crowley	Jerry	W6TLC	4-10-74		
41	Donald G. Dunn	Don	K6BJJ	4-26-74		
42	Edward L. Miller	Ed	K6DFR	4-27-74	*	
43	Anton A. Hirth	Tony	WB6QGG	5-1-74		
44	Lon M. Hildebrand	Lon	W6QUE	5-2-74		
45	Charles P. Henry	Charley	W6EJA	5-3-74		
46	Jack E. Jones	Jack	W6LOI	5-3-74		
47	Earl A. Putzker	Earl	W6FQA	5-6-74		
48	Donald W. P. Larnach	Don	W6SY	5-14-74		
49	Clyde W. Preble	Clyde	WA6OLA	5-17-74		
50	Anthony C. Santos	Tony	K6OSX	5-20-74	*	
51	H.I. Rothrock	Rocky	WB6QNZ	5-24-74		

BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE FIRST BUSINESS
LUNCHEON ON MAY 24, 1974, THE ABOVE FIFTY ONE
WERE DECLARED CHARTER MEMBERS.

52	Cecil J. Hawkins	Cec	WB6LVS	5-28-74	*	
53	Lewis M. Campbell	Marvin	W6ULB	6-1-74		
54	James P. Allan	Jim	W6HSY	7-1-74		
55	Keith Hildebrand	Keith	WA6AHD	7-2-74		
56	Herbert E. Welch	Herb	W6PRD	7-10-74		
57	Ted R. Baese	Ted	W6VQK	7-15-74		
58	Kenneth M. Jeffers	Ken	WA6VQF	7-29-74	*	
59	Orin K. Batesole	Orin	W6HJE	8-27-74		
60	Louis J. Wiman	Lou	K6BBZ	9-6-74		
61	Joseph W. Lowry	Joe	W6QZ	9-7-74		*
62	Butler J. Osborne	Barney	W6US	9-21-74		*
63	Ferris W. Hartman	Hart	W6VJN	10-13-74		
64	Ray L. Bowers	Ray	WA6JNY	10-22-74		
65	Henry C. Wiekling	Henry	W6MOP	11-1-74		
66	Willard B. Tallmon	Bill	W6DVB	11-6-74		
67	Roy I. Post	Roy	WA6FUN	11-20-74		
68	Paul M. Patane	Paul	WA6JOQ	12-7-74		*
69	Hugh D. Avary	Hugh	W6CD	12-8-74		
70	Wm. G. Baker	Bill	W6VIZ	12-12-74		
71	Felix C. Caldera	Cal	W6IKQ	12-20-74		
72	Elwood C. Moffitt	Elmo	W6MVD	12-27-74		
73	Marion H. Morris	MH	K6GJ	1-8-75	*	
74	John D. Clark	John	W6FDG	1-10-75		
75	Frederick R. Heward	Fred	K6EER	1-12-75	*	
76	Howard Gibson	Howard	WA6FMQ	1-16-75		
77	Clarence Hamma	Clarence	K6DEO	1-28-75		
78	John T. McCarley	John	W6NUE	1-28-75	*	
79	Harold Johnston	Hal	K6DCE	1-30-75	*	
80	Clinton M. Barrick	Clint	W6CP	2-1-75	*	
81	Charles Buckter	Charlie	W6BOW	2-4-75		
82	Robert W. Hutchinson	Bob	W6BGW	2-21-75		
83	W. B. Peard	Bill	WA6TZH	2-28-75	*	
84	James T. Hall	Jim	W6GY	3-4-75		
85	Leland A. Marks	Lee	W6MZO	3-4-75		

NO.	NAME	HANDLE	CALL	MEMBER- SHIP DATE	DROPPED	SILENT KEY
86	Roger R. Williams	Roger	W6WGF	3-4-75		
87	Victor E. Whitty	Vic	W6CBD	3-10-75		
88	Alden B. Chace	Alden	W6BBW	3-18-75		
89	Alfred C. Blanchard	Al	WA6EQK	3-19-75		
90	Alfred Woolf	Alfred	WB6SFP	3-31-75	*	
91	Robert W. Hewitt	Bob	WB6HOR	4-14-75		*
92	Robert N. Palmer	Bob	W6EJ	4-25-75	*	
93	William G. Hoover	Bill	K6PT	5-1-75		
94	Fred B. Mangeldorf	Fred	W6ZK	5-8-75		
95	F. D. Matthews	Frank	W6QWX	6-10-75		
96	Claude R. MacKay	Mac	WB6LMY	6-11-75		
97	A. L. Snow	Al	K6IMK	6-13-75		
98	Merle E. Smart	Merle	W6ATN	6-18-75		*
99	Harold F. Moore	Hal	W6DEF	6-18-75		*
100	Edward C. Callahan	Cal	W6KO	6-19-75	*	
101	Earle K. Snider	Earle	K6TST	6-19-75		
102	Ed. V. Fairbanks	Ed	W6AIN	7-11-75		
103	Wilber C. Roake	Bill	W6SER	7-21-75		
104	Wilson J. Cox	Bill	W6MUU	8-9-75	*	
105	Larry Wilson	Larry	W6SXR	9-2-75		
106	V. Wayne Kenaston	Wayne	WA6YCF	9-14-75		
107	Lyle V. Anderson	Lyle	K6PAC	9-22-75		
108	Lamartine C. Yeoman	Lammy	W6URA	10-16-75		
109	John S. Gove	John	W6KWC	11-10-75	*	
110	Harold I. Cobb	Harold	W6KDJ	11-25-75		
111	Paul H. Wildhofer	Paul	WA6VKE	1-25-76	*	
112	George Moss	George	W6AZS	1-26-76	*	
113	Seymour Malmuth	Seymour	W6FPL	2-16-76	*	
114	Brownlow A. Jacques	Brownie	W6HKD	3-8-76		
115	Erwin A. Rasmussen	Erv	W6YPM	3-16-76		
116	Sherman A. McDevitt	Mac	W6JFA	3-23-76		*
117	C. Soderquist	Sody	W6AER	4-1-76		
118	Burton E. Simpson	Burt	WA6GBQ	4-3-76	*	
119	N. B. Eddlestone	Ed	W6NBQ	4-12-76		
120	F. E. Hudson	Floyd	W6EMX	4-16-76	*	
121	J. L. Levensaler	Larry	WB6YIT	5-17-76		
122	Robert C. Colyar	Bob	WB6ZBF	5-17-76		
123	John L. Willette	John	W6BFF	5-22-76		
124	George Ed Clark	Ed	WA6CLF	6-14-76	*	
125	Robert H. Moore	Bob	W6GZC	6-14-76	*	
126	Ben Garrahan	Ben	K6LTN	6-18-76	*	
127	Loren A. Wann	Loren	WA6LPO	6-30-76		*
128	Elrino E. Neher	Reno	W6SZL	7-3-76		
129	Merrick M. Rees	Mike	WA6IAL	7-19-76		
130	Robert D. Browne	Bob	W6AHH	8-4-76		
131	John C. Bumgarner	John	K6OIJ	8-24-76	*	
132	R. L. Kreiss	Rudy	W6AHG	10-2-76		
133	Ralph W. Thornally	Ralph	W6NG	10-23-76		
134	John F. Roberts Jr.	Johnny	W6QXP	10-25-76		*
135	R. A. Hanlon	Russ	W6KJ	10-27-76		
136	Beryl F. Shade	Burl	WB6BRL	11-6-76		
137	Stanley C. Saniuk	Stan	W6PRR	1-6-77		
138	James Blanchet	Jim	W6BGU	2-24-77	*	
139	Larry M. Reed	Larry	W6CTH	2-26-77		
140	Steve Dodge	Steve	K6ZK	3-10-77		
141	Albert C. Kleppinger	Doc	W6DBH	5-27-77		

NO.	NAME	HANDLE	CALL	MEMBER- SHIP DATE	DROPPED	SILENT KEY
142	J. S. Nettleton	John	K6MKQ	6-7-77		
143	William F. Read	Bill	WD6AKC	6-10-77		
144	Lynn E. Barr	Lynn	WA6MWO	6-10-77		
145	James Wren	Jim	K6IZY	7-10-77		
146	E. Stewart Naschke	Stewart	W6DGL	10-20-77		*
147	Lyman Watts	Lyman	WA6FNC	10-27-77		
148	William L. Burris	Bill	WA6CJX	11-5-77	*	
149	Herbert J. Breuer	Herb	W6JN	11-21-77		
150	LeRoy P. Wallick Sr.	LeRoy	K6VPF	11-22-77		
151	Creed R. Hansford	Creed	W6ILH	12-16-77		
152	Robert B. Wolfe	Bob	WA6HIN	1-4-78		*
153	Ivan Whitver	Ivan	W6AML	1-16-78		
154	Russell McCabe	Russ	W6GIP	1-26-78		
155	Joseph A. Palumbo	Joe	W6ESZ	1-28-78		
156	Henry W. Eckhard	Hank	W6ON	1-31-78		
157	Irvin D. Martin	Irv	W6KTI	2-7-78		
158	Lloyd L. Swenson	Swede	N6CHL	2-14-78	*	
159	Ralph A. Cozad	Ralph	WA6NZP	3-10-78	*	
160	Charles Homewood	Charles	WB6WRV	3-26-78	*	
161	Elmer E. Callies	Elmer	K6IW	3-27-78		
162	Irwin Wolfe	Irv	W6HHN	4-28-78		
163	Don Spiva	Don	WD6FVF	6-1-78		
164	Frank T. Smith	Frank	W6WQO	6-2-78		
165	Bill Murphy	Bill	WA6PKR	6-20-78	*	
166	Frank H. Bowers	Frank	W6BLP	6-23-78		
167	Norman S. Buell	Norm	W6SJH	6-23-78		
168	Fred P. Terry	Fred	KA6BUE	7-7-78		
169	Albert J. Pryor	Al	KA6BBY	7-12-78	*	
170	Russell E. Kiem	Russ	WD6CQH	7-15-78		
171	Elwyn G. Lambert	Elwyn	W6CJC	7-30-78		
172	John Q. Rickey	John	W6BZV	9-23-78		*
173	Robert A. Eisen	Bob	W6QOY	10-12-78	*	
174	H. Bruce Baker	Bruce	W6YRK	10-16-78		
175	L. Paul Dixon	Paul	N6AVD	10-25-78		
176	Joseph A. Zimmerman	Joe	W6NOP	11-14-78		
177	John W. Green	John	KA6AHY	12-13-78		
178	Jerome F. Zobel	Jerry	W6ARA	1-2-79		
179	John H. Luhr	John	WA6LRB	1-26-79		*
180	Julian T. Travis	Julian	WD6AUA	2-5-79		*
181	Stanley C. Swift	Stan	WA6YVO	2-10-79		
182	Orville W. Baldock	Bill	W6GYA	2-22-79		
183	Charles Cliff Applegate	Cliff	W6BEP	2-26-79		
184	John E. Nelson	Nels	K6PJ	3-5-79		
185	Sterling C. Patterson	Pat	WB6EUI	3-14-79		
186	Howard S. Simpson	Howard	W6RLG	3-16-79		
187	Charles A. Enloe	Charlie	WA6TJJ	3-28-79		
188	Gerald J. Brentnall	Jerry	WA6CTT	3-31-79		
189	George H. Eveland	George	W6HKP	4-17-79		
190	Bernard E. Schnitzer	Bern	KB6OX	4-28-79		
191	Gus Hilpisch	Gus	W6DWJ	6-6-79		*
192	Robert M. King	Bob	WA6UNL	6-29-79		
193	James H. Allen	Jim	W6IQH	6-30-79		
194	John E. William	John	WD6FIR	7-1-79		*
195	Floyd E. Becker	Floyd	W6RJY	7-5-79		
196	Warren Tucker	Warren	WA6OUC	7-14-79		

NO.	NAME	HANDLE	CALL	MEMBER- SHIP DATE	DROPPED	SILENT KEY
197	Darrell H. Teachout	Darry	W6CPW	9-24-79		
198	Howard I. Mallory	Howard	N6CCS	10-5-79		
199	Warren W. Davis	Warren	K6PQI	10-5-79		
200	Robert L. Shrader	Bob	W6BNB	11-1-79		
201	Eugene G. Latapie	Gene	W6ACK	11-12-79		
202	James W. Kavanaugh	Jim	WA6LRF	12-3-79		
203	Vernon E. Clark	Vern	WA6OHQ	12-10-79		
204	Columbus Baldo	Chris	AI6S	12-15-79		
205	Jacob H. Wiens	Jay	W6DXB	1-11-80		
206	Edward T. Turner	Ed	W6NVO	1-15-80		
207	Walbert T. Gompertz	Bert	W6DDO	1-25-80		
208	Robert H. Miller	Bob	W6DXG	1-25-80		
209	H. I. McGill	Mac	W6RAK	1-25-80		
210	Charles E. Sibley	Charlie	K6SGW	1-25-80		
211	J. M. Jackson	Jack	N6AVV	2-2-80		
212	Walter A. Read	Walt	W6ASH	4-1-80		
213	John E. Freehafer	John	WA6RWG	4-5-80		
214	Lorin G. DeMerritt	Lorin	W6EAS	4-9-80		
215	Herschel G. Howard	Howard	WA6MXF	4-27-80		
216	Don Howard	Don	WD6GGB	5-5-80		
217	Elmer H. Burgman	Elmer	W6EB	5-9-80		
218	Kenneth C. Moore	Ken	WA6UMK	5-9-80		
219	Martin A. Christiansen	Marty	KA6LDK	6-29-80		
220	Ralph Costa	Ralph	KA6LMH	6-29-80		
221	Harold C. Beebe	Hal	KA6HBU	9-22-80		
222	Charles B. McDermott	Mac	KA6NDX	10-22-80		
223	Norman A. Ensminger	Norm	KB6CG	11-18-80		
224	J. M. Prosser	Morris	KB6QR	11-19-80		
225	Joseph V. Jackson	Joe	W6CSV	12-7-80		
226	Gerald T. White	Gerry	WB6IZE	2-20-81		
227	Anthony W. Daly	Tony	W6KWR	2-20-81		
228	David Scott	Dave	W6DFS	2-23-81		
229	Harry D. Atchley	Harry	WA6KDM	2-27-81		
230	Martin K. Dolan	Ken	WA6DWM	3-1-81		
231	Fred I. Donlevy	Fred	WA6EZK	3-19-81		
232	William A. Stewart	Bill	KB6YC	3-31-81		
233	J. M. Thompson	Tommy	WA6RUU	4-1-81		
234	Robert B. Henry	Bob	WB6DAZ	4-9-81		
235	A. W. Kellond	Art	KO6KB	4-11-81		
236	Arthur L. Schelling	Art	W6IBU	4-13-81		
237	Edw. G. Cooper	Ed	W6JCX	4-14-81		
238	Raymond E. Hottle	Ray	W6DHI	4-22-81		
239	George N. Littrell	George	WA6ABU	4-30-81		
240	Marvin M. DeBrunner	Marv	WA6ATG	5-11-81		
241	Lee Beardsley	Lee	W6MJY	5-15-81		
242	Orin R. Olden	Bob	N6EFH	5-17-81		
243	Harry J. Halberstadt	Harry	KA6PLO	5-25-81		
244	Norman J. Peterson	Norm	N6DAC	6-11-81		
245	Charles P. Patterson	Chuck	K6RK	7-13-81		
246	Glenn A. Wilcox	Glenn	WD6ACY	9-17-81		
247	Harry G. Loretz	Harry	W6GWW	9-30-81		
248	W. P. Green	Bill	W6BYS	10-6-81		
249	Edward V. Rawlinson	Ed	WD6CHD	10-15-81		
250	Ray W. Harrison	Ray	WB6SPT	10-17-81		

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HANDLE</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>MEMBER- SHIP DATE</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>	<u>SILENT KEY</u>
251	Robert W. Conley	Bob	WA6DQO	1-19-82		
252	Jack Wm. Martens	Jack	WB6RHV	1-21-82		



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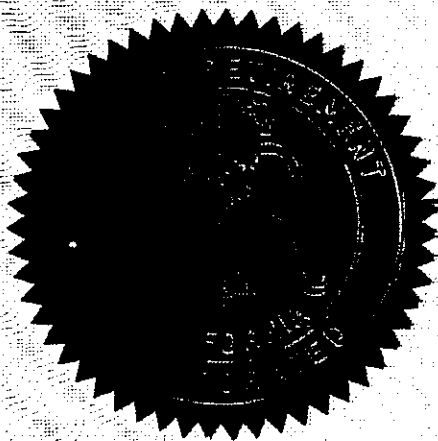
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Millard E. George

FOUNDER AND CHARTER PRESIDENT

HAVING MET ALL REQUIREMENTS IS
HEREBY GRANTED FULL MEMBERSHIP
IN

SIRARC



A. L. Bernes

VICE PRESIDENT

JUNE 6, 1975

SECTION III



Membership Growth



ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

<u>AS OF</u>	<u>TOTAL NO. MEMBERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF BRANCHES REPRESENTED</u>	<u>TOTAL COMBINED YEARS OF ALL LICENSED MEMBERS</u>	<u>AVERAGE NUMBER LICENSED YEARS PER MEMBER</u>
1-1-74	3	1	80	27
1-1-78	135	46	4747	35
6-30-78	140	50	4964	35
1-1-79	144	52	5008	35
6-30-79	155	55	5328	34
1-1-80	165	55	5616	34
6-30-80	171	53	5906	35
1-1-81	175	51	6159	35
6-30-81	188	57	6359	34
1-1-82	187	59	6512	35
2-5-82	186	60	6433	35

SECTION IV



Silent Keys



In Memoriam

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS</u>
Butler J. Osborne	W6US
Oscar W. Peterson	W6LGW
August L. Bernes	W6HCE
Pete Antonino	W6FDV
Joseph W. Lowry	W6QZ
Robert C. Harriss	K6VY
Nicholas M. Nugent	W6MYI
Paul M. Patane	WA6JOQ
George H. Smith	W6BNH
J. Howard Zurcher	W6RCE
Robert W. Hewitt	WB6HOR
Roy F. Stuart	W6JXI
Loren A. Wann	WA6LPO
John Q. Rickey	W6BZV
Merle E. Smart	W6ATN
John F. Roberts	W6QXP
Harold F. Moore	W6DEF
Julian T. Travis	WD6AUA
Melvin D. Whiteman	W6BZ
E. Stewart Naschke	W6DGL
Gus Hilpisch	W6DWJ
John E. William	WD6FIR
Robert B. Wolfe	WA6HIN
John H. Luhr	WA6LRB
Sherman A. McDevitt	W6JFA
Robert A. Eisen	W6QOY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS</u>
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BUTLER J. OSBORNE
454 MOON MOUNTAIN DRIVE
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA 95476
Nov. 11, 1975

OSBORNE, Butler Joseph, Jr. Sonoma,
December 25, 1975; dearly beloved
husband of Eva B. Osborne of Sonoma;
beloved father of Robert Osborne of
San Jose and Diana Osborne of
Santa Rosa; also survived by two
brothers, Alban Osborne of Santa
Rosa and Walter Osborne of Los Angeles.
A native of San Francisco, aged 81 years.
Former Assistant to the President of Kaiser Steel.
Funeral Services will be held at 9:30
a.m., Monday, December 29, 1975, in
the CHAPEL OF BATES, EVANS &
FEHRENSSEN, 966 Broadway, Sonoma,
thence to St. Leo's Catholic Church,
Agua Caliente Road, Sonoma, where a
Mass of Christian Burial will be offered
commencing at 10 a.m. Private
interment will follow the Mass. Contributions
to the Hanna Bay's Center, Sonoma, are preferred by the family.

Board of Directors, SIRS Chapter 27
Big Sir Galen A. Grimmer
Little Sir W. L. Thompson
331 Agua Caliente Rd.
Sonoma, Calif. 95476

Dear SIRS:

It is with great regret and deep sorrow that I must submit this my resignation from our Chapter, writing from my bed at the Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo.

I find myself in very poor health with no chance of recovery after examination by several of the finest doctors in the Kaiser Hospitals in Oakland, Vallejo and San Francisco.

Be assured that while I was a member I tried very hard to be a good and loyal member. With best wishes and kindest thoughts and prayers to all members.

Sincerely,

Barney
B.J. Osborne
W6US

BJO:eo
CC: Donald G. Dunn K6BJJ
SIRARC SECRETARY
835 Santa Barbara Rd.
Berkeley, Calif.
94707

Rites for Osborne, 81, Former Civic Leader

SONOMA—A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Leo's Catholic Church for Butler J. Osborne, 81, retired Eastbay business and civic leader.

Mr. Osborne died on Christmas Day.

He was a former assistant to the president of Kaiser Steel Corp. and was chairman of the Alameda County United Crusade in 1957.

Mr. Osborne also was a vice

president of Junior Achievement of the Eastbay Inc. and headed the Citizens Committee to Improve Oakland's Business Climate appointed in the late 1950s by then Mayor Clifford Rishell.

He is survived by his wife, Eva, of Sonoma; a son, Robert Osborne of San Jose; a daughter, Diana Osborne of Santa Rosa; two brothers, Alban Osborne of Santa Rosa and Walter Osborne of Los Angeles.



**MATEUR RADIO CLUB
SIRARC**

February 28, 1977

Dear Sirarcan:

After preparing but before mailing the attached report, I was shocked and dismayed to learn of the sudden and untimely death on Saturday, February 26, of our new President, August L. Bernes, W6HCE. I certainly regret having to make this sad announcement.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ

BERNES, August (Al)
CROSS, Sherman E.
ESTRELLO, Roger P.
KATSIROS, (Katsaras), Michael C.
McCLINTOCK, Albert B.
NEAL, Ura
OBERTELLO, Pia
O'CONNOR, Agnes L.
PERATA, Jack
PRINGLE, Harry R.
ROACH, William J.
TREESE, Samuel 'Oakie Sam'
VARGAS, Joseph

BERNES, August (Al), In: Richmond,
February 26, 1977; husband of Jean
Bernes; father of Allen Bernes of
Fairfax and Donald Bernes of Glen-
wood Springs, Colorado; brother of
Bernard J. Bernes of Chula Vista;
also survived by seven grandchildren.
A retired Lt. Colonel U.S.A.F.R. A
native of San Francisco, Cal.; aged 69
years.
Rosary, Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30
p.m. at the CHAPEL OF SCHMIDT &
DIXON, (Richmond Funeral Home),
MacDonald Avenue at 38th Street,
Richmond, Mass. Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic
Church, 301 West Richmond Avenue.
Pt. Richmond. For further infor-
mation, telephone 235-6226.



AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE
225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111

Dear OM:

We appreciate your forwarding the information on the passing of

August L. Bernes, W6HCE, Point Richmond, CA

*Arrangements are being completed for a listing in the Silent Keys
column of a future QST.*

73,

Bill Dunkerley

William I. Dunkerley, Jr., WA2INB
Managing Editor

W6QZ

Pioneer Radio Ham

Memorial for Lowry

BERKELEY—Memorial services will be held here Sunday for long-time resident and pioneer radio ham operator Joseph W. Lowry, who died Tuesday at the age of 72.

Mr. Lowry, always fascinated with things electric, became interested in amateur radio broadcasting when he was a high school student in Meridian, Miss., according to his wife, Mrs. Hazel Lowry.

In those days, she recalled, amateur radio operators "weren't too popular with neighbors. Those primitive radios would cause doorbells to ring up and down the street," she said.

In Meridian, the youth was granted the call letters W5QZ. Through tradition, he retained the QZ designation with the W5 changing to W6 when he moved to Berkeley 50 years ago.

Mr. Lowry, up until his retirement eight years ago, worked as an electrician for Southern Pacific Railroad.

He was a member of the Golden Bear Network and of SIRAC, a radio branch of SIRS.

Besides his wife, Mr. Lowry's survivors include two daughters, Joanne L. Thompson of Orinda and Kathryn J. Donovan of El Cerrito; a brother, Waldo Lowry of Hope, Ark.; a sister, Adeline Rose, of Long Beach; and five grandchildren.

The services will be held at 3 p.m. in the Epworth United Methodist Church, with The Rev. William Dew Jr. officiating.



MILLARD C. GEORGE, PRESIDENT
246 CARMEL AVENUE
EL CERRITO, CALIFORNIA 94530
TELEPHONE (415) 525-6152

December 1, 1977

Mrs. Robert C. Harriss
12 Shelly Place
Danville, CA 94526

Dear Mrs. Harriss:

The sudden passing of Bob was very sad and came as a shock. In times like these it is hard to find words of condolence, but it does help to know that there are those that really care. On behalf of Sons In Retirement, as President; on behalf of "SIRARC" Radio Club, but more as a good friend of Bob's, may I extend extend my heartfelt sympathy.

I appreciated Bob's acceptance as State Radio Chairman and the fine work and co-operation he has given. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in San Leandro next Monday, December 5th, at which time Bob would have given his Annual Report of the year's activities of "SIRARC". In his absence I am giving a report for him which will become a part of the Minutes of the Corporation Meeting. I would like to quote the first paragraph of this report, so you will know how we felt about Bob:

"It is with deep regret that your President reports the sudden passing of Sir Harriss on November 25th. Bob was a very dedicated member of Branch No. 8 and a most active and enthusiastic radio operator and member of "SIRARC". Bob has been an active Amateur for over 47 years and has made friends all over the world. His cheery "hello" on the air, always headed by the words "This is K6VY from Sunny Danville" will not only be missed by the members of "SIRARC" but throughout the world of Ham Radio."

Past practice of the President of Sons In Retirement is to present a Certificate of Recognition to all members of the State Board and State Chairman in appreciation of their uncompensated dedicated hours of service to the organization during the year. Attached is such a Certificate of Recognition that I would have presented to Bob on December 5th - - may it help to know how much he was appreciated and how much his friendship meant.

Most Sincerely,

Millard C. George

STATE PRESIDENT

SECTION V



Presidential Roll



PRESIDENTIAL ROLL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HANDLE</u>	<u>CALL LETTERS</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>
Millard C. George	Millard	K6ZRY	January 1, 1974 to February 28, 1976
Paul K. Churchill	Paul	W6QBY	February 28, 1976 to February 25, 1977
August L. Bernes	Al	W6HCE	February 25, 1977 to February 27, 1977
(Al became a SILENT KEY on February 26th - his untimely passing was a shock to SIRARC and all those who knew him. He will be long remembered in SIRARC and Ham Radio for his talents, dedication and interest in his hobby)			
Felix C. Caldera	Cal	W6IKQ	February 27, 1977 to January 28, 1978
Robert C. Colyar	Bob	W6ZBF	January 28, 1978 to October 6, 1979
Wilber C. Roake	Bill	W6SER	October 6, 1979 to September 27, 1980
Norman S. Buell	Norm	W6SJH	September 27, 1980 to October 31, 1981
Charles Buckter	Charlie	W6BOW	October 31, 1981 to

SECTION VI



Officers



OFFICERS

JANUARY 1, 1974 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1976

PRESIDENT - Millard C. George K6ZRY (FOUNDER)
VICE PRESIDENT - August L. Bernes W6HCE
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Donald G. Dunn K6BJJ

FEBRUARY 28, 1976 TO FEBRUARY 25, 1977

PRESIDENT - Paul K. Churchill W6QBY
VICE PRESIDENT - August L. Bernes W6HCE
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

FEBRUARY 25, 1977 TO FEBRUARY 27, 1977

PRESIDENT - August L. Bernes W6HCE
VICE PRESIDENT - Felix C. Caldera W6IKQ
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

NOTE: With the sudden passing of President
A1 on February 26th, the following changes
in leadership were made:

FEBRUARY 27, 1977 TO JANUARY 28, 1978

PRESIDENT - Felix C. Caldera W6IKQ
VICE PRESIDENT - Robert C. Colyar WB6ZBF
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

JANUARY 28, 1978 TO JANUARY 27, 1979

PRESIDENT - Robert C. Colyar WB6ZBF
VICE PRESIDENT - Walter G. Erwin W6THO
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

NOTE: At the June 2, 1978, Luncheon, the
Membership approved the nomination and election
of Merrick M. Rees WA6IAL as SECOND VICE
PRESIDENT, who served in such capacity until
January 27, 1979.

JANUARY 27, 1979 TO OCTOBER 6, 1979

PRESIDENT - Robert C. Colyar WB6ZBF
1ST VICE PRESIDENT - Wilber C. Roake W6SER
2ND VICE PRESIDENT - Merrick M. Rees W6IAL
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

OCTOBER 6, 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 1980

PRESIDENT - Wilber C. Roake W6SER
1ST VICE PRESIDENT - George F. Burnley WA6DZD
2ND VICE PRESIDENT - Charles P. Henry W6EJA
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

SEPTEMBER 27, 1980 TO OCTOBER 31, 1981

PRESIDENT - Norman S. Buell W6SJH
1ST VICE PRESIDENT - Charles Buckter W6BOW
2ND VICE PRESIDENT - Irvin D. Martin W6KTI
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

OCTOBER 31, 1981 TO

PRESIDENT - Charles Buckter W6BOW
1ST VICE PRESIDENT - J. M. Jackson N6AVV
2ND VICE PRESIDENT - Lamartine C. Yeoman W6URA
SECRETARY/TREASURER - Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ

NOTE: At The October 22, 1981, Board Meeting a policy was adopted whereby the Executive Board would consist of all current elected Officers, all Past Presidents, who would served in an advisory capacity to the President; as well as any other special appointments (by the President) who the President deemed could be of assistance.

HISTORIAN - Millard George K6ZRY, Founder and Past President

SECTION VII



State Board Chairmen



STATE BOARD CHAIRMEN

SIRARC is the most unique activity in Sons In Retirement and to properly represent its activities at the State Board it is obvious that the State Chairman must be a member of SIRARC - this was agreed to by President Harry Mayfield who made the first appointment. In view of this, it is the duty of the SIRARC Executive Board to select a qualified member, who is willing to serve, and be ready to make its recommendation to the incoming State President. Such request from the expected PRESIDENT-ELECT, may be received anytime from September to November each year.



Millard C. George K6ZRY - April 1, 1974 to January 31, 1975

Robert C. Harris K6VY - February 1, 1975 to September 30, 1977

Clyde H. Sunderland W6CBF - October 1, 1977 to

SECTION VIII



Special Recognitions and Awards



SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Awarded to State President of Sons In Retirement
Harry L. Mayfield on August 5, 1974

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. Awarded to Past President Paul K. Churchill W6QBY on
February 25, 1977

PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Millard C. George K6ZRY, FOUNDER, on October
1, 1977

PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Paul K. Churchill W6QBY on October 1, 1977

PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Felix C. Caldera W6IKQ on January 28, 1978

PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Robert C. Colyar WB6ZBF on January 26, 1980

PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Wilber C. Roake W6SER on September 28, 1980

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. Awarded to William G. Gerlach W6BG on June 27, 1981

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PLAQUE. Awarded to Lamartine C. Yeoman W6URA
on June 27, 1981

PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Normal S. Buell W6SJH on November 3, 1981

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PLAQUE. Awarded to Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ,
on February 5, 1982

Sons In Retirement, Incorporated
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SIRARC SERVICE AWARD



**Be It Known To All Concerned That
This Award Is Conferred On
Millard C. George
K6ZRY**

FOUNDER • PRESIDENT 1974 — 1975

**In Recognition And Appreciation Of His
Outstanding And Dedicated Service To
Further The Ideals Of Amateur Radio And
The Principles Of SIRARC**



J. C. Caldera
PRESIDENT

Robert C. Clegg
VICE PRESIDENT

Walter B. Jones
SECRETARY-TREASURER

AWARDED:
OCTOBER 1, 1977



SONS IN RETIREMENT
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
SIRARC

PRESENTED TO

Charles Buckter

WGBW

IN APPRECIATION FOR PRESENTING
A PROGRAM

Wilbur E. Roake
President



SEPTEMBER 26, 1980



SONS IN RETIREMENT

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SIRARC

HONORS

Lamartine C. Yeoman

WBUR

FOR LEADERSHIP

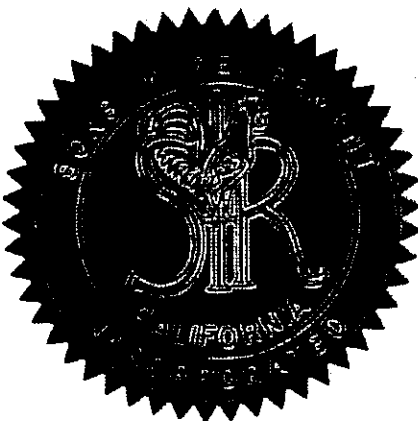
DISTINGUISHED BY DEVOTION,

ENERGY AND WISDOM

MAKING A LASTING CONTRIBUTION

TO THE PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING

OF THIS ORGANIZATION



Norman J. Bruce
PRESIDENT

JUNE 27, 1981
Awarded

RECOGNITION



SONS IN RETIREMENT

Amateur Radio Club

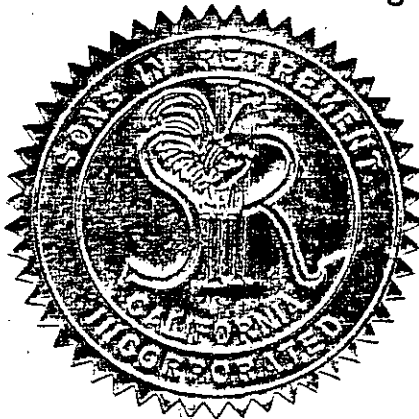
SIRARC

Honors

Walter B. Jones

WB6PIZ

In Recognition And Appreciation For
Six Years Of Outstanding And Dedicated
Service As SIRARC Secretary—Treasurer
His Wisdom And Devotion In This Service
Has Made A Lasting Contribution To SIRARC



Millard E. George
FOUNDER - PAST PRESIDENT

FEBRUARY 5, 1982
Awarded

SECTION IX



Public Services Rendered

and

Public Service Awards



On March 27, 1964, a disastrous earthquake hit Alaska. All power lines and all means of communication with the outside world came to a halt for almost 24 hours. The only means of communication out of Alaska during this period rested in the hands of a few Ham Operators. Hams in the Bay Area, as well as all over the United States, were flooded with telephone calls from relatives and friends, seeking word from their loved ones in Alaska. I was a member of the East Bay Radio Club and, within hours, we had a fantastic radio communication system in operation, working on all bands and frequencies, mobile, portable and home stations. We worked around the clock transmitting and receiving messages to and from the stricken area. During an 18-hour period the members of the East Bay Radio Club handled some 1200 messages for friends in and out of Alaska.

Page three is a copy of the Public Service Award given me for my participation in this project.

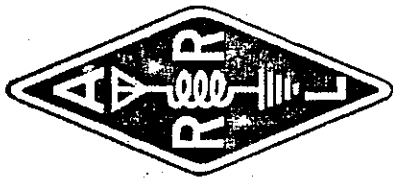
About 11:00 P.M. on April 8, 1974, (Monday), I received a telephone call from a friend in El Sobrante, California, that their next-door neighbor, a man in his early 50s, had just died suddenly with a heart attack. His 18-year old daughter was on a small boat with two other individuals somewhere in the Caribbean. She could be at sea within a 400-mile area, or the boat could be tied up in port at one of the many islands. My friend's question was: "Can you possibly locate her by radio?" The only reply I could make was: "You have just assigned me to MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, but I will try."

It developed that the only information available was the name of the boat, the girl and the Captain. The mother did not know if the boat had sea-to-shore radio communications, or if the Captain was a Ham Radio Operator.

The 20-Meter Band at that hour of the night, and until about noon the following day (Tuesday), was as sound asleep as "Rip Van Winkle". It opened around 11:00 A.M. Tuesday morning, but static conditions made communication impossible. It was during the hurricane season off Florida. After several hours of calling, I finally gave up.

The following day, April 10th (Wednesday), band conditions had quieted down. My first CQ was answered by the Ham Station at the Florida Pensacola Naval Station, which gladly accepted full information and said the Coast Guard would be alerted immediately and search would begin. When the Pensacola Station signed, I received a call from an Amateur in Honolulu, who had copied all of the information and said he would get the Hawaiian Coast Guard in action also.

There is a Religious Amateur Radio Net in Central America which is monitored around the clock seven days a week by Priests. My QSOs with Pensacola and Hawaii were picked up by this Net and all member stations were alerted. On the morning of April 11th (Thursday), a Priest located the boat at anchor in Haiti, but found no one aboard. He stood by until mid-afternoon until the girl and her friends returned to the boat. The young lady called home that evening and was picked up at the San Francisco Airport on Saturday morning of the 13th, just three days after my first radio contact. The family was overwhelmed by my results and said they knew of no way to compensate me for my efforts. I told them I was just as happy as they were and said the best compensation they could give would be to tell their friends how valuable Ham Radio is should they ever complain about a Ham signal getting into their TV set. Page four is a copy of the Public Service Award given me for this good deed.



THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.
COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that..... MILLARD C. GEORGE..... operating

Amateur Radio Station..... K6ZRY..... has been issued this

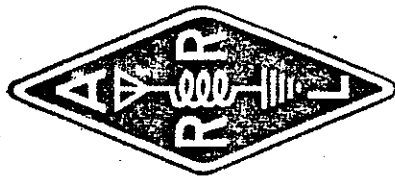
Public Service Award

in consideration of meritorious work in connection with the earthquake in Alaska (Mar. 27, 1964), as related on pages 46-53, July 1964 QST.

This certificate is presented to the individual amateur named above in recognition of his contribution to the public service record of the Radio Amateur. It is a spontaneous recognition of outstanding work by individual amateurs during communications emergencies, done without hope or expectation of material reward.

Dated..... August 3, 1964.....

F. E. Handy
A.R.R.L. Communications Manager



THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.
COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MILLARD C. GEORGE operating

Amateur Radio Station K6ZRY has been issued this

Public Service Award

in consideration of meritorious work in connection with notifying a California girl on vacation in Haiti, of her father's death April 8 as related in September 1974 QST, page 69.

This certificate is presented to the individual amateur named above in recognition of his contribution to the public service record of the Radio Amateur. It is a spontaneous recognition of outstanding work by individual amateurs during communications emergencies, done without hope or expectation of material reward.

Dated October 12, 1974

George Hart, W1N1M
Communications Manager, A.R.R.L.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

November 5, 1974

Dear Mr. George:

I hope you remember me, I am Doug McClelland's daughter (Member of Peralta Sir Branch No. 12), and I talked with you this summer while I was in El Cerrito.

At that time you were telling me you were organizing a radio net of Sir Members. I hope you have been successful and are enjoying it.

I have not been very active on the air, due to working on our boat in all of my spare time. We expect to leave the Canal Zone in February to sail our boat "HIGH HOPES" to San Francisco Bay Area. We will dock at the Berkeley Marina.

I am looking for a radio operator in the Bay Area, hoping to keep a weekly schedule for a couple of 'phone patches, starting as soon as possible. I would surely appreciate it if there is a member in your group willing to do this. I would not abuse the 'phone patch courtesy, so would not take too much of his time. I'm also anxious to establish this contact to keep in touch while sailing to California.

If there is someone willing to do this would you please have him write me, and set a tentative date and time to meet. I like 15 Meters and anytime from 9:30 A.M. California Time on the band is usually O.K. He could set an alternative frequency on 20 Meters if we could not meet on 15 within ten minutes as scheduled. I will surely appreciate your efforts to help me. If the operator would prefer not to write, he could call the information to my Dad at 526-3391, and he will write it to me. He should allow one week due to slow mail service.

Hope you and Mrs. George are fine and enjoying the crisp, Fall weather.

Am looking forward to meeting you when we arrive in the Bay Area.

Best Always,

(SGD) Marcella Fitzsimmons (Marci) KZ5MF
Box 256
Coco Solo, Canal Zone

Immediately upon receipt of the above letter, I wrote "Marci", with a copy to her Father "Doug" and set up scheduled frequencies on both 15 and 20 Meters for daily contacts during their long days from the Canal Zone to Berkeley. Kenneth Snell K6KQH, whose QTH is in an excellent location, runs high power and has a 'phone patch, agreed to work with "Marci". I did not have too many contacts with "Marci" during their trip from the Canal Zone to Berkeley, but Ken was very faithful in keeping schedules and made a number of 'phone patches

for her to her family. I do not know the names of other SIRARC Members who were of assistance to "Marci", but she told me that there were a number who contacted her. In a meeting with Marci and Bill when they arrived in Berkeley, she said it was impossible to find words to express her feeling and thanks to SIRARC Members for all of the contacts during their voyage. During the days when they faced heavy seas, she said it was such a feeling of security knowing that SIRARC Members were available for family contacts and the U. S. Coast Guard in case of emergency.

SECTION X



Miscellaneous Items of Interest





MILLARD C. GEORGE
BIG SIR

PERALTA BRANCH No. 12

246 CARMEL AVENUE
EL CERRITO, CALIF. 94530
TELEPHONE 525-6152

January 1, 1974

TO ALL BIG SIRs:

I would greatly appreciate it if you would include the following item in your next Monthly Bulletin:

CQ, CQ, CQ all Sons In Retirement
Ham Radio Operators

Peralta Branch No. 12 has three very active Amateur Radio Operators; W6HCE - August L. Bernes, K6KQH - Kenneth L. Snell and K6ZRY - Millard C. George. We would like to have all other "HAMS" in the organization join us in a state-wide Sons In Retirement Amateur Radio Club and Net. Please contact Big Sir Millard C. George, Peralta Branch No. 12, 246 Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito, Ca. 94530 for details. Please include information as to your Call Letters, type of equipment and frequencies operated.

It might also be helpful if the item were read to the group at your next General Meeting.

Such a Net will not only bring a great deal of personal enjoyment to those participating, but may well result in considerable mutual benefit to all the Branches whose members are active in the Club.

May 1974 be a very rewarding year for you and a fine year for your Branch - thanks for your cooperation.

SIR-tainly yours,

Millard C. George

SIRARC Officers' Job Descriptions:

The President shall:

1. Generally organize and control all functions of SIRARC.
2. Preside at all meetings of SIRARC and of the Exec. Board.
3. Have the power to call special meetings of SIRARC and of the Executive Board.
4. Appoint, with confirmation of the Executive Board, committee chairmen and various committees as needed.
5. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
6. ~~Be~~ authorized to sign any contracts approved by the Executive ~~Committee~~ ^{Board} and/or the membership.
7. Welcome new members by mail and at the luncheons.
8. Appoint a nominating committee to nominate new officers for the coming year at the annual Fall luncheon; present those nominated, accept further nominations from the membership, and conduct the election of new officers at the annual Winter meeting.

The 1st Vice-President shall:

1. In the absence of the President assume and carry out all duties of the President, with all of his authority, until such time as the President shall re-assume his office.
2. Be the Program chairman for all luncheons and meetings.
3. Organize the Greeters, Sunshine Committee, and other committees as appointed by the President.
4. Be responsible for all radio net operations.

The 2nd Vice-President shall:

1. In the absence of the 1st Vice-President, or in case he must assume the Presidency, assume the duties of the 1st Vice-President, with all of his authority, until such time as the 1st Vice-President shall re-assume his office.
2. Have complete supervision of luncheon meetings, including ticket sales, drawing ticket sales, seating, equipment for the meeting, and other functions that may be necessary.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for maintaining membership records, net check sheets, and the roster of members.
2. Be custodian of all monies of SIRARC and keep records thereof.
3. Issue, receive and process membership applications, and report to the membership all deletions and additions.

The Executive Board shall:

1. Formulate Rules and Procedures for the regulation of SIRARC and its functions within the framework of the By-Laws of Sons In Retirement, Inc.
2. Meet at the call of the President.
3. Fill all vacancies occurring between elections.
4. Authorize and confirm committees appointed by the President.
5. Have the power to pass upon routine business of SIRARC, and recommend, for the consideration of the membership, any major changes in the policy or operation of SIRARC.

Order of succession: In the absence of the President, the 1st or 2nd Vice-President, or the Secretary/Treasurer, ~~officers~~ shall succeed to the next higher office; in the absence of all elected officers the membership shall select a Chairman to serve until new officers can be elected.



March 28, 1974

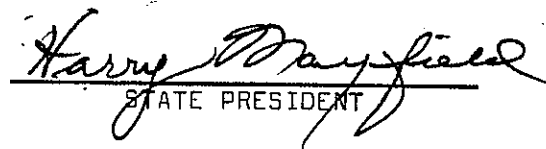
Memo to Millard George -

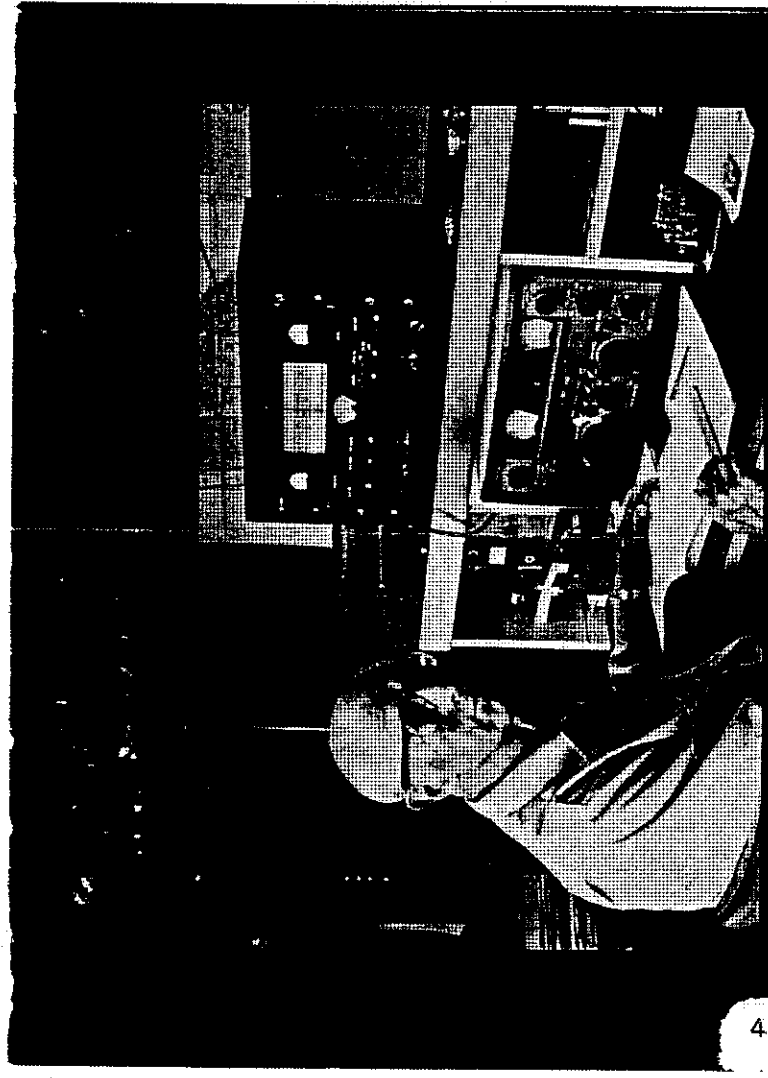
Your idea of a Statewide "SIRARC" Amateur Radio Club and Net for SIRs is a good one. I will appoint you as Chairman.

The State Board does not provide any financial support for activities such as golf, bowling, etc. They must be self-supporting. So you and your Club Members will have to work out the details. The SIRs participating in golf and bowling seem to be happy with their arrangements.

Will you please contact me at Spenger's before the Board Meeting April 1.

Sincerely,


STATE PRESIDENT



Nostalgic Reminiscences of a Telegraph Operator

William G. Gerlach
W6BG, ex 6GE, W6QQS

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NOSTALGIC REMINISCENCES OF A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR

by **William G. Gerlach**
W6BG, ex 6GE, W6QQS

At last, a man with a bird's-eye view of one of the most colorful eras in American history has turned his hand to writing—and what a story he has to tell!

William Gerlach is one of the last of a vanishing breed—the Morse land-line telegrapher, whose ranks played an indispensable part in the growth of America's infant industries. He subsequently entered the wireless telegraph field.

The life of a wireless operator at the turn of the century was apt to resemble the plot of an action-packed western movie. Mr. Gerlach survived the San Francisco earthquake and choked on clouds of dust for days afterward. He has sent telegrams in the midst of floods and fires and has given messages by hand to the conductors of speeding trains. Eventually, his work took him to sea, to facilitate the now legendary China trade on one of the Pacific Mail passenger liners; his ports of call—Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Manila, and Hong Kong—conjure up exotic images even today. Nothing daunted, Mr. Gerlach found the time to patent a Radio Course and Distance Indicator that could well prevent the disastrous collisions that have cost us so much in money and lives.

Peace and quiet seem to have eluded him even in retirement. Settling down to an "uneventful retirement" in Yellowstone Park, he found himself in another major earthquake.

Nostalgic Reminiscences of a Telegraph Operator is an entertaining, informative piece of Americana that should delight history buffs everywhere.

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About the Author

In 1905 William Gerlach learned Morse telegraphy and in that same year went to work for the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone Company in San Francisco in a clerical capacity. He subsequently worked as a telegraph operator on the Sacramento Division of the Southern Pacific Company, and thence as a telegraph operator for Postal Telegraph, Federal Telegraph, Western Union, press wire work, stockbroker work as board marker, as a seagoing wireless telegrapher, and finally joining W. R. Grace and Co. in San Francisco where he was communications manager at the time of his retirement in 1955.

Mr. Gerlach is currently a member and past president of the Morse Telegraph Club, and holds membership in other professional societies. He is married and the father of one son.

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Gentlemen:

Please send me _____ copies of

**NOSTALGIC REMINISCENCES
OF A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR**
(My payment is enclosed)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

May 13, 1975

Dear Lee:

SIRARC will hold their fourth Luncheon at Spenger's on Friday, June 6, 1975. This will include not only the wives of the Members, but any friends or any Member of SIRS who would like to attend. We had 118 present at the last Luncheon in March and are expecting from 125 to 150 at the June Luncheon.

SIRARC has come a long way in a little over a year, especially when you consider what a unique activity it is. We are growing steadily - now have 93 Hams, with five applications outstanding. Hams all over California are now listening in on our Net on Friday Morning - I am now referring to non-members - our SIRARC Members check into the Net if they are around. At the beginning we built up our Membership from Sir Members, but now we have Hams checking into the net for information as to how they can become members of Sons In Retirement Organization and then become a Member of SIRARC. So far, we have referred about 20 to one Branch or another who subsequently have become Members of SIRS and then Members of SIRARC. The group is having a great time discussing tours, golf, bowling and programs over the air. A number of Branches have secured a good program so far through our on-the-air discussions.

We have progressed to the stage now where we want to further refine our entire SIRARC Organization, as there is no doubt that as long as SIRS exists and grows, so will SIRARC grow proportionally. In view of this, I had a meeting of the Officers yesterday, and approval was given for me to proceed with the printing of a nice Membership Certificate that can be framed and hung on their Radio Room Wall. I am attaching a copy of the Certificate which will be printed and issued to all SIRARC Members at the June Luncheon. This is only a Xerox copy in black and white - the final product will be printed black on the sample blank blue-edged form. For your information, the "old man" designed this certificate and did the lettering with transfer decals to produce a master copy from which all certificates will be printed - I think I did a good job even if I do say so!!!! I have also designed a very nice certificate of appreciation to be presented to our Guest Speakers at our Luncheons. We are being financed strictly in accordance with SIR Rules and Regulations Luncheon Contributions - so we are STRICTLY SIRS!

We had hoped to secure our own Gold Seal Die, carrying the insigna of SIRARC, but upon investigation, the cost is entirely prohibitive. NOW, in view of the good work we are doing for SIRS, and since we are a State-wide Activity of SIRS, do you see any objection to our using the regular SIR Gold Seal on our Certificates. It certainly adds to and really finishes off the Certificate. I can see no objection, but I wanted to secure your permission before so doing.

Sincerely,

Milward

A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men

Devoted to the
promotion of independence and
dignity of retirement



Dear Millard:

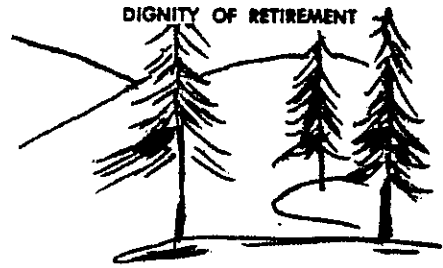
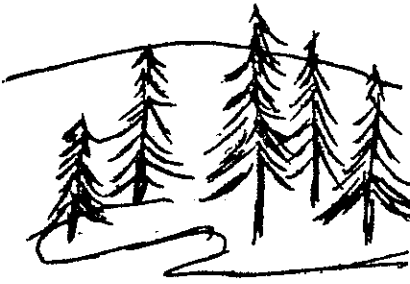
Nice job on Membership SIRARC. I see no reason why you can't use the Seal. If anyone gets a Court Injunction we can cease and desist.

Keep up good work.



STATE PRESIDENT

May 14, 1975



REDWOOD BARK

BIG SIR: Everett Firestone 545-6997
LITTLE SIR: Walter Eggen 542-1162

ATTENDANCE: Harold Rylander 546-0448
MEMBERSHIP: Carl Aulick 544-3773

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Alban N. Osborne Editor

November 1975

MEETING: November 11, 1975, Holiday Inn, 3345 Santa Rosa Ave. Santa Rosa. Social Hour is at 11:00 A.M. - Luncheon at 12:00 Noon.

SPEAKER: Jeff Owen is the Loss Prevention Officer Bank Security and Loss Investigation Dept. of the Bank of America N.T. & S.A. He likes to call his topic "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Bank Crime." He has been with Bank of America since 1946. He assisted in starting the BankAmericard Fraud Section in 1959 and since 1960 has been in Special Agents Dept. Prime area: Hold-Ups. Jeff attended Iowa State & City College, San Francisco, lettered in 4 Major Sports and (believe it or not) was 2 years in Pro-Football. He holds Standard Certificates of the American Institute of Banking, participated in the Stanford Research Institute Program on Hold-Ups, is a member of Chief Special Agents Association, Robbery Association, California Check Investigators Association and the Governor's Council on Civil Disorders. He even participated in making two Hold Up films and movies "Big Jeff" series. With this impressive background we all should learn how to or not to rob a bank or stage a hold-up. We greet Jeff Owen and look forward to hearing his story.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: The joint branch 17 and Branch 53 Christmas Party plans are well under way as reported by SIR Paul Marvin. We all know it is on December 9th at the Veteran's Memorial Building - tickets are \$5.50 each and for Branch 17 members can be purchased from SIR Dixon Lewis at the November Luncheon or from the following if you wish:

Walter Eggen 1662 Patricia Place 542-1162
D. Trethric 6 Valley Green 539-2182
Dixon Lewis 347 Belhaven Circle 539-0699
There will be a No-Host Social Hour preceding the Party.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 177 members as of the last report. We regret to report the death of SIR Harry E. Radcliffe, LB-279. Thomas P. Jenkins LB 151 has resigned because of a diabetic condi-

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1976:

Big Sir: Walter Eggen
Little Sir: Carl Aulick
Secretary: Guy Manning
Treasurer: Dixon Lewis
Directors: Harold Bostock, Wilfred Rankin
Harold Rylander, Harold Wolfson
Leland Barlow, Everett Firestone.

MAILING LIST: Our very efficient Secretary SIR Bill Keplinger THINKS he has the correct address of every Member of Branch 17. If you are not receiving the Redwood Bark every month or you have moved and failed to tell him, or the Post Office has "goofed", or for any other reason SIR Bill asks that you please phone him so he can set his records straight. His phone number is 539-3784.

SIRARC: On October 10th your Editor and his lady had the pleasure of attending the periodic luncheon of the Sons in Retirement Amateur Radio Club in Berkeley as the guest of his brother Barney Osborne of Branch 27 in Sonoma and who is a pioneer in radio communication and holds the impressive call letters W6US. Millard C. George, Secretary of the State Board of Directors has been President of SIRARC this year, is a past Big Sir of Branch 12, organized Branch 48 and was active in SIRARC starting in January 1974 when it had but three members. It now has 102 active members. They "meet" on the air every Friday morning at 10:00 AM and carry on their meeting without ever seeing each other, of course. It sure must be fun. At the conference they were introduced individually by their call letters and it was real enjoyable to hear the Hellos, Harrahs, laughter and applause as each stood up to be recognized. There were 123 members and their ladies in attendance. Branch 17 has three members, Claude Cole, LB 109, Clinton Barrick LB 210, and Ray Bowers LB 287. There should be more. Why not see Claude Cole and find out how you too can be a SIRARC member. Barney and I along with our Ladies sat with Big Sir Galen Grimma of Branch 27, Sonoma and his beautiful wife. SIRARC is an organization SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC. can well be proud of.

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EXPERIENCE, DEVOTION MARK NEW STATE LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1975

Newly elected and re-appointed governors enter their duties for 1975 for a rewarding year. By their record accept the responsibilities of office of Sons in Retirement are dedicated organization.

The 1975 slate of state officers: Perryman, Sacramento, Area 1, re-elected; Aarian S. Cakebread, San Jose, president; Millard C. George, Lloyd Hanson, Oakland, Secretary; Gaetcke, San Francisco, Treasurer; Pfeiffer, San Francisco, Editor. The new president and vice president will be elected at the December 2 state convention. The secretaries and treasurer are Lee Perryman.

Nine of the area governing branch officers, and Jose, Branch #10, become Cakebread. Larry W. Sorensen, succeeding Steve Danie.

President Perryman industry in Sacramento district manager of Buick.

Entering the service Perryman retired in automobile agency and exhibits for the as Big SIR of Branch 1973, and state vice formation of seven.

Vice President educational and San Jose State coach of basketball years. He served of California schools over D.C.

For seven years SIR was San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies. He has been active in many service and civic organizations in San Jose.

The new vice president served as Little SIR of Branch #10 in 1971, Big SIR in 1972 and Area #5 governor in 1973 and 1974. Elected for the third year as governor, SIR Cakebread resigned when nominated state vice president.

Bob Harriss New 'SIRARC' Chairman

Since his election to the state vice presidency, Millard C. George, Peralta Branch No. 12, Berkeley, has to be excused from the "SIRARC" Radio Communications chairmanship. Bob Harriss, Mt. Diablo Branch No. 8, Walnut Creek, was appointed to take his place.

During 1976 the membership of "SIRARC" increased from 66 to 104. Interest and enthusiasm is at its peak, with an average of from 35 to 40 members checking in each Friday morning on the voice net. Items of interest concerning various Branch activities throughout the organization are discussed. In addition to this weekly Net, we have a Morse Code Net in operation at an earlier time on Fridays and a small voice Net operating off and on throughout the week in the very high frequency band.

Three husband and wives luncheons were held at Spenger's in Berkeley during the year with an average attendance of from 125 to 130. These luncheons are held on the same basis as our regular Branch luncheons and the programs have been of high interest. We have been honored throughout the year by visits by a number of Big Sirs and Area Governors. Our next luncheon will be held on February 27 at Spenger's and we would like to see more guests in attendance.

For seven years SIR was San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies. He has been active in many service and civic organizations in San Jose.

SIRARC State Meetings Prove Popular Events

Captain Charles Carlson, western regional director of the Central Intelligence Agency, spoke on "Intelligence in a Democratic Society" when he addressed the seventh SIRARC luncheon at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley on June 30. All nets reported that those present considered it the best so far. The meeting was presided over by Robert Harriss, Mt. Diablo Branch No. 8, Walnut Creek.

Captain Carlson, U.S. Navy (retired) is a member of the Golden Gate chapter of the Naval Reserve Association.

At last count the "check-in" list showed a total of 119 Amateur Radio Operators representing all Branches.

The SIRARC group meets "on the air" every Friday morning in three separate nets starting approximately at 9 a.m. and continuing until noon. Anyone desiring further information please call "Hart" W6VJN - 655-3441.

As this issue of "YES SIR" was preparing to go to press, SIRARC had arranged for its next state-wide meeting which will be held at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley on Thursday, September 30. The speaker will be John Sorensen, Nevada County Branch No. 11, Grass Valley, and Governor of Area No. 11. Sorensen is scheduled to present an illustrated lecture on boating on the inland waters of the Gulf of Alaska. He is well qualified to speak on the subject since he spent a large part of his life in that field of endeavor.



Lee Perryman, President



Walter G. Gaetcke, Treasurer



E. Lloyd Hanson, Ass't Secretary

Ralph E. Pfeiffer, Ass't. Treasurer

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October 10, 1981

Sir Clyde H. Sunderland
SIRARC Chairman
Sons In Retirement, Inc.

Dear Sir Clyde;

It has been called to my attention that evidently you have some members who are not members of Sirs Branches. How can #26 on your membership roster be a member? We have no Branches in Southern California. Ventura is just north west of Los Angeles. #26 W6QBY Paul Ventura.

Next I wish to call to your attention to the Rules -- The membership has agreed to the following simple rules: dated January 17, 1981 Membership Roster #5. (1) Membership--Membership is open only to members of Sons In Retirement, Inc. who hold Current FCC licenses. An Active member who loses his qualification may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be kept on as an Associate Member. Now the part that can not be. A member who has rendered outstanding service to SIRARC may, by vote of the membership be awarded Honorary Membership should he become qualified. Now a Quote from Branch By-Laws.

Article 11, Paragraph 4. Honorary Membership may be conferred only by the State Board of Directors to men or women, in recognition of outstanding and valuable service to the organization in furthering its purpose.


Since you are operating as an activity of Sirs you do not have the privilege of making anyone an Honorary member. Sorry to have to call this to your attention.

If you have any other members who are not SIRS, I will have to ask that they be dropped from your membership.

Have Fun in 81.

Just recently we have made sure that SIRARC was covered under our insurance policy. There was a liability there that was not covered for some time.

SIRtainly,


Kenneth J. Casper,
President

cc: Jack O. Lubbock

December 27, 1981

1332 Singingwood Court #2
Walnut Creek, Calif. 94595

Sir Kenneth J. Casper
President Sons in Retirement
12515 Mayflower Drive
Nevada City, Calif. 95959

Dear Sir Kenneth:

Subject: Honorary Membership

Referring to your letter of October 10th and mine of October 31st.

I have taken this matter up with our Past President and Founder Millard George and our SIRARC President Charles Buckter and discussed this at great length.

We appreciate your calling this matter to our attention, however we do not believe this applies to SIRARC as we are just an activity not a Branch of Sons In Retirement. As an activity this Honorary Membership was only within this activity.

This was also discussed with the Legal Advisor by Millard George and it was agreed SIRARC acted in good faith and this State Board Rule was not violated.

Trust this answers your question, and puts this one to bed!

It was great meeting you at our Branch 8, Christmas Luncheon meeting, it was a good one.

Happy Holidays,

Cordially,



Clyde H. Sunderland
Chairman SIRARC Radio Communications.

SONS IN RETIREMENT
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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TO THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE BOARD - REPORT FOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 1981

FROM SIRARC RADIO COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN - CLYDE H. SUNDERLAND

SIRARC'S SEVENTH YEAR OF ACTIVITY comes to a close and again it has been a successful one with real good attendance and enthusiasm of the members.

Unfortunately we have had several deaths (Silent Keys) during this year but have also added more new members, as they join our regular branches, which is keeping our enrollment up to par and a bit ahead.

Our 23rd regular Luncheon meeting was held on October 30th at Spenger's in Berkeley, with a total attendance of 140, 32 branches were represented at this meeting. We were honored by the presence of Sons in Retirement State Vice President Jack Lubbock.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee Bob Colyar, WB6ZBF again presented the proposed slate of officers for 1982. Due to the untimely death of Robert B. Wolfe, WA6HIN who was to have been nominated for First Vice President, the following revised slate was presented as follows:

President: Charles Buckter, W6BOW
1st Vice-President: J. M. Jackson, N6AVV
2nd Vice-President: Lamartine C. Yeoman, W6URA
Secretary-Treasurer: Walter B. Jones, WB6PIZ

There being no nominations from the floor, the above slate was elected by acclamation and were duly installed by State Vice-President Jack O. Lubbock.

Our new members were presented with Certificates by our Past President and Founder Millard George, K6ZRY.

The program speaker for the Luncheon Meeting was our own retiring President Norman S. Buell, W6SJH. Who gave an extremely interesting account of and describing his recent 23 day sea journey north to the Bering Sea, involving delivery of a 65 foot Tug Boat. This was illustrated with very good slides of the trip, and the commentary was excellent! The writer considers it an outstanding program.

Five members and the club donated prizes which were given to 15 lucky people, they all seemed very pleased.

Condensed financial Statement for the Period of June 26 to October 30
is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 162.05
	Collection (Oct. 30)	140.00
	Voluntary Contributions (prizes)	126.00
	Sale of check sheets	1.75
	Sale of Badges	12.00
*	Contributions by mail (9)	29.00
		<u>470.80</u>
EXPENSES		269.49
	Balance carried forward	\$ 201.31

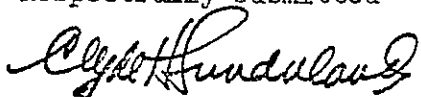
* Members who could not attend our meetings are invited to participate in the expenses by voluntary contributions.

Our last Executive Board Meeting was held at the home of our retiring President Norman S. Buell, with all present. A most informative meeting, however some new business was held over for the new incoming officers.

Our next regular Luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday February 5, 1982, Pre-meeting at 11.00 a.m. luncheon at 11.45. Speaker and program to be announced. This will be held at Spenger's Berkeley. We welcome SIRS Guests - Let us know so we may set a place for you.

The Club in my opinion has come through this year very well - Members keep interested, are alert and participate, on the Air and at Meetings. It is good to see their wives attend our luncheon meetings, they are proud to be a part of SIRARC with their husband. We Welcome them!

Respectfully submitted



Clyde H. Sunderland, W6CBF
State Chairman SIRARC Radio
Communications

SECTION XI



Luncheon Meeting Reports





MILLARD C. GEORGE
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April 29, 1974

TO ALL SIRARC MEMBERS:

A get-acquainted luncheon and organization meeting of our newly formed SIRARC group will be held at Spenger's Fish Grotto, 1919 Fourth Street, Berkeley, California, on Friday, May 24, 1974. A social hour, starting at 11:00 A. M. will precede the luncheon at 12:00 Noon. Cost of the luncheon will be \$2.50, which includes tax and tips. A short business meeting will follow the luncheon to complete the organization of SIRARC - to discuss items of interest to all and plan our future activities.

This letter is being sent to over 50 known "Ham" members of Sons In Retirement. I have not heard from a number of the branches, so this number will undoubtedly increase by May 24th. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to really get acquainted and have a voice in the final organization of our Activity. I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend.

Please complete, sign and return the lower section of this letter promptly, indicating whether or not you will attend, so I can make the necessary reservations - bring a guest if you wish!

Check in on 3925 each Friday Morning at 10:00 for a SIRARC round-table QSO, and keep fully up-to-date on our activities.

'73 and hope to CU on the 24th of May,

Millard
STATE CHAIRMAN

P.S. Spenger's is located at the foot of University Avenue to the west!
.....

Millard:

I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND _____!

I WILL ATTEND - PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR _____ (Indicate No.)

Note: For statistical purposes, how many years have you been a Ham _____!
Do you have a 'phone patch _____? Do you operate mobile, if so what
Band _____? Do you have a portable generator or have access to
one, if so what wattage output _____?

(Please Sign)



MILLARD C. GEORGE
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246 Carmel Avenue
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Tel: 415-525-6152
May 28, 1974

TO ALL SIRARC MEMBERS:

Our first SIRARC luncheon at Spenger's in Berkeley on the 24th was a success and a good time was had by all. We had 29 in attendance and we were sorry that you could not be with us. Spenger's served us a very delicious boneless chicken lunch, which according to the show of hands was enjoyed by everyone.

After lunch we had a business meeting electing Officers and discussing many things in general. I will try to fill you in as much as possible.

At this time we 52 SIR Hams who have shown sufficient interest to complete the data sheets. We have had 30 check in the net at one time or another. There are six others on record but I have been unable to get any response of any kind from them, so we will have to consider they have no interest in SIRARC and will be dropped.

Millard C. George, K6ZRY, our State Chairman, was elected as President and State Chairman. August L. Bernes, W6HCE, was elected Vice President and Donald G. Dunn, K6BJJ, was elected to the combined position of Secretary and Treasurer.

No organization can long exist without some sort of dues or contributions to defray expenses. Our expenses are small but we do need some money in the treasury. I spent \$19.75 in January for printing and postage in the original organization effort, which my Branch No. 12 saw fit to pay. However, we are a State-Wide Activity now and are expected to be self-supporting. At the luncheon we decided against dues as such due to the bookkeeping involved, postage cost to send out receipts, etc. and agreed to try a contribution basis. Donations amounting to \$27.00 were received, out of which we have had to pay \$15.96 covering printing of invitations, postage, envelopes and lapel badges for the luncheon. As a result we only have \$11.04 left in the treasury.

We plan to publish a small membership roster in the very near future and the reason for this letter is to bring you up to date and mail you a data sheet to be completed in detail and returned

to me promptly. Some of the information is already on file, but the information asked for is what we need for the Roster and we want it up-to-the-minute in accuracy. I am working on a deal at the present time to get our Roster printed for free, but we will, of course, have the expense of postage (which you know is high today) to get it into your hands.

The cost of printing this letter, postage and envelopes will amount to about \$7.00, which will further reduce our little treasury to about \$4.00. Any advise we sent out to the group, if only one page costs us about \$8.00 for printing, envelopes and postage, the postage amounting to approximately \$5.00.

In view of the above, those of you who were unable to attend the luncheon, we would like to give you an opportunity of helping our treasury with a small contribution if you care to do so. We have put in a lot of time and effort in the organization of SIRARC, it has a fine start with lots of interest and we hope to see it continue to grow. Anything you feel you would like to contribute, please enclose with the Roster data sheet when you return it - THANKS in advance, as we can't afford to spend the postage to acknowledge its receipt.

The group enjoyed the luncheon so much that they voted to hold another one in October, at which special invitations will INCLUDE THE XYLS. You will be advised of the exact date so you can make your plans accordingly. It is planned to have some prominent well-informed speaker on Ham Radio on our program, so start thinking about attending.

The Friday morning sessions at 10:00 o'clock on 3925 was agreeable to everyone, so we are hoping that more of you will join in. It was agreed that the net would be conducted on as informal basis as possible. The first person putting out a CQ for SIRARC Members will automatically be number one, the first answer to the CQ will be number two and each checkin thereafter would receive a number. the round-table session would then pass in numerical order. If this doesn't work out to everyone's satisfaction the group will decide on some other method.

We also hope that the group will consider using 3925 at all times as our CQ and monitoring frequency, so we can have contacts with each other during the week.

The idea was tossed out for someone who really likes CW to organize a CW net on the same basis more or less as our SSB group. We have two members who operate CW only, so I hope someone will take over.

73 and CUL,

Michael S.

President & State Chairman

SIRARC REPORT --- OCTOBER, 1974

Sons in Retirement Amateur Radio Club

TO ALL SIRARC MEMBERS -- This October Report to the membership will serve three purposes: 1) To provide an account of the highlights of the October 4 meeting for those who were unable to attend; 2) To give those who were there a record and reminder of a very pleasant get-together; and 3) To serve as a cover memo for mail distribution of the new SIRARC Roster. Those who were not at the meeting will find a copy enclosed.

A GOOD TURNOUT -- A total of 51 were on hand for this second SIRARC luncheon meeting at Spenger's in Berkeley. Sixteen of the 51 were XYLs (compared to just one brave lady at our first meeting on May 24 -- Bessie, XYL of Bill, W6BG -- who was also on hand for this meeting. A number of messages of regret were received from members who for various reasons were unable to attend.

RECOGNITION FOR SIRARC IS GROWING -- President Millard, K6ZRY, serving as Master of Ceremonies, reported increasing interest in and appreciation of the value of the communications activities of SIRARC. He pointed out that Sirs State President Harry L. Mayfield has on several occasions commended the group on its rapid growth and the great potential value of its services, adding that he would not want to see anything interfere with its continuing development and activities. Millard's recent distribution of the new Roster to the Big Sirs and Secretaries of all 52 Branches, with a request to appoint Branch Chairmen of SIRARC Communications, should further alert the entire Sirs organization to the activities of SIRARC. "At the rate we're going," Millard said, "with 64 members already, I can see the definite possibility that in two or three years SIRARC could well become an official Sirs Branch in its own right -- a Branch made up 100% of amateur radio operators."

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Don, K6BJJ, Secretary-Treasurer, brought the following aspects of high finance to the attention of the group:

Receipts	\$49.32
Disbursements	\$47.55
Balance on hand 10/4/74	<u>\$ 1.77</u>

Barely solvent! But there are plenty of institutions all around us right now, both public and private, which would be happy indeed to be able to show a surplus balance of any kind -- even \$1.77!

Immediately following the above report, a "silent collection" was taken which replenished the Treasury in the amount of 43 1974 dollars, for which your officers extend their thanks and appreciation. (Now we can mail this report and the Roster).

Lest anyone feel a guilt complex developing over not being on hand at the meeting to contribute to this collection, we offer a very simple therapeutic suggestion -- just send a contribution along to the Treasurer now. Your check will be welcome. Last time around the contributions received in the mail from those unable to attend the May 24th meeting were most generous and helpful, and enabled us to meet our very elementary expenses -- postage, printing and supplies.

NEW MEMBERS -- The following have joined SIRARC since the last meeting: Lou, K6BBZ, Branch 16, San Mateo; Orin, W6HJE, Branch 8, Walnut Creek; Herb, W6PRD, Branch 18, Stockton; Joe, W6QZ, Branch 2, Berkeley; Barney, W6US, Branch 27, Sonoma; Ken, W6VQF, Branch 30, Oakland; and Ted, W6VQK, Branch 28, Salinas. In addition, two new members of Branch 48, Ferris, W6VJM, Oakland, and John, W6FDG, Kensington, have indicated interest in SIRARC and should be signed up by the end of the month, bringing total membership to 64.

Barney, W6US, who attended the meeting with XYL Eva, was singled out by Millard for special recognition. Barney has been on the air as an amateur radio operator for 66 years. Barney's joining brings the total amateur service represented by the SIRARC membership to over two thousand years!

CW ANYONE? -- President Millard is still on the look-out for some CW-dedicated members to take on the formation of a SIRARC CW Net. Perhaps a good project for the operating year ahead, with a report on progress at our next meeting.

PRESENT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED FOR 1975 -- Vice President Al Bernes, W6HCE, brought up the subject of election of officers. He pointed out that inasmuch as the present officers have so far served only $4\frac{1}{2}$ months during the Club's formative period, and since present incumbents are willing to continue, it would be to the best interests of SIRARC to retain their services for the first full operating year -- that is, until October, 1975. There was a unanimous vote of approval. Therefore, your officers for the coming year continue to be:

President and State Chairman.....Millard George, K6ZRY
Vice President.....Al Bernes, W6HCE
Secretary-Treasurer.....Don Dunn, K6BJJ

PRESENTATION BY DOUG MURRAY OF M-TRON ELECTRONICS -- With Club business taken care of, Vice President Al Bernes introduced our guest speaker, Doug Murray, owner and operator of M-Tron Electronics, Inc., of Oakland, who gave a comprehensive review of state-of-the-art ham gear, and commented on the impact of current world economic conditions -- principally inflation and shortages -- on the manufacture and distribution of communications equipment.

Doug brought along three new units: The Ten-Tec Triton II SSB HF Transceiver, the Icom IC-230 2-Meter Synthesized Transceiver, and the Atlas-180, a solid-state 180-watt SSB HF Transceiver. He made his point about "state-of-the-art" when he called attention to the fact that in all three of these units sitting there on the table, there wasn't a single vacuum tube! Doug's talk to the group was very informative and much appreciated.

Speaking of programs, Al Bernes is already working on programs for future meetings; some will include presentations by officials of FCC and ARRL.

END OF MESSAGE -- So much for the October 4 meeting. It was a pleasant experience, and we hope there will be many more like it in the future. The next meeting was tentatively set for some time in March, 1975. More about that in due time.

So 73 and 88, and all of that -- and don't forget to "feed the kitty!"

Don, K6BJJ, Sec'y-Treas.

OVERHEARD AT THE LUNCHEON TABLE --

"...and believe me, Joe, this SIRARC thing has got plenty going for it. Just think about it. First, we're all retired...we're all in the same position...we all have the same problems. We're up in years and now we're out of the old competitive rat-race. We want to help, and cooperate and share. And second, Joe, we've all got amateur radio. It's in our blood. For most of us it's been a long-time interest. For some guys it's something they've taken up recently -- maybe after retirement. Either way, Joe, we've got it, we've worked for it, and we can use it -- every day, all day long if we want to. We can talk to each other, Joe, and we sure can be the radio voice of this big SIRS movement!" (And that just about says it all!)

SIRARC REPORT NO. 2 -- MARCH, 1975

Sons In Retirement Amateur Radio Club

THE THIRD LUNCH -- The third SIRARC luncheon and get-together on March 7 at Spenger's in Berkeley has come and gone, a resounding success by all measures. One hundred and eighteen attended -- members, XYLs and guests -- as compared to a total of 51 at the last meeting October 4, 1974. Among the program highlights were:

- an excellent talk on the proposed new FCC amateur license re-structuring by Ney R. Landry, K6RI, FCC Engineer-in-Charge, 12th District, San Francisco. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. Landry by President Millard on behalf of the Club.
- an exhibit and description of new ham gear by Bob Ferrero, K6AHV, owner of Ham Radio Outlet, Burlingame.
- a talk on new IC electronic keyers, by Jack Curtis, WA6JNJ, developer and manufacturer of the well-known Curtis keyers.
- a talk by visiting State Officer Russ Whiting, a member of Branch 12 in Berkeley, recently appointed new editor of the SIRS inter-branch quarterly publication, Yes SIR.
- a talk about SIRARC CW Net operations, by Bill Gielow, WA6FXC, Branch 16. This net meets every Friday morning at 9 a.m. on 3770 KHz.
- An appearance by guest Doug McClellan, Branch 12, thanking SIRARC members for their plans to maintain radio contact with his daughter and family en route by cruiser to California from the Canal Zone.

President Millard George, K6ZRY, as master-of-ceremonies covered many subjects of interest. Although he ran a very tight meeting the full program and business session together lasted almost three hours. As someone said, "We should have called this event an afternoon with SIRARC," but we did finish up before they began to charge us rent for the hall!

Vice President Al Bernes, W6HCE, introduced the speakers and led the discussion on the frequency and format of future meetings. In this regard, it was agreed that more frequent meetings would be desirable, and a date of Friday, June 6, was set for the next and fourth SIRARC luncheon, also to be held at Spenger's.

UP-DATE OF THE UP-DATE -- The list of new members distributed March 7 brought the total SIRARC membership to 82. Since that time seven more have joined to make a new total of 89. Here they are:

W6BBW, Alden Chace, Carmel
W6CBD, Vic Whitty, Magalia, Br. 43
WA6EQK, Al Blanchard, Oakland, Br. 15
W6GYI, Jim Hall, San Francisco, Br. 44
W6MZO, Lee Marks, Santa Cruz, Br. 20
WA6TZH, Bill Peard, San Francisco, Br. 36
W6WGF, Roger Williams, Aptos, Br. 20

There are also several other prospective members now in process of joining.

MONEY (INFLATED) -- The Treasurer's Report (by Don, K6BJJ) showed receipts since the last meeting of \$72.37 and total disbursements of \$90.84, leaving a deficit for the period of \$18.47. This, and expected operating expenses (for postage, stationery and printing) for the months ahead were taken care of generously at the meeting by a new record in SIRARC "silent collections" amounting to \$88.93.

In the interest of fairness and general financial solvency, those members who were not at the meeting to contribute to SIRARC expenses have that opportunity now. A small check sent to your Secretary-Treasurer will be welcome to help keep the operation afloat during the coming period. The address is: D. G. Dunn, K6BJJ, 835 Santa Barbara Rd., Berkeley, CA. 94707. Our thanks and appreciation to all those who have already sent in their voluntary contributions in this way.

In this connection, it was discussed and confirmed by vote at the meeting that our present method of financing SIRARC -- by voluntary contributions in the spirit of the SIRS organization as a whole -- should be continued, and that we should not go at this time to a rigid system of formal dues.

ROSTERS -- Additional copies of the original SIRARC Roster, as prepared last year by President Millard, were on hand at the March 7 meeting, together with a new 2-page "Up-Date" list of new members. If through some oversight you have not yet received a copy, drop a card to the Secretary and one will be sent. This also applies to the Net Roll Call List for the Friday morning SSB net. In the recent influx of new members, some may have been missed.

A FEW STATISTICS -- For the special benefit of members attending the meeting who are serving as Communications Chairmen for their respective branches (and there are 20 such chairmen now), President Millard gave some current SIRARC statistics. These interesting figures are repeated here:

- Total membership of SIRARC (at time of the meeting), 82.
- Classes of licenses: Novices, 2; Technicians, 2; Generals, 25; Advanced, 44; and Extra Class, 9.
- Total man-years of Amateur Service, 2,800 plus.
- 36 of the 54 SIRS branches are now represented in SIRARC.
- There are 27 mobile units, 11 auxiliary power units, and 23 phone patches.
- The average weekly check-ins on the Friday morning SSB net during the last four months have been 31, compared to 18 for the first eight months of net operation.
- On the latest net (prior to the meeting) there were 40 check-ins.
- of the 82 members, 69 have-checked into the net one or more times.

And remember, the next SIRARC luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 1975, at Spenger's in Berkeley. XYLs and guests welcome as usual.

-- de Don, K6BJJ, Sec'y-Treas.



THE FOURTH LUNCH -- The fourth SIRARC luncheon meeting on June 6 at Spenger's in Berkeley brought another full house of 106 SIRARCANS, their XYLs and guests together again for an excellent program and plenty of congenial conversation. In addition to the some 30 XYLs attending, quite a few guests were brought by members, including the following SIR officials:

Brice Wheeler, Area Governor of Area 1, San Carlos
Orran Qualls, Big Sir of Branch 4, San Francisco
Willard Edson, Big Sir of El Camino Branch 16, San Carlos

Two other Big Sirs, who are also members of SIRARC, were there:

Victor E. Whitty, W6CBD, Big Sir of Paradise Pines Branch 43, Paradise
Clarence D. Hamma, K6DEO, Big Sir of Peach Bowl Branch 45, Marysville

DX-ER EXTRAORDINARY -- Bob Ferrero, K6AHV, owner of Ham Radio Outlet in Burlingame, was guest speaker of the day. Bob presented an exciting slide-and-commentary program telling the story of the 1974 Kingman Reef DXpedition. With its beautiful photography of the Pacific islands, and graphic narration, Bob's program was of interest to the ladies as well as the most avid DX-ers in the audience.

SIRARC AFFAIRS -- A wide range of Club business was covered before final adjournment at 2:47 p.m. Among the various topics reported on and/or discussed, with President Millard George, K6ZRY, serving as master-of-ceremonies, and Vice President Al Bernes, W6HCE, in charge of programming, were the following:

Financial Report: The Secretary-Treasurer, Don, K6BJJ, reported total receipts of \$108.93 during the period since the March 7 meeting, and expenses of \$86.61, leaving an operating balance for the period of \$22.32.

Statistics: Millard noted that the present SIRARC membership is approaching 100, with 94 now in the group, representing 39 SIR branches, and with another half-dozen highly qualified applicants in process of becoming members. Total length of service on the air of the present membership adds up to the hard-to-believe figure of 3,250 years. There are now 22 SIRARC Communications Chairman appointments among the branches, and it is expected that more such appointments will be made by the respective Big Sirs in the near future.

Advisory Committee Appointed: In order to broaden the base of service and counsel to the Club beyond the present limited group of only three official positions, it was proposed and agreed to at the meeting that an Advisory Committee of three members be established. The initial members of this new committee are: Ken Snell, K6KQH, Richmond; Charles Henry, W6EJA, Richmond; and Walt Erwin, W6THO, Alameda. Meetings will be scheduled soon with the present officers to discuss future planning and in general to extend the range of Club input and insure best representation of the membership as a whole.

SSB Net Operating Procedure: Mel Whiteman, W6BZ, on behalf of Jack Holmes, W6BUY, and others, presented a suggested change in check-in procedure for the Friday morning SSB SIRARC Net on 3925 KHz. In brief, the change suggested would be for Net Control to accept check-ins during a pre-net period of 15 minutes or so, assign numbers in order as check-ins come in, and then during the net allow each station, after its turn, to pass it on to the next-numbered station directly, without turning it back to Net Control. After some discussion, it was decided

by a show of hands to keep this possible change under consideration, but in the meantime to continue operating under our present roll-call system. Your own comments on the subject are welcomed.

NEW "I. D.s" FOR SIRARCANS: MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES -- A very big highlight at the June 6 meeting was distribution of the new SIRARC Membership Certificates, a lot of hard work but a labor of love by President Millard and Vice President Bernes. As Millard explained, this was strictly a "do-it-yourself" project, with the result that each of us now has a most attractive certificate to frame and hang on the shack wall, and all at a very modest cost to the Club. As one apparently finance-oriented member member commented, "Boy, this certificate sure looks like 1,000 shares of 'SIRARC INTERNATIONAL,' with dividends at 9%..." (Certificates for those members not at the meeting will be forwarded by mail)

FINANCING: A COMMENT FROM OUR PRESIDENT -- "As I mentioned at the meeting, one thing which has concerned me for some time is how we can insure that the burden of operating expenses for SIRARC, modest as they are, are equitably shared by the whole membership. As you have seen from our various meeting reports, our principal funds come from the voluntary collections made at the meetings, in true SIR tradition. There have been some, but not many, contributions received by mail from those who have been unable to attend meetings. For these, we are most appreciative. For this most recent period, for instance, from March 7 to June 6, the collection at the March meeting amounted to \$88.93, and the mail contributions amounted to \$20. So we want to think now of some way to spread our costs more evenly, and yet not go to a system of mandatory dues, which would be contrary to SIR principles, and would also entail excessive record-keeping and mailing work. Perhaps a single voluntary contribution from all members of, say \$5, once a year, would do the job, and would also avoid the trouble of taking separate collections at the meetings.

"That amount would, incidentally, just about take care of our past and projected operations over a year's time. But it's just one idea. Your own suggestions are solicited. Send any comments you have on this subject along, through the secretary. They will be reviewed and presented at the next meeting for consideration, with the hope that a vote can be taken and an equitable procedure established for the future -- and we won't have to discuss the subject any more. (In the meantime, we'll look forward to contributions by mail from those who were not at the June 6 meeting)."

RAFFLE, RAFFLE: WHO WON THE RAFFLE? -- A new program feature introduced at this meeting was the RAFFLE. First Prize was a \$25 merchandise certificate donated by our speaker, Bob Ferrero of Ham Radio Outlet, and Second Prize was a coaxial switch donated by Bud Jenstad, manager of the Heathkit Electronic Center in El Cerrito. The good news: First Prize in the drawing was won by Ray Bowers, WA6JNY. Second Prize went to Bill Tallmon, W6DVB. And the Club treasury was enriched by the proceeds in the amount of \$50.50.

HEY, DON'T FORGET THE COLLECTION! -- No, our good people didn't forget, and they did very well by it -- a total of \$71.00 into the Kitty Kan. As Millard commented, "That's a lot better than some big companies and big governments that we could name are doing!"

NEXT MEETING: IN OCTOBER -- Date and program not yet firmed up, but you'll be hearing more about this in due time from Vice President Al Bernes. Our present meeting schedule is on the basis of three meetings a year, with between-meeting periods of four months for necessary R & R. So, looking forward to another get-together in October, 1975, 73s to all ...

de Don, K6BJJ, Sec'y

SIRARC REPORT NO. 4 -- OCTOBER, 1975

Sons in Retirement Amateur Radio Club

THE FIFTH LUNCH -- The biggest and best of our get-togethers to date was the Fifth SIRARC Luncheon Meeting on Friday, October 10, at Spenger's in Berkeley. Attendance set a new record of 123 members, their XYLs and guests. Twenty-nine SIR branches were represented. A very good time was had by all, from the beginning of the "happy hour" at 11:00 a.m. to final adjournment at 2:30 p.m.

A TALK ABOUT INTERFERENCE -- Ed Peck, K6AN, our guest speaker, gave a thorough account of legal efforts under way at the present time to control deliberate interference on the air, a program in which Ed as an attorney is very prominent. Although SIRARC nets have not been affected, the membership found Ed's talk of great interest.

GUESTS OF HONOR -- Marcie Fitzsimmons, KZ5MF, and her husband Gale, together with Marcie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doug McClellan (Branch 12) attended the meeting. Marcie thanked SIRARCANS for their good work keeping in radio contact with their home-built 40-ton cruiser during their recent voyage from the Canal Zone to Berkeley.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period June 6, 1975 to October 10, 1975, was presented, as follows:

INCOME:	Carried forward from previous period	\$ 22.32
	Proceeds from June 6 meeting	121.50
	Contributions received by mail	16.00
	Total:	<u>159.82</u>

EXPENSES:		158.18
	Balance on hand:	<u>\$ 1.64</u>

The collection at this meeting amounted to \$70.75. Those who were not present are urged to send in their contribution by mail. It is interesting to note that the \$16.00 in mail contributions received since June 6, as shown above, came in from only 5 of the 32 members not attending that meeting. 'Nuff said.

THE RAFFLE -- Henry C. Wieking, W6MOP, was the lucky raffle man this time around. Henry won the Texas Instruments electronic pocket calculator, Model 1250, and the raffle itself earned a net of \$45.29 for the Club. Henry was most appreciative; our congratulations to him!

NEW LISTS PROVIDED -- Copies of a new 4-page Alphabetical List of the 102 current members of SIRARC were made available at the meeting, as well as copies of Roster Up-Date No. 3, giving detailed listings of the 11 new members since the June meeting. Copies of both are enclosed with this report for those who were not present. The Alphabetical List can be used as a new and up-to-date Roll Call List by attaching a blank sheet along the right side and ruling out some pencil lines.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES -- President Millard, K6ZRY, as master of ceremonies, handed out certificates to new members present. Those among the 11 new members who were not able to be present will find their certificates included with this mailing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- Millard announced that a Nominating Committee will be named soon to suggest candidates for the next election of officers. The present charter officers have now served for 18 months. More about all of this later. By a vote at the meeting, the next SIRARC Luncheon Meeting will be held sometime in February, 1976. You will be advised of the date.

-- 73 de Don, K6BJJ, Sec'y-Treas.

Sons in Retirement Amateur Radio Club

THE SIXTH LUNCH -- Our sixth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on February 27. 63 members together with their XYLs and guests representing 29 branches made up a total attendance of 134. The meeting was enjoyed by all from the start of the "happy hour" at 11 o'clock until final adjournment at approximately 2:45.

ELECTION -- Since our president Millard, K6ZRY, found it necessary to be relieved of his office due to a conflict with his duties as a high official in the State S.I.R. organization and our secretary Don, K6BJJ, also desired to be relieved, the nominating committee proposed the names of Paul Churchill, W6QBY, and Walter Jones, WB6PIZ, respectively as their successors. Our vice president, Al Bernes, W6HCE, agreed to continue for another year. A vote was taken and the nominating committee's recommendations were elected by acclamation.

SPEAKER -- Our speaker, the well known and popular Stanford professor, Dr. Frederick E. Terman (formerly 6AE), discussed the early days of radio and the nostalgia flowed freely.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period October 10, 1975 up to but not including February 27, 1976 is as follows:

INCOME:	Carried forward	\$ 1.64
	Collection (Oct 10)	70.75
	Raffle tickets (Oct 10)	70.00
	Mail contributions (9)	27.00
	Total	169.39
EXPENSES:		171.27
	Deficit	1.88

The collection at this meeting brought in \$73.94 and we took in \$65.00 on the sale of raffle tickets so the deficit no longer exists. It is hoped that there will be wider participation by mail in the collection on the part of the 43 members who were unable to attend the meeting. Those who don't attend actually cost the Club more (due to increased postage) than those who do attend.

RAFFLE -- The raffled calculator was won by a guest, Erwin A. Rasmussen, W6YPM of Redwood City. He has our congratulations and we hope he enjoys using it.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES -- President Paul, W6QBY presented membership certificates to the new members present. Those not present will find their certificates in this mailing.

ENCLOSURES -- Those who were not present at the meeting will find enclosed a new roll call list for use in net operations and also roster up-date sheet No. 4.

NEXT MEETING -- It is anticipated that the next luncheon meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30. More on that later.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ, Sec'y-Treas.

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SONS IN RETIREMENT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



THE SEVENTH LUNCH -- Our seventh luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on June 30, 1976. 53 members representing 27 branches together with their XYLS and guests made up a total attendance of 113. It is believed that the good humor which prevailed was enjoyed by all who attended.

BUSINESS -- The matter of possible "dead wood" in our organization having been discussed by the executive committee, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that the officers be authorized to drop from our roster any member who, for a period of one year has shown no interest in the club. In this context, interest can take the form of luncheon attendance, net check-in, a contribution by mail, or in fact almost any kind of communication which shows at least some degree of interest.

SPEAKER -- Our speaker was Captain Charles Carlsen, USNR, Western Regional Director, CIA. The subject of his address was "Intelligence in a Democratic Society". Captain Carlsen clearly outlined the need for a strong intelligence gathering agency in a world beset with a continuing struggle for survival. That his talk was well received was evidenced by the complete attention displayed by the group and the lively question and answer period that followed.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of February 27, 1976 up to but not including the meeting of June 30 is as follows:

INCOME:	Deficit brought forward	\$ -1.88
	Collection (Feb. 27)	73.94
	Sale of Raffle tickets (Feb. 27)	65.00
	Mail contributions (14)	37.90
	Misc. sources (sale of badges, etc.)	165.45
	Total	340.41
EXPENSES:		322.63
	Balance carried forward	17.78

The collection at this meeting brought in \$118.00, the sale of raffle tickets, \$68.00 and an additional \$44.00 was collected for the purchase of additional badges. As noted above, 14 generous souls (may their tribe increase!) sent in mail contributions for a total of \$37.90.

RAFFLE -- Two raffle prizes were offered. First prize, a Heath Cantenna dummy load was won by Bill Tallmon, W6DVB and the second prize, a Microsonic Transisterized Amplifier Speaker was won by a new member, Bob Moore, W6GZC. Our congratulations to the winners!

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES -- President Paul, W6QBY, presented membership certificates to the new members present. Those not present will find their certificates in this mailing. These certificates are prepared for us by Past President Millard, K6ZRY and his effort in this regard is certainly much appreciated.

BADGES -- Badges were distributed to those present who had ordered them. Badges have been mailed to those who were not present. A number of badges were ordered by members who liked their appearance. Badge orders can still be placed if you are interested (price \$2.75).

ENCLOSURES -- Those who were not present at the luncheon will find a new roll call check list enclosed.

NEXT MEETING -- Neither the date nor the nature of the next meeting has as yet been established so I can't give you any information at this time.

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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SIRARC

THE EIGHTH LUNCH -- Our eighth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on September 30, 1976. Total attendance was 124 which included 65 members representing 30 branches. Comments heard on the SSB net the following day indicate that some thought it to be the best meeting we had ever had.

BUSINESS -- President Paul, W6QBY, announced that he was moving to Southern California in a few months and therefore would not be able to serve the club as an officer next year. He then appointed Millard, K6ZRY, and Don, K6BJJ, to act as a nominating committee and propose a slate of officers for the coming year.

SPEAKER -- Sir John M. Sorenson, Governor for Area 11, presented a showing of slides depicting the Inside Passage to Alaska accompanied by a fascinating commentary. All comments that I have heard have been extremely favorable. It just has to be one of the finest programs we have ever had.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of June 30 up to but not including the meeting of Sept. 30 is as follows:

INCOME:	Brought forward	\$ 17.78
	Collection (June 30)	118.00
	Voluntary contributions (June 30)	68.00
	Mail Contributions (5)	8.50
	Misc. sources (sale of badges, etc.)	55.00
	Total	<u>267.28</u>
EXPENSES:		<u>184.58</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		82.70

The collection at this meeting brought in \$79.00, voluntary contributions brought in \$84.00, and the sale of badges, \$11.00.

PRIZES -- First prize, a 24-hr. station clock was won by Bob, K6VY and 2nd prize, an electronic calculator was won by Evelyn Rothrock, XYL of Rocky, WB6QNZ. In addition, a ladies prize which had been donated by Margaret George, XYL of Millard, K6ZRY, was won by Yette Barusch, XYL of Leo, WA6KYY.

ENCLOSURES -- Barring errors, those who did not attend the luncheon meeting will find enclosed the new club roster and those who became members since our last luncheon meeting will find their membership certificate.

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**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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SIRARC REPORT NO. 8 -- FEBRUARY 25, 1977

THE NINTH LUNCH -- Our ninth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on February 24, 1977. 63 members were present representing 30 branches. XYLS and guests brought the total attendance up to 130. All comments that I have heard have been favorable.

BUSINESS -- The nominating committee consisting of Millard, K6ZRY and Don, K6BJJ, proposed the following slate of officers for the coming year: President, Al, W6HCE; Vice President, Cal, W6IKQ; Secretary-Treasurer, Walt, WB6PIZ. There were no nominations from the floor and the above slate was elected.

A resolution was passed amending Rule 1 to read as follows: "Regular SIRARC membership is open only to members of Sons in Retirement, Inc. who hold current FCC amateur licenses. An active member who loses his qualification may, at the discretion of the executive committee, be kept on as an Associate Member. A regular member who has rendered outstanding service to SIRARC may, by vote of the membership, be awarded Honorary Membership should he become disqualified."

Another resolution was passed which reads as follows: "Since our retiring president, Paul K. Churchill, W6QBY, is planning to move to Southern California and will therefore cease to be a member of Sons in Retirement, the Secretary will then be authorized to bestow upon him the class of Honorary Member."

It was announced that SIRARC had been invited to become a member of Central California Radio Council (CCRC). The membership voted to accept the invitation sending a representative to the Council and paying the required \$6.00 annual dues.

Membership certificates were presented to new members. Any such who were not present will find their certificates enclosed herewith. These certificates are prepared by Millard, K6ZRY, and are much appreciated.

SPEAKER -- Wilfrid B. Whalley presented a most interesting discussion on the use of radio frequency in the treatment of malignant tumors. His talk was very well received by all those present.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of September 30 up to but not including the meeting of February 24 is as follows:

INCOME:	Brought forward	\$ 82.70
	Collection (Sept. 30)	79.00
	Vol. contributions for prizes (Sept. 30)	84.00
	Contributions by mail (6)	13.00
	Misc. sources (sale of badges, etc.)	11.00
		<u>269.70</u>
EXPENSES:		187.79
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD:		<u>81.91</u>

The collection at this meeting brought in \$77.50, vol. contributions for prizes \$74.50, and sale of badges \$13.75. Those who were unable to attend are invited to send in contributions by mail.

PRIZES -- There were eight prizes. Two 1977 U.S. Callbooks and two 1977 ARRL Handbooks were supplied by the club. Lanny, W6URA, graciously donated a knitted scarf and three knitted caps.

These prizes were won by: (1) Mac, W6JFA; (2) Bob, WA6UNL, a guest from Sacramento; (3) Roy, WB6NWQ, a guest of W6MOP; Unfortunately I was not able to get the names of the fourth and fifth winners; (6) Don, K6BJJ; (7) Mel, W6BZ; and (8) Erv, W6YPM. Congratulations to the winners!

GENERAL NOTES -- The Friday morning CW net has moved its time up to start at 8:15 AM. Lanny's slow speed CW net has changed frequency. Look for it at 9:30 AM Thursdays on 3725 KHz. Speed, about 8 WPM.

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**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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THE TENTH LUNCH -- Our tenth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on June 10, 1977. 61 members were present representing 27 branches. XYLs and guests brought the total up to 125. It is believed that everyone had a good time.

BUSINESS -- A moment of silence was observed in memory of President August L. Bernes, W6HCE whose sudden death on February 26 was such a

shock to all of us.

Upon the death of the president, the then vice-president, Cal, W6IKQ became president leaving the office of vice-president vacant. On the recommendation of the executive committee, Bob Colyar, WB6ZBF was unanimously elected vice-president.

Attention was called to an August L. Bernes Memorial Scholarship which has been set up by the Contra Costa Retired Teachers Association. It was thought that some of our members might wish to participate. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Past Big Sir of Branch 12 Darrol Davis, 425 36th Street, Richmond, CA. 94805. Phone (415) 234-0680.

Charlie, W6BOW, who is our representative to CCRC reported on Phase III of the amateur satellite program suggesting that some of us may want to get into the action by joining AMSAT and/or contributing to the fund. Unfortunately, space does not permit a full report here but for more detail you can contact Charlie.

The matter of a possible change in the time of the Friday morning SSB net was brought up. The matter proved to be somewhat controversial and no action was taken.

Certificates were presented to those who have become members since our last luncheon meeting. Any such who were not present will find their certificates enclosed herewith.

A new roster update sheet and a new set of checkin sheets was distributed. Four new members were taken in at or immediately preceding the meeting. You should add them to your checkin sheets as follows:

- Page 1, line 8, WD6AKC, Bill Read of Berkeley and Branch 64.
- Page 2, line 43, K6IZY, Jim Wren of Oakland and Branch 6.
- Page 3, line 16, K6MKQ, John Nettleton, of El Sobrante and Branch 2.
- Page 3, line 21, WA6MWO, Lynn Barr of Sonoma and Branch 41

If our records do not indicate that you were at the meeting, you should find the above enclosed.

SPEAKER -- Roy Sullivan, WB6SER, presented some very beautiful slides and a very interesting commentary on his experiences in Central Africa. He also had some most unusual artifacts on display.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of February 24 up to but not including the meeting of June 10 is as follows:

INCOME:	Brought forward	\$ 81.91
	Collection (Feb. 24)	77.50
	Vol. contributions for prizes (Feb. 24)	74.50
	Contributions by mail (3)	4.00
	Sale of badges	13.75
		<u>251.66</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		<u>124.30</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		127.36

The collection at this meeting brought in \$71.00, voluntary contributions for prizes brought in \$74.00 and the sale of badges \$16.50. Those not attending are invited to send in contributions by mail.

PRIZES -- A number of prizes were purchased for the club by Chas, W6EJA and Lammy, W6URA, again generously donated three prizes.

NEXT MEETING -- The next luncheon meeting has been tentatively set for Friday, September 30 so mark your calendar.

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SIEARC REPORT NO. 10 -- October 1, 1977

THE ELEVENTH LUNCH -- Our eleventh luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on September 30, 1977. 60 members were present representing 23 branches. XYLs and guests brought the total up to 115.

BUSINESS -- Certificates were presented to those who have become members since our last luncheon meeting. Certificates of appreciation were prepared for presentation to past presidents Millard George, K6ZRY and Paul Churchill, W6QBY. Since Paul was not present, his certificate will be mailed to him.

Bob Harriss, K6VY, having retired as State Chairman of SIRARC, he was warmly thanked for his fine work. It was announced that Clyde Sunderland, W6CBF, had been appointed as the new State Chairman.

Many comments were received as a result of the questions brought up in the meeting announcement. While there was, of course, some divergence of opinion, the general consensus seemed to be that we should not make any change in the location or scheduling of our luncheon meetings.

It has been suggested that in our on-the-air operations, we avoid mentioning the fact when one of our members is away on vacation. All kinds of people can be listening to us and it may not be in the member's best interest to advertise the fact that his house is vacant.

SPEAKER -- Our speaker was Kingsley Wightman, Director of the Chabot Observatory and Planetarium who gave us a very interesting illustrated discussion of the possibilities for the colonization of outer space. His talk was very well received. Mr. Wightman invited our members together with their families and friends, to attend their planetarium show, "The Star of Bethlehem", at 7:30 PM, on Tuesday, December 6. The Chabot Planetarium is located at 4917 Mountain Boulevard (near Mills College) and there is ample well lighted parking and good security.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of June 10 up to but not including the meeting of September 30 is as follows:

INCOME:	Brought forward	\$ 127.36
	Collection (June 10)	71.00
	Vol. contributions for prizes (June)	74.00
	Contributions by mail (2)	4.00
	Sale of badges	16.50
		<u>292.86</u>
EXPENSES:		115.26
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u>177.60</u>

The collection at this meeting brought in \$63.80, voluntary contributions for prizes brought in \$76.00 and sale of badges brought in \$8.25. Those members who were unable to attend the meeting are invited to participate in the expenses of the organization by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were generously donated by Lammy, W6URA and Bob, WB6HOR which supplemented the prizes purchased by the club. They were won by: W6NBQ, W6URA, K6MKQ, W6BNH, W6SZL, W6EJA, W6ATN, WD6AKC, K6VY, and K6BJJ.

NEXT MEETING -- Tentatively set for January 27, 1978.



**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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SIRARC REPORT NO. 11 -- January 28, 1978

THE TWELFTH LUNCH -- Our twelfth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on January 27. 72 members were present representing 36 branches. XYLs and guests brought the total attendance up to 155. A general good spirit seemed to prevail.

BUSINESS -- A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bob Harriss, K6VY.

Our annual election was held and the following were chosen to serve for 1978: President, Robert C. Colyar, WB6ZBF; Vice President, Walter C. Erwin, W6THO; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter B. Jones, WB6PIZ.

Membership certificates were presented to those who have become members since our last luncheon. If you were not present, you should find your certificate herewith. A certificate of appreciation was presented to our outgoing president, Cal Caldera, W6IKQ. These certificates which are much appreciated are prepared for us by past president Millard George, K6ZRY.

A new roster, (No. 3), was distributed to the members present. If you made a reservation, you are presumed to have picked one up. Otherwise you should find your copy herewith.

SPEAKER -- Our speaker was Tom Bates, State Assemblyman from the East-Bay area. He was well received and his lucid discussion of our legislative process brought forth a very spirited list of questions and comments which might be still going on if he hadn't had to leave for another appointment.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of September 30 up to but not including the meeting of January 27 is as follows:

INCOME:	Brought forward	\$ 177.60
	Collection (Sept. 30)	63.80
	Vol. contributions for prizes (Sept. 30)	76.00
	Contributions by mail (5)	12.26
	Sale of badges	13.75
		<u>343.41</u>
EXPENSES:		207.62
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD:		<u>135.79</u>

The collection at this meeting brought in \$86.25, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$101.00, and the sale of badges, \$5.50. Those members who were unable to attend are invited to participate in the expenses of the organization by mailing in contributions.

COMMENTS -- Our new prexy, Bob, has set for us a goal of having a member representing us in every one of the S.I.R. branches. We are now represented in 47 of the 73 branches. There must be active amateurs in some of the other 26 branches that don't even know we exist. Keep this in mind and spread the word whenever possible.

Bob has also suggested the idea of having a short discussion on some interesting subject at the start of each Friday SSB net. Let's kick the idea around.

PRIZES -- Lammy, W6URA, generously donated a small cedar chest and a scarf and Orin, W6HJE a badge blinker kit. These, together with the prizes purchased by the club were won by: WB6JFA, William Slife, a guest, WA6FXC, W6EJA, W6GYI, the XYL of W6MOP, K6GJ, W6AER, WA6FXC, W6VJN, W6MVD and a guest, W6NTU.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon will be on June 2 when Bob Buckter will give us an illustrated talk on his recent cruise around the world on a windjammer. Bob is the son of our good member Charlie, W6BOW, and those of us who followed Bob's progress as reported on our nets by his father will surely be looking forward to this one.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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LUNCHEON -- Our thirteenth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on June 2. 54 members representing 32 branches attended. XYLs and guests brought the total attendance up to 107.

BUSINESS -- The Executive Committee having suggested that we should have a second vice-president a resolution was passed to that effect and Merrick M. Rees, WA6IAL was elected to that position.

Membership certificates were presented to those who had become members since the last luncheon meeting. Any such who were not present should find their certificate enclosed herewith.

PROGRAM -- The program consisted of a slide show and commentary by Bob Buckter, son of Charlie, W6BOW, on his trip around the world in a windjammer. This has to be one of the finest slide shows that I have ever seen. A lot of thought and work backed up by more than a modicum of artistic talent obviously went into this production and those who missed it are very much the losers.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of January 27 up to but not including the meeting of June 2 is as follows:

INCOME:	Brought forward	\$ 135.79
	Collection (January 27)	86.25
	Vol. contributions for prizes (January 27)	101.00
	Contributions by mail (5)	23.00
	Sale of badges	5.50
		<u>351.54</u>
EXPENSES		<u>110.36</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		241.18

The collection at this meeting brought in \$68.10, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$88.00 and the sale of badges, \$5.50. Those members who were not able to attend are invited to participate in the expenses of the organization by mailing in contributions.

COMMENTS -- President Bob wishes to remind you that it is a good idea to monitor and place your CQs somewhere around 3925 KHz in the hope of developing ragchews with other SIRARC members.

PRIZES -- Lammy, W6URA, generously donated a small cedar chest, a stool and a knitted scarf. Charlie, W6BOW, donated an atlas and Orin, W6HJE, donated a badge blinker kit. These, together with the prizes purchased by the club, were won by: W6BOW, K6IW, W6OPW, W6IKQ, WB6ZBF, W6IBQ, W6JXI, W6WQQ, W6CBX, W6GYY and one person who got away without reporting who he was.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 29 and it is planned to have our founder, Millard George, K6ZRY, put on the program.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ, Sec.



SIRARC REPORT NO. 13 -- September 30, 1978

**A MATEUR RADIO CLUB
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LUNCHEON -- Our fourteenth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on September 29. 65 members were present representing 33 branches. XYLs and guests brought the total attendance up to 122.

BUSINESS -- The president appointed a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for 1979. This committee consists of Don Dunn, K6BJJ, chairman, Cal Caldera, W6IKQ, and Walter Jones, WB6PIZ. This committee is looking for help. If you would like to be considered for an office or if you have any ideas along that line, a word to one of the members of the committee would be appreciated.

Membership certificates were presented to those who had become members since the last luncheon meeting. Any such who were unable to be present should find their certificate enclosed herewith. These beautiful certificates are prepared by past-president Millard, K6ZRY and we certainly appreciate his effort in this matter.

PROGRAM -- One of our newer members, Fred Terry, KA6BUE, presented an educational illustrated discussion on the subject of corrosion.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of June 2 up to but not including the meeting of September 29 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 241.18
	Collection (June 2)	68.10
	Vol. contributions for prizes (June 2)	88.00
	Contributions by mail (5)	11.00
	Sale of badges	8.25
		<u>416.53</u>
EXPENSES		203.24
BALANCE	carried forward	<u>213.29</u>

The collection at this meeting brought in \$71.75, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$86.00 and the sale of badges, \$8.25. Those members who were not able to attend are invited to participate in the expenses of the organization by mailing in contributions.

COMMENTS -- President Bob wishes to remind you not to mention over the air when you or another of our members is away on vacation or plans a trip. At least two of our members have had their homes burglarized recently while they were away. We can't say that these rip-offs were in any way associated with amateur radio but there's no point in asking for trouble. Let's talk about the trip after it's over; not before or during.

PRIZES -- Lanny, W6URA, generously donated a small cedar chest and a knitted scarf and Charlie, W6EJA, donated a beautiful golf bag. These, together with the prizes purchased by the club were won by: W6AHC, W6AIN, K6BJJ, W6BZV, W6CBR, WA6FMQ, W6GYI, WA6MWO, W6NBQ, W6SZL, W6YCT, W6ZK, the XYL of W6CBR and Vernon Mahr, a guest from Branch 15.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 1979. No announcement has been made regarding the program.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SIRARC

SIRARC REPORT NO. 14 -- January 28, 1979

LUNCHEON -- Our fifteenth luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on January 26. 75 members were present representing 35 branches. XYLs and guests brought the total attendance up to 154. We were especially honored to have as a guest State S.I.R. President, Ranken A. Millard.

BUSINESS -- Chairman Don, K6BJJ, of the nominating committee placed in nomination that committee's proposed slate of officers for 1979. This slate consisted of Bob, WB6ZBF for president; Bill, W6SER for 1st vice president; Mike, WA6IAL for 2nd vice president; and Walt, WB6PIZ for secretary. Nominations from the floor were invited but there being none, the above slate was unanimously elected.

A new set of check sheets was distributed. If our records indicate that you were not present, you will find a set enclosed.

Membership certificates were presented to those who had become members since our last luncheon. Those who were not there to get their certificate will find it enclosed.

PROGRAM -- Past President Millard, K6ZRY, presented a very beautiful slide show depicting a very extensive automobile trip which he and Margaret took through Europe in 1966.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of September 29 up to but not including the meeting of January 26 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 213.29
	Collection (Sept. 29)	71.75
	Voluntary contributions for prizes (Sept. 29)	86.00
	Sale of badges	11.00
		<hr/> 391.04
EXPENSES		162.89
BALANCE carried forward		<hr/> 228.15

The collection at this meeting brought in \$99.70, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$83.00 and the sale of badges \$24.75. Those members who were unable to attend are invited to participate in the expenses of the organization by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Lanny, W6URA generously donated two small cedar chests and Orin, W6HJE, donated a badge blinker kit. These, together with prizes purchased for the club by Charlie, W6EJA, were won by KA6BUE, W6KQQ, W6JTQ, W6PRR, W6AIN, the XYL of W6AIN, W6CTH, W6NQJ, Elsa Mangelsdorf and three who got away without letting us know who they were.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 29. The program has not, as yet, been announced.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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SIRARC REPORT NO. 15 -- June 30, 1979

LUNCHEON -- Our sixteenth luncheon at Spengers on June 29th was very successful. The total attendance was 147 and we were honored to have among the guests State S.I.R. President Ranken A. Millard and his gracious XYL, Amy. Their presence added a great deal and we hope to see them frequently in the future.

BUSINESS -- Membership certificates were presented to the new members by past president Millard, K6ZRY. If you were not there to get yours, you should find it enclosed.

President Bob, WB6ZBF, appointed a nominating committee to propose a slate of officers for 1980. The committee consists of Roy, W6JXI, Charlie, W6BOW, and Elmo, W6MVD. If you have any suggestions to make along this line, any one of the committee would be glad to hear from you.

First Vice President Bill, W6SER, commented on our net operations with particular reference to the new 40 meter SSB net which now meets on Wednesday mornings at 9 o'clock on or near 7275 KHz. This net seems to be meeting with considerable success. You are, of course, invited to participate.

PROGRAM -- We were favored by a most interesting talk by an outstanding speaker in the person of John Coppinger of the Federal Aviation Administration who explained something of the history and operation of air traffic control. As word gets around, I suspect that this speaker is going to be invited to appear before many of the S.I.R. branches.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of January 26 up to but not including the meeting of June 29 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 228.15
	Collection (Jan 26)	99.70
	Voluntary contributions for prizes (Jan 26)	83.00
	Sale of badges (Jan 26)	24.75
	Contributions by mail (6)	16.00
		<hr/> 451.60
EXPENSES		323.36
BALANCE	carried forward	<hr/> 128.24

The collection at this meeting brought in \$84.00, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$111.00, and the sale of badges, \$22.00. Those members who were unable to attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing-in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by Charlie, W6BOW and Bob, WB6HOR which were added to those purchased for the club by Charlie, W6EJA. Among the winners were W7BWC, W6QWX, W6ZK, W6CTH, WA6LRB, W6IKQ, WA6FNC, and several who got away without letting us know who they were. Our sincere thanks to Irv, W6KTI, who handled the distribution of the prizes.

COMMENTS -- Bob requests that I reiterate the urgent request that you do not discuss on the air any known travel plans of any members. Talk about the trip after but not before or during.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 5, and the Executive Committee plans to meet on Thursday, September 27. More on all this later.



MATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SIRARC REPORT NO. 16 -- October 6, 1979

LUNCHEON -- Our 17th luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on October 5. 65 members were present representing 37 S.I.R. branches. XYLs and guests brought the total attendance up to 131. We were honored by the presence of State S.I.R. Vice President Harry S. Moyer and his gracious wife Gertrude.

BUSINESS -- Membership certificates were presented to the new members by State Vice President Harry Moyer. If you were not there to get yours, you should find it enclosed.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by Chairman Charlie, W6BOW. The slate of officers for 1980 proposed by the committee consisted of Wilber C. Roake, W6SER, President; George F. Burnley, WA6DZD, 1st Vice President; Charles P. Henry, W6EJA, 2nd Vice President; Walter B. Jones, WB6PIZ, Sec/Treas.

Since the State S.I.R. Board has requested that we immediately supply information on our 1980 officers for inclusion in the roster of branches, our Executive Committee recommended that we hold our election in October instead of waiting until January, so that we could comply. Accordingly, the election was held and the above slate of officers was elected by acclamation. The officers were installed by Past President Millard, K6ZRY.

We have been informed by Spenger's that the price of our next luncheon would go up to \$4.50 unless we would accept the condition that we would no longer have a choice of chicken or fish but would take whatever they chose to give us. A vote was taken by show of hands and a majority indicated a preference for retaining the choice even though it meant an increase in price.

A new set of check sheets was distributed. If our records indicate that you were not there, you should find one enclosed.

PROGRAM -- Since some confusion developed regarding our announced speaker, a substitute program was presented. Our own member, Norman S. Buell, W6SJH, presented a very interesting and informative program on the subject of "food fads". He stressed the desirability of common sense applied to our eating habits.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of June 29 up to but not including the meeting of October 5 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 128.24
	Collection (6/29)	84.00
	Voluntary contributions for prizes	111.00
	Sale of badges	27.50
	Contributions by mail (?)	18.00
		<hr/> 368.74
EXPENSES		261.48
BALANCE	carried forward	<hr/> 107.26

The collection at the meeting brought in \$60.00, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$115.00 and the sale of badges, \$38.50. Those members who were unable to attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by Lammy, W6URA. These were added to those purchased for the club by the two Charlies, W6EJA and W6BOW and were won by:

Members: W6AZS, W6BOW, W6BZ, W6CBR, WA6FNG, W6HJE, K6IZY and W6KTI.

XYLs of members: W6DVB, W6IKQ, W6NG, W6SER and W6SJH.

Lady guests: Ursula Nixon and Gertrude Moyer.

Ham guests: W6KJ and KØRQS.

We wish to thank Charlie, W6EJA and Irv, W6KTI who handled the collection of contributions and the distribution of the prizes.

COMMENTS -- Our outgoing President Bob, WB6ZBF requested that I publish the following:

To all members of SIRARC:

This is my last note to you from the office of the President. It has been my privilege to serve you as President for almost two years, and I deeply appreciate the honor you bestowed on me letting me serve in that office.

Our new President, Bill Roake, W6SER, is highly capable to perform his new duties, and I know our organization will see much progress under his leadership.

I wish you all much pleasure in your continuing membership in SIRARC.

73 - Bob Colyar
WB6ZBF

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 25, 1980. Hope to see you then. In the meantime, lets maintain our on-the-air contacts.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



**A MATEUR RADIO CLUB
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LUNCHEON -- Our 18th luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on January 25th. 85 members were present representing 37 S.I.R. branches. XYLs and guests brought the total attendance up to 149. Good fellowship prevailed and all seemed to be having a good time except for the note of sadness that descended on the party when we learned of the sudden death of our very popular member, Roy F. Stuart, W6JXI.

BUSINESS -- Membership certificates were presented to the new members. If you are a new member and were not there to get yours, you should find it enclosed.

PROGRAM -- Our speaker was Lieutenant Bill Missal, K8BK, of the United States Coast Guard who gave a talk and showed a film on the search and rescue operations of the Coast Guard. Lt. Missal very ably fielded many questions from the audience and on the whole it was a very interesting program.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of October 5, 1979 up to but not including the meeting of January 25, 1980 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 107.26
	Collection (10/5)	60.00
	Voluntary contributions for prizes (10/5)	115.00
	Sale of badges	41.25
	Contributions by mail (4)	27.00
		<hr/> 350.51
EXPENSES		235.67
BALANCE	carried forward	<hr/> 114.84

The collection at this meeting brought in \$84.16, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$112.00 and the sale of badges, \$19.25. Those members who were unable to attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by Lammy, W6URA, Ed, W6ALW, Pauline Callies (XYL of K6IW), Orin, W6HJE, Nort, W6CBX and Charlie, W6BOW. These were added to those purchased for the club by the two Charlies, W6EJA and W6BOW and were won by:

Members: W6NBQ, WB6BRL, W6SJH, WA6HIN, N6CCS, W6ZK, W6YCT, WA6OUC, W6AER, W6ESZ, WA6MWO, W6GYI, W6BOW and KA6BUE.

XYLs of members: K6SGW, WB6QNZ, W6AIN.

Lady guests: Helen Keitel and the sister of W6KTI.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS -- We wish to thank Charlie, W6EJA and Irv, W6KTI who handled the collection of contributions and the distribution of the prizes. We would also like to thank Burl, WB6BRL who so ably handled the sale of the lunch tickets at the door.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 27, 1980. Until then let's keep in communication over the air.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



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SIRARC REPORT NO. 18 -- July 8, 1980

LUNCHEON -- Our 19th luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on June 27th. 80 members were present representing 36 S.I.R. branches. Wives and other guests brought the total attendance up to 143. Everybody appeared to be having a good time.

BUSINESS -- A beautiful gavel for the use of the presiding officer was presented to the club by Elmer Callies, K6IW.

The nominating committee consisting of Bob, WB6ZBF, Don, K6BJJ, and Bill, WA6FXC presented their proposed slate of officers for 1981.

Their nominations are:

President: Norman S. Buell, W6SJH
1st Vice-President: Charles Buckter, W6BOW
2nd Vice-President: Irvin D. Martin, W6KTI
Sec./Treas.: Walter B. Jones, WB6PIZ.

These, together with any nominations from the floor will be voted on at our September meeting.

PROGRAM -- Douglas W. Dupen of the Stanford Linear Accelerator gave a very interesting and informative discussion on the activities of that facility.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of January 25, 1980 up to but not including the meeting of June 27, 1980 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 114.84
	Collection (1/25)	84.16
	Voluntary contributions for prizes (1/25)	112.00
	Sale of badges	22.00
	Contributions by mail (9)	32.00
		<hr/> 365.00
EXPENSES		287.83
BALANCE carried forward		<hr/> 77.17

The collection at this meeting brought in \$105.85, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$103.00, sale of badges, \$15.00 and sale of extra check sheets, \$3.00. Those members who could not attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing in contributions.

CHECK SHEETS -- A new set of check sheets was distributed. If our records indicate that you were not present you should find a set enclosed. A charge of 25¢ per set is now being made for extra sets when picked up at a luncheon meeting. Two sets for \$1.00 by mail.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by W6URA, W6GY, WB6PIZ and WA6DZD. These together with those purchased for the club by W6EJA, W6BOW and W6IKQ were won by: K6AY, KA6BBY, W6BZ, W6DBH, K6DEO, W6FMC, WA6FMQ, W6IQH, W6JNY, W6KPO, W6YCT, K6ZR and the following guests: WA6FFF, WD6HZX, W6NQU, and W6ZF.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting will be on Friday, September 26, 1980. Hope to see you then.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



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LUNCHEON -- Our 20th luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on September 26 with 70 members present representing 31 branches. XYLS and other guests brought the total attendance up to 136. We were honored by the presence of State S.I.R. Vice-President Kenneth Casper and his charming wife, Evelyn, who travelled all the way from Nevada City to be with us. Also present was the official S.I.R. State Photographer, Louis Saylor, who took many pictures.

BUSINESS -- The Nominating Committee consisting of WB6ZBF, K6BJJ and WA6FXC, had proposed the following slate of officers for 1981:

President: Norman S. Buell, W6SJH
1st Vice-President: Charles Buckter, W6BOW
2nd Vice-President: Irvin D. Martin, W6KTI
Sec./Treas.: Walter B. Jones, WB6PIZ.

There being no nominations from the floor, the above slate was elected by acclamation and was installed by State S.I.R. Vice-President Casper.

PROGRAM -- When our scheduled speaker was unable to be present, our own member, Charles Buckter, W6BOW saved the day by showing us some of his beautiful pictures taken in the British Isles. We certainly owe Charlie a vote of thanks for this.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of June 27, 1980 up to but not including the meeting of September 26, 1980 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 77.17
	Collection (6/27)	105.85
	Voluntary contributions for prizes (6/27)	103.00
	Sale of badges (6/27)	15.00
	Sale of extra check sheets	5.00
	Contributions by mail (5)	16.00
		<u>322.02</u>
EXPENSES		168.26
BALANCE	carried forward	153.76

The collection at this meeting brought in \$67.97, voluntary contributions for prizes, \$118.00, sale of badges, \$3.00 and sale of extra check sheets, \$3.00. Those members who could not attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by W6AIN, W6BNB, W6CBF, WA6DZD, WB6PIZ, W6URA and K6ZRY. These, together with prizes purchased for the Club by W6KTI and W6BOW, were won by W6AHG, KA6AHY, N6AVV, W6CJC, W6DVB, W6GYI, WA6HIN, W6HKP, K6IZY, WA6JNY, W6JTQ, KA6LDK, W6MVD, W6NBQ, WA6OLA and W6URA. Winners also included Louis Saylor (the State Photographer), and XYLS and guests of K6IW, W6MOP and W6THO.

NEXT MEETING -- Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 1981. Set that date aside.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



MATEUR RADIO CLUB
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LUNCHEON -- Our 21st luncheon meeting was held at Spenser's on January 30 with 78 members present representing 33 branches. XYLs and other guests brought the total attendance up to 159. We were pleased to hear an announcement that our first president and founder, Millard C.

George, K6ZRY, who underwent heart surgery on January 22, was showing satisfactory recovery.

BUSINESS -- A new roster was distributed. If our records indicate that you did not get one, you should find your copy enclosed.

Membership certificates were presented to new members. If you are entitled to one but were not present, you should receive yours in the mail. These beautiful certificates were prepared for us by Millard, K6ZRY, before he underwent his operation.

PROGRAM -- Bob Buckter, son of our own Charlie, W6BOW, presented an interesting and informative program on the restoration and redecorating of Victorian homes in San Francisco. His presentation was well received and brought forth a lively question and answer period which indicated an active interest on the part of many listeners.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of September 26, 1980, to the present is as follows. Note the change in the fiscal period to include the current meeting.

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 153.76
	Collection (9/26)	67.97
	Voluntary contributions for prizes (9/26)	118.00
	Collection (1/30/81)	92.00
	Voluntary contributions for prizes (1/30)	121.50
	Sale of badges	6.00
	Sale of extra check sheets	7.00
	Contributions by mail (8)	33.80
		<u>600.03</u>
EXPENSES		<u>368.51</u>
BALANCE	carried forward	\$ 231.52

Those members who could not attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by W6AIN, W6CQH, W6HSY, W6ILH, W6LMY, W6MVD, W6QUE, W6SJH, W6URA. These, together with prizes purchased by the club, were won by W6AIN, W6BOW, W6CHF, W6DDC, W6EJA, W6EUI, W6EJK, W6GYP, W6IKQ, W6JNY, W6MOP, W6SER, W6SZL, W6YCT, XYLs of W6PTZ and W6SZL, and three guests.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS -- Besides officers, the following were very helpful. W6AIN, W6BRL, W6HIN and W6KTI's sister Marty. I apologize if I overlooked anyone.

NEXT MEETING -- The next regular luncheon meeting will be Friday, June 26. We plan a technical meeting on the subject of RFI for Friday, March 27. More on that later.



**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
SIRARC**

LUNCHEONS -- A special technical luncheon was held on March 27th at which 49 members and 19 guests heard an informative discussion on the subject of radio frequency interference by W. E. Bachman, W6BIP.

Our 22nd regular luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on June 26th with 75 members present representing 38 branches. XYLS and other guests brought the total attendance up to 145.

BUSINESS -- The Nominating Committee consisting of Bob, WB6ZBF, Cal, W6IKQ and Bill, W6SER, reported on their proposed slate of officers to be voted on at our next luncheon meeting. The slate consists of:

President, Charles Buckter, W6BOW.
First Vice President, Robert B. Wolfe, WA6HIN.
Second Vice President, Lamartine C. Yeoman, W6URA.
Secretary-Treasurer, Walter B. Jones, WB6PIZ.

Our founder, Millard George, K6ZRY, presented certificates to our new members. If you are entitled to one but were not present to receive it, you should find yours enclosed.

A new set of check sheets was distributed. If you were not there, you should find one enclosed. Extra sets are 25¢ each if picked up at a luncheon or two for \$1.00 by mail.

PROGRAM -- Mr. Louis Bartolini of Merrill Lynch talked on the subject of how to handle your money. Mr. Bartolini is an excellent speaker who has a good command of his subject and he held his audience right through the question and answer period.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of January 30 to the present is:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 231.52
	Collection (March 27)	52.31
	Collection (June 26)	91.25
	Voluntary contributions for prizes	118.00
	Sale of badges	15.00
	Sale of RFI handouts	87.32
	Sale of extra check sheets	7.50
	Contributions by mail (12)	47.00
		<u>649.90</u>
EXPENSES		487.85
BALANCE	carried forward	\$ 162.05

Those members who could not attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by W6KTI, W6ACK, W6NBQ and W6URA. These, together with prizes purchased by the club were won by W6CBF, W6NQJ, W6THO, K6ZRY, WB6EUI, W6GYY, W6BOW, W6NG, WB6ZBF and W6KPK.

NEXT MEETING -- The next regular luncheon meeting will be on Friday, October 30, when we will elect officers for 1982.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ



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LUNCHEON -- Our 23rd regular luncheon meeting was held at Spenger's on October 30 with 78 members present representing 32 branches. XYLs and other guests brought the total attendance up to 140. We were honored by the presence of Sons in Retirement State Vice-President Jack Lubbock.

BUSINESS -- The Nominating Committee which consisted of Bob, WB6ZBF, Cal, W6IKQ, and Bill, W6SER made their report. Due to the untimely death of Robert B. Wolfe, WA6HIN, who was to have been nominated First Vice-President, his name had to be withdrawn and the slate of officers offered by the committee was as follows:

President; Charles Buckter, W6BOW
1st Vice-President; J. M. Jackson, N6AVV
2nd Vice-President; Lamartine C. Yeoman, W6URA
Secretary-Treasurer; Walter B. Jones, WB6PIZ

There being no nominations from the floor, the above slate was elected by acclamation and was installed by State SIR Vice-President Jack Lubbock.

Past President and Founder, Millard George, K6ZRY, presented certificates to our new members. If you are entitled to one but were not present to receive it, you should find yours enclosed.

PROGRAM -- Our retiring President, Norm Buell, W6SJH, presented a very interesting talk describing his recent trip involving the delivery of a 65 foot tug boat into the Bering Sea. His talk was illustrated by some very beautiful slides. This was an outstanding program.

FINANCES -- The financial report for the period of June 26 to October 30 is as follows:

INCOME	Brought forward	\$ 162.05
	Collection (Oct 30)	140.00
	Voluntary contributions for prizes	126.00
	Sale of check sheets	1.75
	Sale of badges	12.00
	Contributions by mail (9)	29.00
		<u>470.80</u>
EXPENSES		<u>269.49</u>
BALANCE	carried forward	\$ 201.31

Those members who could not attend are invited to participate in the expenses by mailing in contributions.

PRIZES -- Prizes were donated by W6AIN, WA6DZD, W6MVD, W6URA, and by the widow of our deceased member, KA6BBY. These, together with prizes purchased by the club were won by W6BOW, W6ILH, K6ZRY, N6EFH, W6LDP, W6MKQ, W6DBH, W6NG, K6IMK, W6CSV, the XYL of W6GYI, State Vice-President Jack Lubbock and three other guests.

NEXT LUNCHEON -- Our next regular luncheon meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 1982. In the meantime, see you on the nets.

73 de Walt, WB6PIZ