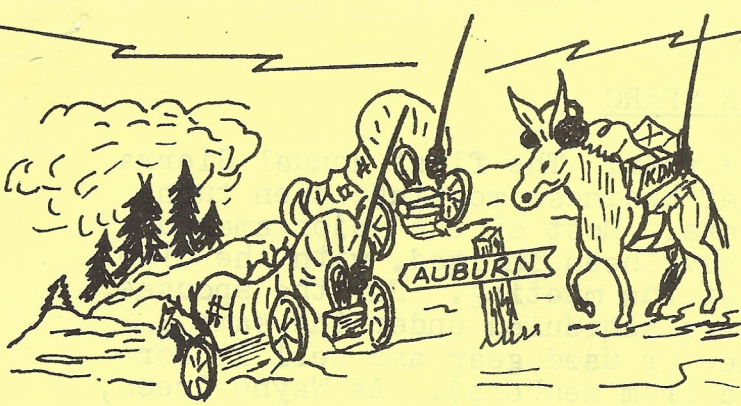




NEWS LETTER

SIERRA FOOTHILLS
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SEPTEMBER '79

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Well folks, they've played the National Anthem; the referee has flipped the coin, the home town team's defending, and here comes the kickoff!"

Sounds like fun this fall, doesn't it? But what if the home team isn't prepared for the kickoff? On September 24, you and I and every other amateur will put our licenses on the line for the kickoff of WARC '79 at Geneva. It's the International Telecommunication Union's political version of the Super Bowl, and we're the stand-in's for the football!

The September issue of "CQ" has an excellent band-by-band analysis of the threats to each portion of the amateur spectrum.

Dr. Cohen, N4XX, correctly points out that our own government sponsored the proposal to establish the Maritime Mobile Service as the primary users of 220 MHz. Additionally a majority (23 countries) have proposed turning over most or all of 40 meters to the exclusive use of short wave broadcast stations, and our own government is one of 17 proposing to take away 50 to 200 KHz from Region 2 (American) amateurs.

Does that sound like our representatives are prepared to support or even be friendly to our position at WARC '79? Do you think that the ARRL has properly spent its time and our money in pursuit of these goals? I think not. As a League member for over 15 years, I am forced to conclude that the operative word for the post war ARRL is Fear. . .

Fear to lobby, lest they jeopardize their noncommercial tax status. Fear to treat its own employees with proper pay and respect, leading to the present staff upheavals. Fear of alternative points of view, as evidenced by the banning of speakers with opposing viewpoints at League functions. Fear of women, as a reason for the alleged election irregularities in the Northwestern Division Director's race.

In two weeks the whistle is blowing for all of us. Won't you join me in a prayer for our representatives to WARC '79 to be guided to protect Amateur Radio for the years to come. It would appear we have been found wanting; and on that Fall morning when the whistle blows in Geneva, prayer is all we have left.

(Editors comment) We all will utter a silent prayer that our representatives will be in there rooting for us.

FUND RAISER FOR SFARC

Next week is our big fund-raiser for the year: The first annual Sierra Foothills Trade Fair. We'll have a brief business meeting, then turn everyone loose for a shopping extravaganza. Most of the major amateur radio and computer dealers in the area have been invited, with the club getting a percentage kickback on sales at the meeting. For the spouses, Avon, Shaklee, Tupperware, Amway, etc. are scheduled under the same arrangement. Finally, bring your own new or used gear and sell it for whatever you can (no percentage required from members). As Wayne Green, Ralph Nader, and a bunch of Romans before both of them said: "Caveat Emptor--Let the Buyer Beware!"

This has been a noteworthy month for more than a few of our members, Mr. Vice-President, Doug, WB6HEV, is having to put up with too much bed rest as he gets over his heart congestion; and the Mayor of Rosebush, WA6EBI was congested, well-1-1, on the other end. Anyway, glad the doctors got everything back in place after your hernia operation, and lastly, speaking of being in place, here's to Hank, W6SX, whose performance in the June VHF QSO Party made page 100 of the September QST. Hope to see more of you in there next time. . .and more of us at the Trade Fair next week!

Craig Bledsoe K4TXK

P.S. The main raffle prize to be given away at the Trade Fair meeting will be a new AM-FM Stereo 8-track automobile entertainment center with a coaxial power line filter. (to keep out the QRM from the mobile rig!)

W6DEF says:

A good way to keep active in traffic handling is to originate messages to authors of certain interesting articles published in Amateur Radio magazines. Recently I sent one such message to Cocoa Beach, Fla., and another to Chicago. In both cases I received nice long letters of appreciation in response and of course answered them promptly.

I have heard questions raised whether or not a net member should tell the net control station that he is present and listening even though he has nothing to originate or receive. Do this by transmitting "QNI or QRU" Do this after all traffic is cleared and there is no other business on the net. I believe this should be done to indicate to the net authorities that you are ready and willing to participate when the occasion arises.

P.S. Don't think I'll be able to attend the next meeting. My brother and his wife will be here visiting us from Omaha and they are not hams so wouldn't be right to invite them to attend the meeting and it wouldn't be right for me to leave home. Besides they want us to take a trip with them to Yosemite National Park. Not sure if our health will permit that or not. Clarice hasn't been feeling up to par lately and is under the doctor's care. I've got to take it easy too. When a person gets to be three score and ten years of age it is a requirement that good judgement be used sometimes. I wanted, on my birthday to take a half a day off and to buy myself a stick of gum but I just didn't have time to do so.

COMMUNICATIONS ASSIST

On Aug. 18, at about 12:25 PM. Doug, WB6HEV heard a call for emergency. He was not feeling well and thought someone else might assist, but after calling three times, Doug went to his rig and answered the call.

Bob WD6DF0, was calling on his handheld from Camp Far West area to report a hang gliding accident and to get an ambulance to the area.

Doug responded and called Beale Air Force Base for ambulance service, but since the injured party was not in the military, the Air base called a local ambulance company. Doug also contacted the ambulance company three times and talked them into the destination of the accident, where a van was waiting to escort the ambulance to the scene. This took 45 minutes.

Mike Thompson WB6SQB, had been hang gliding on this lovely Saturday afternoon and said this was the best take-off he had ever made, but he stalled on a turn, and dropped without catching an air current.

In spite of all of the protective gear and helmet that Mike was wearing, he suffered many injuries: A bilateral skull fracture, jaw broken in two places, fillings jarred from his teeth, five broken ribs, a badly injured knee, and many bruises.

Mike was taken to a Marysville Hospital, where he received emergency first aid, and then transferred to Kaiser in Sacramento, but several hours later was again transferred to Sacramento Medical Center where he still is. He underwent surgery on his knee and his ears. He is in room 8105 Bed #1, and is able to visit, but talking is difficult.

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During the above assist, another call came in for an assist, which Doug also handled. N6BWS, Mike called to report a man down while playing baseball. Doug called the San Francisco Police who called an ambulance to the location at Carolina and 17th St, Jackson Park. The man suffered a broken back.

Still a third call for assistance came by W6ASH who called for a tow truck for a woman whose car was stalled on the freeway near Benecia. The man making the call finally managed to get the woman's car off the freeway until a tow truck came.

Well done Doug, what a busy hour you had on the air that day, and thanks for this report.

Ceil WB6PBS as reported by Doug WB6HEV

GET WELL WISHES TO:

George W. Connelly who last week underwent open heart surgery for the second time this year. George and his wife Bonnie are two of the club's newest members, and George is not yet a HAM, but is very anxious to become one.

George is in Sutter Memorial Hospital and we all wish him a very successful recovery and hope he will be back home soon.

Warmest wishes for a speedy recovery to Doug WB6HEV who has been down almost a month with congestive heart failure. Fortunately Doug was not hospitalized. Today's report is that Doug may return to work Tuesday, Sept. 4th with limited tasks. Keep up the recovery Doug!

Warmest wishes also to Bob WA6EBI who had hernia surgery. We hope your recovery will be complete and soon. These things do take time to heal, and take it easy for a while.

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UPGRADE-

Congratulations to Jim Standley, one of our new members who received his "novice" and has a call of KA6GZI. We're sure glad to hear this and welcome to the wonderful world of HAMS.

We understand that our Vice-President, Doug had to do a little sneaky lock picking to get into the classroom for the August meeting. Hi Hi.

Ceill, WB6PBS, had good fishing in Ore. and returned with a 24 lb salmon, and about 60 trout, kokanee, and had 5 limits of blue clams from Netarts Bay.

The North Hills Radio Club has its 220 MHz repeater in its new location and the club invites you to come on the net every Wednesday night at 8 PM at 223.18/224.78.

Pioneer Radio Club is having a newsline and would like to have responses to it. They wish to publicize all news of our club, and in return want us to promote their newsline. So, we are now asking you to call (916) 484-7388 to give them news about what is going on in our club, and your own personal news items or questions. John I Sabin Pioneer Radio Club-K6NP WR6AGK WR6ARA WR6BBF

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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.

COMING EVENTS COMING EVENTS

Sept 13: Club meeting at Bowman School combined with the Trade Fair. 7:30 PM. I-80 Bowman Off Ramp, East of Auburn.

Sept 27: October Board Meeting 8:00 PM QTH of Secretary Bob, W6MEI, in Auburn.

Oct. 11: Picnic-Potluck and club meeting. Our annual outdoor get-to-gether. Plan on coming.

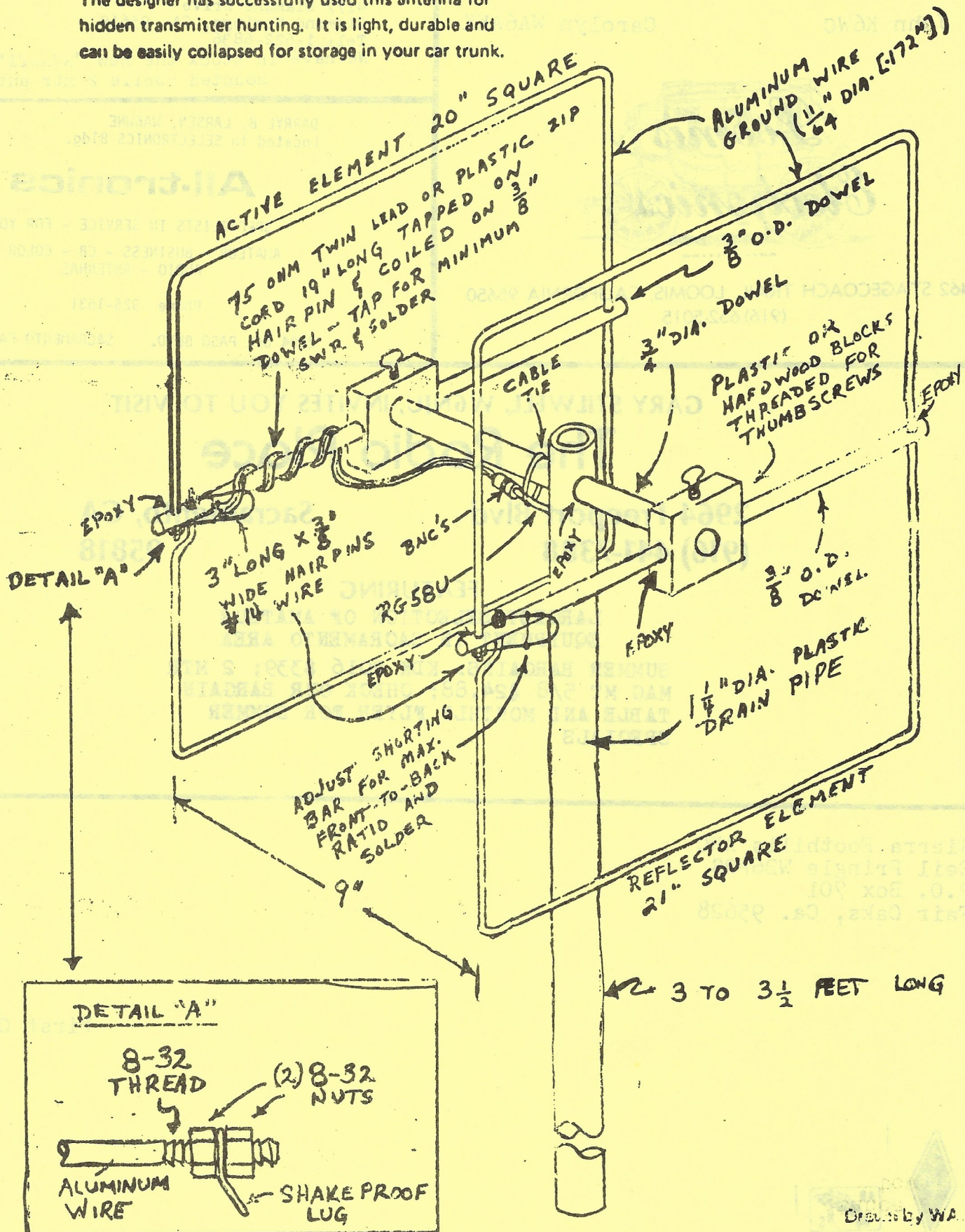
Nov. 15: Election of 1980 officers and business meeting. Body armor okay, but check your weapons at the door, please.

Dec. Big Christmas party with investiture of new officers and grand prize of the year.

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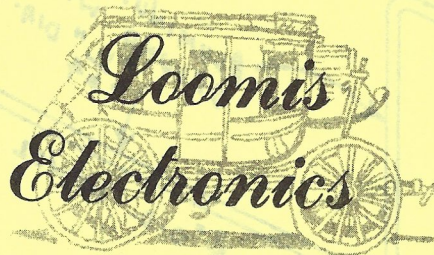
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