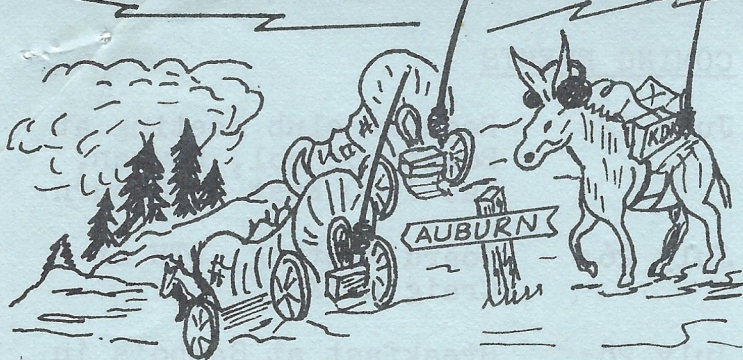




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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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TO: All ARRL Affiliated Clubs
Sacramento Valley Section

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to your club. My name is Ross Forbes, WB6GFJ, and I am the newly appointed Section Emergency Coördinator for the Sacramento Valley Section.

If I can be of any help to your club, to develop a local emergency plan, assist to improve your present emergency plan, or help your club in the area of emergency communications in any way, please don't hesitate to drop me a letter, call me on the telephone or on two meters. Also, please keep me informed of all of your clubs activities such as emergency drills, telethons, walkathons, local Public Relations Activities, or participation in local emergencies.

I would like to encourage every club to work closely with your local officials so that Amateur Radio can serve each community in any way possible. Being active on OSCAR, myself, I can appreciate anyones concern that participating in emergency drills might overshadow their current interests. Therefore, if I can show your club how to develop emergency communications through training that does not interfere with individual's primary interests, again feel free to give me a call.

Finally, if your club has a regular net or meeting on the air, whether it be HF or on 2 meters, and will accept guest check in's, please let me know the time, day and frequency, so that I might check in with your group.

Again, if your club needs any advice or assistance regarding emergency communications, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

73

Ross

Ross W. Forbes, WB6GFJ
SEC-SV

SIERRA FOOTHILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month. The meeting place is the grade school in Bowman. Take the Bowman off ramp from I-80, East of Auburn. Go under the freeway to the stop sign. Turn right. School is directly ahead.

REPEATERS: 144.83/145.43 WR6ADI
222.26/223.86 WR6AIB

2 Meter Net: Thursdays at 7:30PM
220 MHz Net: Thursdays immediately following the 2 meter net.
Approximately 7:45 PM.

Visitors and guests are welcome to check in to the nets and are most cordially invited to come to our meetings and to become a member of this growing club.

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ARRL/IARU Headquarters has confirmed with the government of Panama that HP9 calls have never been issued for use on the amateur bands. The prefix designates commercial maritime users, and the bearers of such calls are expressly prohibited from using the amateur communications of any kind with HP9 calls, including third party traffic is not legal. See FCC Rules and Regulations Part 97.89 and DOC General Radio Regulations Part 2, Section 52, Subsection 1 AR.

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ARRL BULLETIN NR 42

With the reentry of the Skylab space station predicted for sometime within the next 3 or 4 weeks, Amateurs are urged to contact their ARRL Section Communications Manager, Page 8 QST, to coordinate efforts for possible communications assistance for observation networks. ARES, RACES, SKYWARN And other groups may be needed to collect and relay spotting information to government agencies.

COMING EVENTS

- July 12: Regular club meeting at Bowman School, Bowman, Ca. I-80 East of Auburn
- July 26: Board Meeting, QTH of Craig K4TXK
- July 28: Breakfast at Sambo's in Auburn 9 AM
- Aug. 4: SFARC Assist with the TEVIS CUPhorseback 100 mile run from Lake Tahoe to Auburn. Call Frank at 652-7934 for more info. 2 mtr, 220MHz and 6 mtr rigs will be linked for this service
- October Picnic- Potluck

Editors Tip of the month.

Electricity is probably one of the cheapest energy sources that we have. When you think of all the horsepower that runs through those lines to your house, and how much work it really does for you, it really saves you work. Would you like to go back to doing laundry on a washboard or the old ice box?

Electricity is also very powerful and can be dangerous. Do not open and work on your rigs with the AC line plugged in. Discharge all capacitors. If you must run tests while working on the rig, try to keep the left hand in your hip pocket. Wear rubber soled shoes, and work with tools that have insulated or rubber shock-proof handles. Do be careful.

Make sure the children of the family do not emulate you by poking something into your rig after seeing you work on it. They are great imitators, and want to get in on the act.

Ceil

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I can't think of a thing to say in this space, so I'll waste it.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What has 300 legs, drinks ERG, gets chased by bears, and is radio controlled? Why the 150 entrants of the Tevis Run, naturally! And as for that "radio controlled" part, a lot of Sierra Foothills club members found out just how controlled--or uncontrolled--the thirty hours of the Western States Endurance Run last Saturday and Sunday were. While many local amateurs made major contributions to the communications and management of the run, the people who deserve a prize for dedication were those non-PCSCR members who worked hours and days to make the Tevis Run a success. Along the 100 mile trail from Squaw Valley to Auburn, Earl, WB6LFD, and Ceil, WB6PBS, set up the check point at Todd Valley and provided communications well into the night. A few miles further down the trail on Highway 49 near Cool; Steve, KA6DHU, and Randy, WA6LCD, ran their checkpoint throughout the night and all the next morning. At the finish line itself near Placer High School, the headquarters communications van was staffed in part by Don, WA6UOS, Bob, W6MEI, and Fred, K6DGW. All of these SFARC amateurs were superbly prepared to cope with the inevitable mass chaos by virtue of their sterling performance at last month's Field Day up at the Blue Canyon site.

Now that the dust has settled (quite literally!) from both the Tevis Run and Field Day 79, it would be nice to settle back and relax a little until next year--wishful thinking, indeed! In exactly 28 days after the Tevis Run--the original trail competition, the Tevis Cup will get underway (these things are scheduled during the full moon, so the entrant will have a sporting chance to avoid stepping on a bear or rattlesnake at midnight). The Tevis Cup will feature more entrants than the Tevis Run and they will be on horseback besides. Clearly the PCSCR is going to need as much or more in the way of communications support this time around as before. So if you've read this far and can possibly help, please call Frank, WB6CCT, at 652-7934, and sign up now.

At the last month's Board Meeting we looked over the plans for the club's third quarter activities. At this Thursday's General Meeting one of the featured speakers will be Harry Hatt, WA6NDZ, who will thrash out the problems and cures for that curse of the ricebox--intermodulation distortion, or IMD. Our other speaker will be Rick Sparks of the Sacramento Computer Users Group. Captain Sparks is an Instructor Navigator at Mather AFB and will demonstrate his micro-processor system with emphasis on orbital tracking techniques. If you're interested in Oscar, Skylab, or IMD; don't miss this one!

Next month will be ARRL Pacific Division Director W6ZM's time under the gun. (No, I don't mean that literally!) Be thinking about WARC 79, the 220 MHz maritime service, what happened to the female candidate in the Northwestern Division Director's race, etc. It wouldn't be very hospitable for me to ask all the pointed questions! The September meeting will be a Trade Fair extravaganza for both hams and spouses. What's a Trade Fair? We'll talk about that Thursday--come and find out.

A couple of final notes: The Club Breakfast is Saturday morning, July 28, at 9:00 AM, at Sambo's in Auburn. It sounds like fun for all (except possibly for the waitresses). And last and best--the grand prize for this month's raffle is a multi-band VHF FM Monitor Receiver, plus an assortment of smaller prizes too. See you there!

Craig, K4TXK

SIERRA FOOTHILLS ARC OFFICERS

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Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club is growing. We have interested parties or I should say "HAMS" who have been in contact with other hams and are asking how do we get into this club?

As you members know, strange things have been happening. Word has gotten out that this club is doing things. We are promoting goodwill. We invite anyone to come to our meetings. We are having a few socials to get that "eye-ball" and for some that may be a first meeting eye-to-eye. We have had code and theory classes by Floyd W6ZCH and Fred K6DGN. Field Day is a big fun day for those who wish to participate. And we are always ready to do new and fun things to promote amateur radio.

The club wishes to extend recovery wishes to two of our members.

Marilyn, WB6KFL, has had the misfortune to break a bone in her foot. She will be in a walking cast for the rest of July. A speedy recovery to you Marilyn, and have a good trip next time, hi. We mean the vacation that had to be postponed.

Word has come to us that another foot has been injured, but not broken, fortunately. This one is attached to club member Clyde, W6QJO, who is limping around, and very thankful that it wasn't more serious. A speedy recovery to that injury there Clyde.

The Radio Place

June 21, 1979

*Sierra Foothills ARC
C/O Cecil Pringle*

As a 'local' Amateur Radio store I have always had the vision that the radio store be a focal point for amateur radio activities within the community it serves. This 'community' includes a close relationship with the radio clubs in the area.

We have for some time been planning to publish a quarterly newsletter which would go to as many as the hams in the Sacramento Valley as we can reach. As a part of this newsletter I would like to devote some space for Club news, such as club background, history, and meeting dates. We would also have space for meeting dates and other activities of special interest.

The first Newsletter is currently in the planning stages and you are invited to let me know of your club meeting dates or dates of other activities you wish publicized for the months of July thru October.

I look forward to hearing from your Club in the near future.

Sincerely,

G. A. Stilwell

G. A. Stilwell
W6NJU

NEW MEMBERS: We congratulate you and wish you successful hamming and much pleasure as a member of our club. We also would like to have you write your editor and give your comments. We would like to be of service to you in any way that we can. So don't hesitate to let us know what you would like in your club newsletter.

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KA6GFH Bill Cook (New Call. Congratulations on the license)

We are enclosing a membership application. Cost \$1.00 per month for the first member, and associate members in the same household are 50¢ per mo. That's not so bad when the newsletter costs about 25¢ plus 15¢ postage. We really can't do it much cheaper, and I'm sure you understand that.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ CALL _____
STREET _____
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HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____
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First family member \$12.00 per year. Each additional member \$6.00 per year. (Year begins in January) \$1.00 per month remaining months of this year.

Bring to meeting or mail to: Dick Lund WA6HY0, 280 Electric St. Auburn, Ca. 95603

Amateur Radio grew by 8% over the last year, according to figures from the FCC, which put the number of Novice hams at 64,063, with 68,881 Technicians, 119,389 Generals, 83,641 Advances, and 22,742 Amateur Extras. (HRH Newsline)

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs will be operating W6LFJ from the Sonoma County Fair Exhibit from July 9 thru July 20, 1979. Hours of operation 1000 PDT to 2200 PDT daily. Tentative frequencies are CW 7.050. 7.110: SSB-3.9, 7.235, 14.285, 21.360 28.600 MHz. FM 29.5-29.6. Rptr 146.13/73, RTTY 14.075. 21.075, 28.075. Skeds may be arranged via Don Bremer KB6LO, 3200 Tobin Lane, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95401

'79 ARRL PACIFIC CONVENTION - RENO
Aug 11 & 12 at the MGM GRAND. Car pool it up with friends

RESPONSE PLEASE

Review the two letters that were received in this issue, and be ready to comment on them at the meeting on Thursday, July 12.

Patronize our advertizers, and get to know them. They're great guys, and HAMS too.

Strong winds took their effect on my SST 64 tower. They bound the track and in cranking the tower up, the cable snapped. A replacement tower is being sent by the factory. WB6PBS

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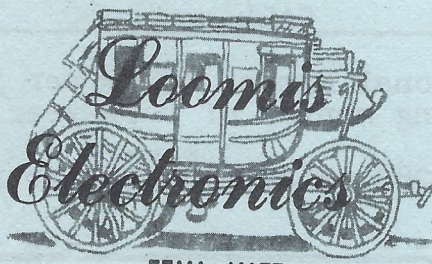


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