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CLUB MEETINGS

Second Fri. of the month 7:30 PM
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Club Meetings & Events

- Feb 13 Club Meeting - Topic is
Contesting Presented by Jack Morgan K6FT
- Feb 28 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Susie's
Roseville
- Mar 13 Club Meeting - Topic is **K6ARR**
Repeater Presented by Jim Carmen K6ARR
- Mar 28 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Susie's
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- Apr 10 Club Meeting - Topic TBA
- Apr 25 Transmitter Hunt - Time TBA
- Apr 25 Club Breakfast at Susie's
Roseville
- May 8 Club Meeting - Topic TBA
- May 30 Club Breakfast at Susie's
Roseville

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I was saddened to learn of Rosie Peden KK6GC becoming a silent key on Friday evening January 30. I never met Rosie but I understand she was a quite remarkable lady. Rosie and Dave were

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President Shack *Continued...*

married in 1954 while Dave was stationed in Germany with the military. At the age of 75 Rosie decided that she wanted to get her Ham license so she could talk with people in her native land. In one year's time she was able to achieve her goal and move all the way up to an Advanced class license. Rosie leaves behind her husband Dave, KA6KUT and their son in Lodi. She will be missed by all that knew her.



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On a lighter note, our first meeting of the new year went well. Our guest speaker, John Arndt KD6SSZ, gave an excellent presentation on transmitter hunting. This concluded with many of our members searching through the dark and rainy parking lot, frantically trying to locate John's xyl Leslie, KD6WTJ who was hiding in their nice warm van with an HT.

We had an excellent turnout at the club breakfast at Susie's in Roseville. Later that evening a good time was had by all at the W6SUP Rabbit hunt. The Rabbit, Doc, K6HLO was first found by Dave, WB6RBE and crew. And shortly thereafter by yours truly and family, with thanks to my daughter Michele who immediately recognized the clue about a dog and a cat.

Finally I would like to welcome our new members, Greg Gilbert, KF6OKS, Michael "Zach" and Linda Zachary, KF6ATH and KF6IDN, Casey O'Hair, KF6OCF and Evan Phillips, WB6EXQ. 73 Gary, KQ6RT

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Did You Know?

"O.K." was first popularized in an 1840 Presidential campaign. Back then, everyone seemed to have a nickname, and when Martin Van Buren ran for President he was nicknamed "Old Kinderhook" after his birthplace in Columbia County, New York. His New York City supporters formed a club in his honor called The O.K. Club, and "O.K." became a rallying cry for their candidate. Van Buren lost. But "O.K." won, and it's the most widely used word in America.

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Board Meeting

On December 22, 1997, in Loomis, the board of directors met to hand over the books to the incoming officers. Present were past president Greg Huttula, KC6LOE, past treasurer Jan Huttula, KC6LIX, secretary, Richard Kuepper, WA6RWS, president Gary Cunningham, KQ6RT, vice-president Bill Parrish, KM6KV, treasurer Dave Hund, N6SHD and board members Chuck Eder, W6LOE and Roger Hedgepeth, N7TK.

Jan gave the treasurer's report as of December 31, 1997 there will be a balance of \$214.86. Total expenses were \$4867.41. Income was \$3914.21. Jan gave the books over to Dave. Greg said he would get the changes to the bylaws to Gary by the middle of January. Meeting adjourned at 2015 hrs. Richard Kuepper, Secretary

Board Meeting

On January 23, 1998, the board of directors met in Loomis. Present were president Gary Cunningham, KQ6RT, vice-president Bill Parrish, KM6KV, secretary Richard Kuepper, WA6RWS and treasurer Dave Hund, N6SHD. Board members present were Roger Hedgepeth, K7TK and appointed member Wayne Mikel, KE6DJE.

Gary handed out the agenda, treasurer's report as of December 31, 1997, financial statement of January 9, 1998 and copy of the bylaws. Consensus of the group that the board meetings would be held on the 4th Friday of the month at 6 p.m. in Loomis at Round Table Pizza. Gary requested we all think about goals for 98. A discussion about how to increase

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"Communication is when two people stop talking long enough to hear each other!"

A special thanks to all VE team members for promoting amateur radio through giving their time and talents to the VE program.



December 1997, the VE Team gave 7 tests with 7 people tested. January 1998 the VE Team gave 6 tests with 7 people tested.

Test Schedule - 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays

February	4, 25
March	4, 25
April	8, 29
May	6, 27
June	3, 24

Pre-Registration is Required Fee is \$6.25

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John Lewis	W6HIA	February
Janet Huttula	KC6LIX	February
Jerrie Metke	K6GKR	February
Ralph McCune	AC6SG	February
Greg Gilbert	KF6OKS	February

"May you live all the days of your life."

Jonathan Swift



SFARC's January Breakfast

The January 31st Club Breakfast had seventeen in attendance. The conversation was on radio, cutting wood, the cold weather, the Club Ten, and traveling.

President Gary Cunningham, KQ6RT, past treasurer Jan Huttula, KC6LIX and Lane Duck President Greg Huttula, KC6LOE were present.

The food is always good at Susie's.

The next Club Breakfast is on Saturday, February 28.

Recommendation are to arrive around 7:30 a.m..

Susie's is located off of Cirby in Roseville.

Sister Club Update...

The Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach (ARALB) Club has elected new officers for 1998.

They are:

President Rick Siva, KE6ZTQ

Vice President Kostas "Dino" Kitsios, KF6ECO

Treasurer Carol Lewin, KC6ECO (Way to go Carol)

Bingham, K6CBN.

SFARC wishes the new officers of ARALB Good Luck and have a great year.

Queen Mary Needs Ham Radio Operators

Operator's needed to operate or attend the wireless room for a four period. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. to whenever. Training is held aboard the Queen Mary on the 3rd Friday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. For more information contact Bill Holder, W6TNB at (310) 597-6544 (please, no calls after 8 p.m.)

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James Young, W7JL
Jim Lewin, WDFET (Outgoing President)

There were 72 people in attendance at the installation dinner held in the El Dorado Restaurant. The room was decorated by Carol Lewin, KC6ECO and her husband Jim Lewin, WD6FET. ARALB also celebrated there 70th anniversary.

The Ham of the Year Award went to Lonnie

SFARC By -Laws Update...

SFARC By-Laws have been updated to include the new by-laws voted on in November 1997. Pick up your updated copy at the February Meeting. Or send for your copy of SFARC BY-Laws. Send your request to:

SFARC
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Please include a self addressed envelope with a fifty five cent stamp.

Wanted:

Junk radio parts, throw away radio's. Bits and pieces. Anything from the tube era. Also any books or magazines.

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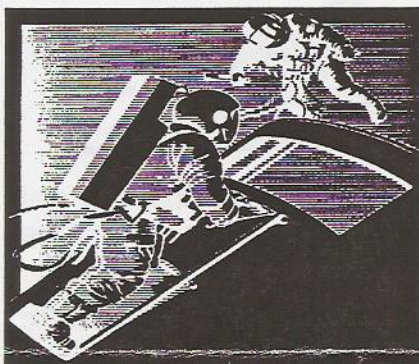
Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done whether you like it or not.
Thomas Huxley

Are you looking for a No-Code-Tech License Class?



K6UD, Lewis Tuttle is currently working on class schedules for 1998.

Watch the SFARC Newsletter for updates on classes and Class schedules.



SATELLITE REPORT

Have you been interested in Satellite Information? Do you know where to go and find it?

If you need some help watch for SATELLITE REPORTS soon to be in the SFARC Newsletter. Presented by Greg Dolkas, KO6TH. Greg has been providing SFARC with Satellite reports during the Clubs Thursday night 2 meter nets and has agreed to write a SATELLITE REPORT for the SFARC Newsletter..

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Did You Know

Currently, one in every four households buys a TV set each year- that's 25 million TV sets annually. And, according to the Electronic Manufacturers Association, 72% have paid \$2000 or more. The average life of a TV is eight years so the market is a potential 18 million HD-TVs or \$9 billion a year! *From W5YI Report*

Board Meeting *Continued From Page 2*

membership was next on the agenda. February will be the last issue of the newsletter if dues are not paid. An reminder note will be attached to the front of the newsletter to pay your dues. A number of different locations were discussed for the white elephant sale and the Christmas party. Further investigations will be done and brought back to the board. A short discussion was held about the possibility of raising membership dues. Will discuss again at the next meeting. Gary talked about a packet for new members when they sign up. Included in the packet would be the calendar of events, club meetings and dates, net dates, time and frequency. Roger volunteered to be chairman of field day. Meeting adjourned at 1900 hrs. Richard Kuepper, Secretary

January 9, 1998 General Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1935 hrs. by president Gary Cunningham, KQ6RT. Roll call of officers. Present were vice-president Bill Parrish, KM6KV, secretary Richard Kuepper, WA6RWS, treasurer Dave Hund, N6SHD. Members and guests introduced themselves. Gary announced he was looking for a field

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day chairman and a Christmas party chairman. Bob Metke, W6SUP gave the VE report. Jerrie Metke, K6GKR gave the sunshine report. John Arndt, KD6SSZ, the guest speaker was accompanied by his XYL Leslie, KD6WTJ. The program was on radio direction finding and was excellent. It was announced the next transmitter hunt would be on January 31, 1998. The meeting adjourned at 2100 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by secretary Richard Kuepper
WA6RWS

Secretary Richard, WA6RWS

Contests

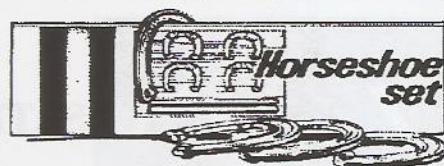
By Clarke Greene, K6JX
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(Reprinted from ARRL Operating Manual Fourth Edition 1991, Chapter 7)

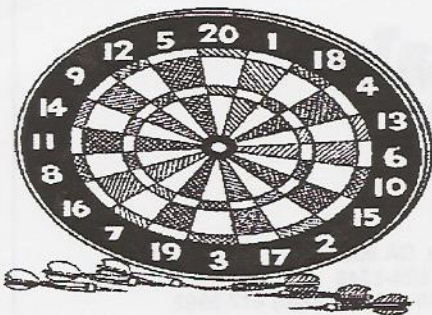
The word "contest" brings to mind a number of images. Extravanzas sponsored by various magazine publishers, where "you may have already won \$100,000" may be most familiar. If you've ever had any dealings with the legal system or the legal profession, the term "contest your claim" may hold special significance (particularly depending on the outcome of that contest). Many sporting events are zealously described as "titanic contest(s) between close rivals."

To many radio amateurs, this same word describes an event encompassing none of these images, but at the same time, all of them. An Amateur Radio contest is an operating event, held over a predefined time period where the goal is... to enjoy yourself. Of course everyone has their own definition of enjoyment; that diversity of definition only adds to the appeal.

The first Amateur Radio contest were operating periods set aside specifically to attempt trans-oceanic communication between North America and Europe, just after World War I. Through this coordination effort, many of the participants successfully made some of the very first intercontinental contacts. Ultimately, this activity evolved into the ARRL International DX Contest. Although the technology and results have changed "somewhat," the object is still the same: Contact as many stations in as many areas of the globe as possible during the contest period.



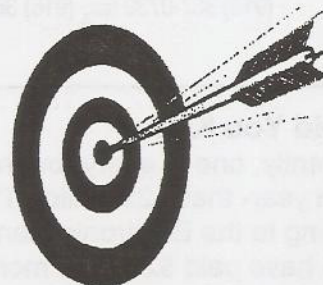
Two other early operating activities were conceived as intense exercises to train radio amateurs in traffic handling and emergency communications. These are now known as the ARRL Sweepstakes and Field Day. The only real difference between the two is that Field Day emphasizes portable operation as might be required at a disaster site.



These examples demonstrate the two primary motivations for establishing radio contests: advancing the state of the art in radio amateur communications and advancing the expertise level of the Amateur Radio operator. Today, these same two goals provide the inspiration for sponsoring organizations to continue support of Amateur Radio contests. Many of the hams who take part in contests use them as opportunities to work a few new states or collect a few new countries. Others test the effectiveness of a new antenna or other piece of gear. Some work at increasing code speed. There are even some who take all of this very seriously and are out to win. In the final analysis, each participant gains expertise, learns a little more about propagation, and becomes a better operator, more equipped to perform effectively in the case of an emergency or to explore some new area of the Amateur Radio art, all while having a good time.

For more information on Contesting join SFARC members at the next General meeting Friday February 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auburn Library located at 350 Nevada Street in Auburn. The program is on Contesting the presenter is Jack Morgan K6FT.

SFARC Newsletter Contest: The first SFARC member to find the Buck, (a deer with horns) within the this months newsletter and send a short note describing its location to the newsletter editor will receive one buck (one dollar). Contest ends April Fools Day 1998. In case of a tie first prize will be divided between the winners. All entrees must be mailed in to be counted.



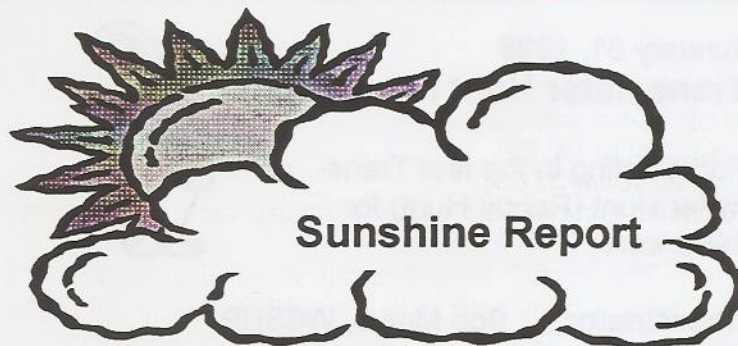


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Jan Huttula	KC6LIX	1-98
Greg Huttula	KC6LOE	1-98
Mardis Gleason	KG6LA	1-98
TJ Hossli		1-98
Greg Dolkas	KO6TH	1-98
Holly Dolkas	KE6ETT	1-98
Fred Campbell	KE6MJC	1-98
Theresa Hansen	KF6CXO	3-97
Carl Crump	WA6VLS	7-97
John "ED" Ahlstrom	KQ6CK	7-97
Ken Weger	WA6EMU	8-97

Thank You, for your support

If you would like to join the SFARC Newsletter Boosters Club, Contact the Club's Treasurer.



Sunshine Report

Rosie Peden after many years of suffering has past away. Rosie was an active member of SFARC. Our prayers and well wishes go out to Dave Peden, KA6KUT.

KC6LIX, Jan Huttula is still recuperating from Pleurisy we're hoping by February she will be up and about.

Irene Greenslade's broken leg is vastly improved. She almost ready ready for motor-home travel.

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January 31, 1998

Transmitter Hunt Results...

Participating in the first Transmitter Hunt (Rabbit Hunt) for 1998 were:



Coordinator	Bob Metke, W6SUP
Rabbit	Doc Metke, K6HLO Pat Metke Ed Dewayne
Hunters	Jerrie Metke, K6GKR Gary Cunningham, KQ6RT Debbie Cunningham, KF6LXN Dave Jenkins, WB6RBE Bill Aston, W6JDT Ralph McCune, AC6SG Bev McCune, AC6SF
First Place	Dave Jenkins, W6RBE
Second Place	Gary Cunningham, KQ6RT

Once everyone checked in with the Coordinator the hunters took off from W6SUP's house. Ralph, AC6SG assisted Bob, W6SUP with base communication. Although Gary, KQ6RT was closing in on Dave, WB6RBE, the new chip Dave had installed in his Doppler System made the difference in finding the transmitter quickly.



After the hunting was over, it was time for all to get together and tell how the transmitter was found. Some pizza and sodas were shared with the stories.

Come and join us on the next transmitter hunt. Transmitter Hunting is very exciting and a great way to test your equipment. The next Hunt is on April 25, 1998.



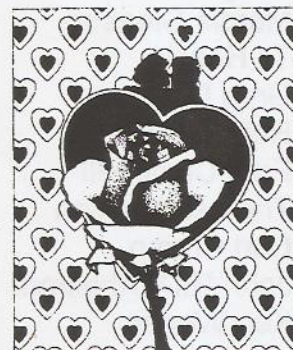
HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to

W3PMP, Bob Greenslade and his
XYL Irene Greenslade. Fifty years
ago, and seven days before Valen-

tines Day, Cupid shot his
arrow towards Bob and
Irene. The arrow hit its
target because Bob and
Irene were married Satur-
day February 7, 1948.



They celebrated their
Anniversary by going to a

dinner theater on Friday with their
adopted children. On Saturday
February 7 they went out with two
of their three sons and their fami-
lies.



Congratulations Bob and Irene.

Happy Valentines Day

Happy Valentines Day to Everyone

The End of The Line for Morse Code?

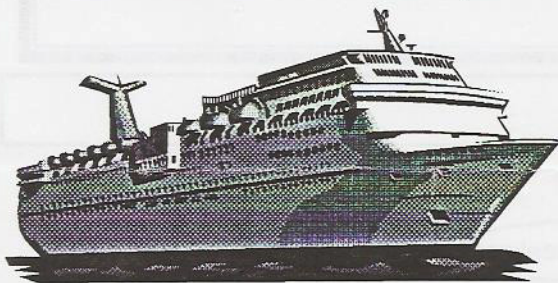
Thanks to Matt Diridoni, KC6RUO for providing this article.

(Link to story by permission of BBC NEWS , 10 January 1998 posted in the Amateur Radio World Top News.)



Seafarers are now to rely on technology when things get rough. Morse Code, the language which has saved countless sailors' lives over the decades, is being consigned to history, a victim of technology. The combination of dots and dashes including the internationally recognized mayday signal 'dot-dot-dot dash-dash-dash dot-dot-dot' -- is a Beautifully simple system. But from Wednesday, it is being superseded by satellites, global positioning systems, and two-way radios.

Steve Huxley, of Falmouth Coastguards, said using the advanced technology would make life on the seas much safer. It's much quicker, the ships themselves are alerting us very much quicker, we can get back to the ships much quicker and we're alerting other ships much quicker as well to encounter the situation of distress," he said. But the Code's passing, 165 years after its invention by American painter Samuel Morse, is not welcomed by all.



Code "efficient and effective" Round-the-world yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston said: "I think it's sad. It's efficient, it's effective, it's very positive. It's not difficult to learn, and at the end of the day when all the fuses blow, when all the electricity breaks down, provided you have got a few batteries left, you can still send an SOS."

Four monitoring stations around the British Isles are to stop listening for Morse Code signals, following similar moves by German, French and American maritime monitors.

The Titanic famously used Morse to call for help when faced with its watery grave. But the fate of yachtsman Tony Bullimore, who was saved from his capsized boat in the Pacific Ocean earlier this year perhaps paint a happier picture.

His hi-tech distress signal was picked up via satellite by monitors on the other side of the world, and his rescuers knew a change in the signal could only have been made by hand -- showing he was still alive.



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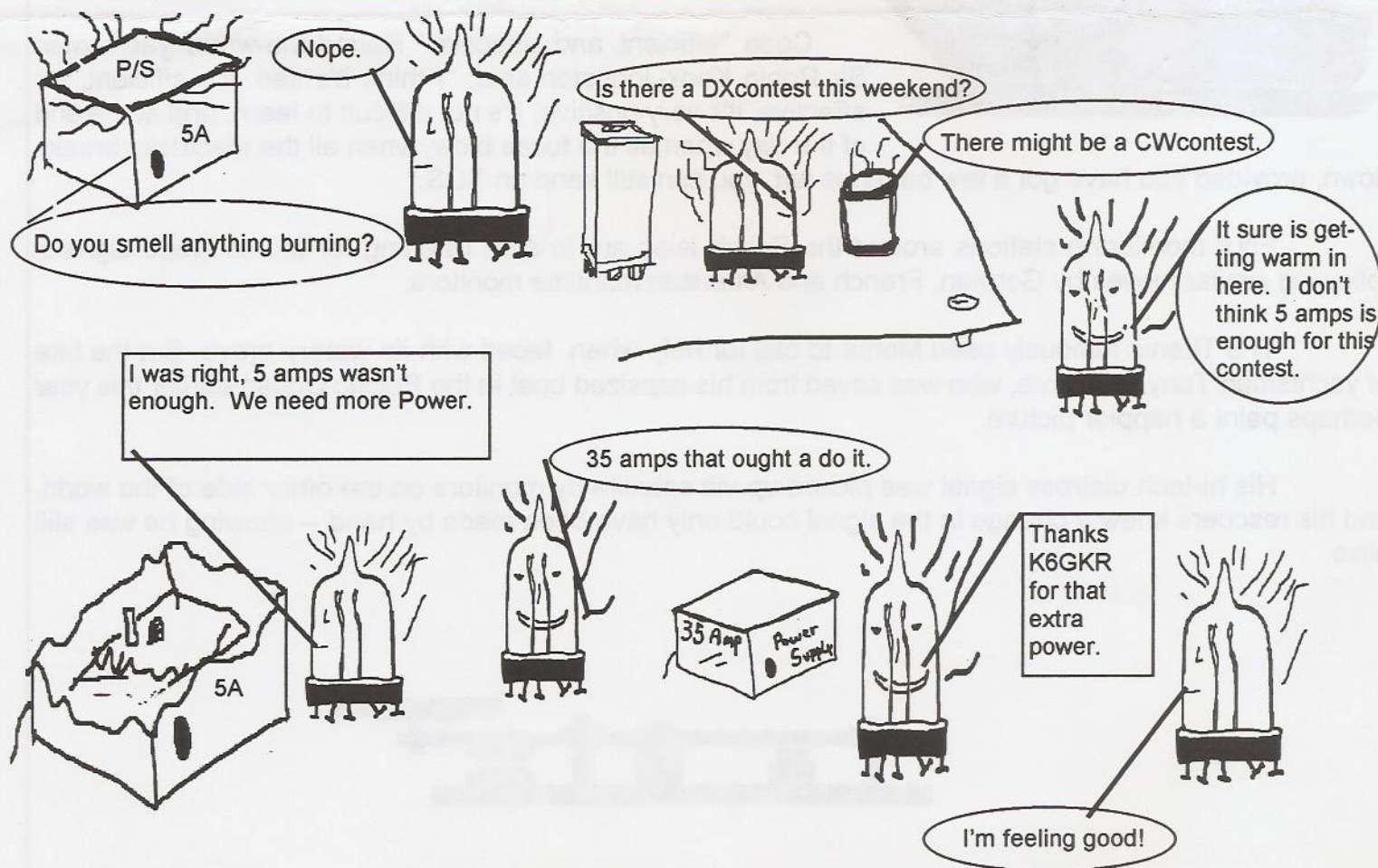
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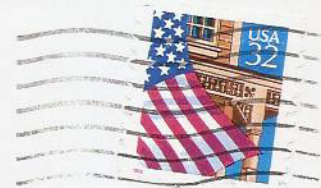
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