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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

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FEBRUARY 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The February, one week late again, meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will assemble in room 716 of the Cabrillo College this coming Feb. 11 at 2000 hours standard time.

Guest and speaker for the evening will be Frank Glass, K6RQ. Frank, an electrical engineer, does research in circuit alignment for IBM, finds time to teach electronics at evening school, and is an avid DXer. Frank's subject for this session will be on receiver alignment or how to get the most out of that maze of "resistals and condensals" hiding behind all those shiney knobs.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Have you ever longed to rag chew or pound brass with a many kilowatt rig responding to your touch and then listening to the responses pouring out of the audio of a mega buck receiver, bought by the man for whom money is no object? All this and directionally switched rhombics, too! Well how about Skaggs Island the receiver site of NPG! The club has been extended the invitation to participate in Armed Forces Day by supplying operators for the day long jamboree, either SSB, CW or UHF, your preference. If enough interest is shown, housing might be made available so that we could go up Friday nite, so we could get a rested start Saturday morning. The date is not yet definitely set as of this writing, but it will be on a Saturday about the third weekend in May. President Jim Marshall, WA6HCL, will have full particulars in the near future. So if you are interested keep a date open around that time.

DUES

The prediction in last months Short Skip turned out to be only half correct. Dues were raised, but only to \$4.00, with a special rate of \$3.00 for students. This was done adding an amendment to the by laws, article 4 section 1. The motion made and passed at the January 1972 meeting. The board felt the two previous mentions in the Short Skip sufficed as proper notification to the members as required in the by laws.

A reminder that the dues are now due and payable, see Warren WA6EWT, at the meeting, he will gladly write you a receipt.

SCAREC NET

Happy to report that the checkins have been showing some signs of health again. Last three or four weeks have had ten to thirteen stations responding, not a record but quite an improvement over the mere four to five which was the norm for a few months.

An opportunity for the net to get a real work out is in the works, president Jim WA6HCL reports that the up coming celebrity tennis tournament will quite possibly need a communications net to link the various courts throughout the county. This will involve both the vhf and uhf bands for a full weekend, sometime in May. More particulars on this forthcoming as the Tennis Club completes its plans.

Net control stations for the coming month are;

Feb 7	K6QJZ Royce	W6WUD alt.	Mar 6	K6HJU Jerry	W6WUD alt
14	WB6JON Bob	WB6MVK alt	13	W6WUD Fred	K6HJU alt
21	WA6EWT Warren	WB6PCC alt			

SCANNED HAM

Dick Damon WA6GSL, is home after some 15 days in the Dominican hospital for a ruptured appendix.

Frank Carroll K6BDK, home but not at home, making a slow recovery after operations on his eyes last month. Had to make a trip to Stanford med center last week for more corrective medical service.

Ever wonder who originated the name SHORT SKIP, which we traditionally call the club newsletter? None other than present board member Dick Damon WA6GSL, way back when he was president of the club in 1962. Bet he had even forgotten.

More nostalgia, did you know that most of the credit for the origin and name of the clubs dx SCAR award goes to the persistent efforts of Bob Saleeby K6UXV, who also headed the awards committee for many years, this in 1963.

Bob K6UXV, also just received both the Australian and the New Zealand Cooks Award for working 50 each ZN and AX special prefixes.

- How about some for sale ads for future issues? You fellas cant hold on to all that junk forever you know. Going to have to get some hints to the XYL s about having some house cleaning done....

See you at the meeting

73 s Royce K6QJZ

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MARCH 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The March 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will convene in room 716 of the Cabrillo College at 2000 hours Friday March 3, 1972.

Guest and speaker for this session, who will be expounding on the merits of the world above 100 Mhz, will be Joe Reisert W6FZJ, AM and FM, 146, 220 and 440 Mhz will be thoroughly explored.

MORE ARMED FORCES DAY

At last months meeting there certainly was no stampede of volunteers to go up to Skaggs Island for operations on Armed Forces Day. The date is set for May 20, 1972, starts at 0800 and runs to about 1700. So far only four people have indicated that they will be going, so there is still room for more. There will be a preliminary meeting on Saturday March 18, to get acquainted with the intricate details, president Jim WA6HCL and secretary Royce K6QJZ are attending this and will be bringing back to the members all the pertinent facts.

SCAREC NET

President Jim WA6HCL, reporting on the status of the 2 meter com net for the forth coming Community Hospital county wide Celebrity Tennis Tournament, says the event will take place the first weekend of May the 5th, 6th and 7th, and operations will be from 0900 to 1700. Only three 2 meter stations will be required along with about nine operators. So far not too much enthusiasm in the way of volunteers has been evident, so Jim plans on recruiting people from both the Tri-C, Cabrillo, and the Santa Cruz clubs. The more participating, the less time individuals have to operate, and besides those helping will get free access to the games during their time off. Tennis anyone?

The Monday night net convening at 2030 hours on 146.0 Mhz has been getting eleven to thirteen checkins per week, interest seems to be picking up again.

Net control stations for next month will be:

March 13	W6WUD	Fred	K6HJU	alt	April 3	WA6EWT	Warren	WB6PCC	alt
20	WB6JON	Bob	K6BDK	alt	10	K6BDK	Frank	WA6AMB	alt
27	WB6PCC	Roger	WA6EWT	alt					

PLUG # 1

President Jim Marshall WA6HCL, has set up a charge account for the club with Jennings Electronics Center to take care of our monthly prizes and they have indicated that we will get more than our moneys worth as they intend to throw in a few extra goodies now and then. And on the subject of goodies, Jennings is moving their operation from the airport site to Freedom Blvd., and they have much surplus at the present place that they would like to get rid of at next to nothing prices. They say it all has to go in the next week or into the garbage can. If any of you have seen some of the stuff they have well know the bargains that can be had, so waste no time.

PLUG # 2

If you havent been by Radio KSCO lately or talked with Verne Berlin, W6JCZ, you probably arent aware that the station is again expanding to give its listeners stereo FM in the very near future. Verne says a couple of solder joints and its ready to go. Also, housed in what used to be the main studio, is some far out equipment you would have to see to believe. Automatic programing and logging using computer hardware that not only can preprogram it also prints out the name of the program in progress, commercials included, and the exact time that these hit the air, this controlled by a digital clock that is synchronized with WWV. No more hand logging, this equipment is also just about ready to go.

SCANNED HAM

Verne W6JCZ, with a recently acquired Gonset 111, getting in some haming with K6QJZ on 2 meters last Monday evening.

Eddy W6KHS, on the air with a brand new Comcraft AM-FM 2 mtr rig. Ed is also lining things up to operate portable and mobile VE7 this summer vacation. Going to put some mieage on the camper via the Alcan hiway.

Spies tell us that Allan Crowell W6JT, is learning to use a new mode of transportation, his harmonics Unicycle, wonder if he will be trying for a new mobile first?

Want to thank Charlie W6HXY, for the plug he gives the club regards their meeting agenda on the Monterey 2 meter net each month.

Frank K6BDK, is on his way to recovering from the recent eye operation. He has been reporting to work a few hours a day, still has to be mighty careful.

W6PGU, K6ZNM, WA6AMB, K6YSS and W6WUD are all giving 40 meter QRP a serious go with some daily QSO's. Can find them around 7070 to 7090, whatever's bare. Sounds like fun...

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APRIL 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The April 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will take up at 2000 hours PST Friday April 7, 1972 in room 716 of the Cabrillo College.

Guest and speaker for this evenings gathering will be Dave Bradley of Linear Systems, Inc. of Watsonville, manufacturers of the famous SBE line. Dave will give us some inside stuff on a couple of new developments by his company. Maybe some info on the new SBE-36, digital readout transceiver, which looks like a real winner.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Club president Jim Marshall WA6HCL, secretary Royce K6QJZ, Board member Bob Wiser WN6FUR, and representing Cabrillo Tri-C, Craig Corsetto WA6OAA, motored to Skaggs Island the NSS receiver site, early Saturday March 18th, and joined with representatives of other northern California clubs and officers of the base to share coffee and doughnuts and discuss details of the up coming Armed Forces Day operation, May 20, 1972. Main function of this gathering was to impart the information as to what modes and bands would be used that day and what teams would be operating which positions. Bands to be operated will be 80, 40, 20, both SSB and CW, 20 and 40 will have RATTs(teletype) and 6 and 2 A M. The Santa Cruz club got two positions, 80 SSB and 20 Ratts. Other clubs being represented included Oakland ARC, Hayward ARC, SORC, Northern California ARC, Marin ARC and South Bay ARC.

There will be one more meeting on Saturday May 13, at this time the operators will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the equipment and the procedures.

CQ WW DX SSB CONTEST

WB6JOD rides again... with the help of members of the Santa Cruz club, some visitors and members the Cabrillo Tri-C club got into the pile ups on 10, 15, 20, even 40 and 80 meters with two stations operating, came up with an unofficial score of 120,000 points.

SANTA CRUZ AREC

Net convenes each Monday evening at 2030 hours local time on 146.0 Mhz, AM, vertically polarized, visitors welcome. Net checkins have been on the up swing again with 16 checkins last week and 14 the two weeks previous. Many thanks to those faithful and willing net control stations. NCSs for the coming month will be:

April 10	K6BDK Frank	WA6AMB alt
17	W6WUD Fred	K6HJU alt
24	WB6JON Bob	W6KHS alt
May 1	W6KHS Eddy	WB6JON alt
8	WB6PCC Roger	WA6EWT alt
15	WA6EWT Warren	WB6PCC alt

CO-ED MEETING

President Jim WA6HCL has presented the idea of having a regular meeting some month with the XYLS invited along with a speaker and program oriented to their tastes. Any ideas along this line either pro or con would be welcomed. Perhaps someone has a program in mind that would fit the occasion. Suggestions would be appreciated.

SCANNED HAM

Jim WA6HCL, testing out the club Poly-Com xceiver from his QTH, will be checking in on the AREC net come Monday evenings.

Bob WN6FUR, will be leaving soon to enter into college down in W5 land. Bob's absence will create a vacancy in the board of directors.

Eddy W6KHS, received his permit to operate in Canada this summer. Will be portable and mobile VE7 most of the time with his brand new Yaesu FT-101 Xceiver. Allen WB6RWU, bolted Western Electric, now with Linear Systems in Watsonville and enjoying it more.

Earl WA6OSQ, the OM of Eddy W6KHS, up from Long Beach visiting with the grandchildren and helping out with the SSB contest and giving us an extra check in on the AREC net.

Larry WB6MVK is reported to be traveling up to USF evenings to teach a class there. Doesn't leave much time for hamming I'd say. Royce K6QJZ, SHORT SKIP editor, is looking for news items, for sale items, or what have you, anything printable he'll accept.

See you at the meeting

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Royce

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MAY 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The May 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will be held in room 716 of the Cabrillo College this Friday evening May 5, at 2000 PDST. Entertainment for the evening is not yet arranged, but it will be one of three yet uncontacted speakers, so if your phone rings....

HERB CAEN CELEBRITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

You have been hearing about it for the last three months, now is the time for action. Starting Friday May 5th and continuing through Sunday May 7th, the club has volunteered to maintain three communication links between the tennis courts in Boulder Creek, Watsonville and B&Vds. Spearheaded by Frank K6BDK there will be about ten operators working the three days from 9 am to 5 pm, long shifts, and more volunteers to help would be welcomed.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Another one you have been regging over and over for the last three issues, well next month we will just be giving you the results. Six, possibly eight local hams will be going to Skaggs Island for the long day this May 20th to participate in the Armed Forces Day operation at naval receiving site of NPG. The Santa Cruz club will be operating the 80 meter cw, 4005 transmit and 3.5 to 3.8 Khz receive, and the 20 meter TTY position, 13922.5 Khz transmit and will be listening 14.0 to 14.1 Khz. If you are not one of those going how about getting on at home and give us a contact during the hours of 1400Z (7am) and 0245Z (7:45pm).

FIELD DAY 1972

The Field Day site this year, if all goes well, will be at the Bonny Doon Community Airport on Empire Grade Road. We have a verbal commitment at this time and are awaiting official confirmation.

Those interested in working field day operation the weekend of June 24-25 please contact Royce K6QJZ, at this meeting or soon thereafter, so we can get everything all scheduled by the June meeting. We plan to use five transmitters this year covering 75 and 40 meter Ssb, 80 and 40 cw, 20 and 15 or 10 Ssb and 6 and or 2 meter am.

So far only five of the needed eight or ten have committed themselves, so dont be bashful, if you cant make it full time, part time log keepers and relief operators are most welcome.

ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION

ARRL in Santa Cruz? Think we could handle a convention here in late 1973 or early 1974? The Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce thinks we can, so do many of the club officers. Conventions mean fun, publicity, money in our bank account, also means much involvement for each and every member. So far all this is just in the talking stage. There are yet many people to be contacted, ideas to be explored, and much planning before we petition the ARRL for a date. If you have any ideas on this they will be welcomed. Give president Jim Marshall WA6HCL, a call.

SANTA CRUZ AREC

Net convenes each Monday evening at 2030 hours local time on 146.0 Mhz, am mode, visitors are cordially invited to join, ragchew follows at close of roll call. About 12 plus have been checking in this last month, not too bad but could be better. Net control stations for the coming month will be:

May 8	WB6PCC	Roger	WA6EWT alt
15	WA6EWT	Warren	WB6PCC alt
22	K6BDK	Frank	WB6JON alt
29	WB6JON	Bob	K6BDK alt
June 6	W6KHS	Ed	W6WUD alt
13	W6WUD	Fred	K6QJZ alt

FOR SALE

Eico 720 Xmitter w/8 xtals, SX 101 rever w/spkr, dipole ant w/coax..\$250.00. Call Roy Van Dyne WN6KEU at 423-9480.

Receiver, NC 300 w/spkr...\$100.00. Leo Stoeckle W6OWN, phone 476-0364, if no phone response see him at 118 Grenada, Aptos.

WANTED

Need a receiver for a novice starting out, can pay to \$70, also need about 100 feet of coax. Contact Len Strimaitas at 475-4719.

Also wanted are some articles to fill the SHORT SKIP pages, slip those to Royce K6QJZ, at the meeting via phone or on the 2 meter net Monday evenings. Materials and facilities for printing SHORT SKIP courtesy of Vernon Berlin and

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JUNE 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The June 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will convene in room 716 of the Cabrillo College this Friday evening June 2, at 2000 hours PDST. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Eric Greene, representative of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, who will speak on some of the new PG&E installations.

FIELD DAY 1972

The date, June 24th and 25th; place, Bonny Doon Airport; participants, you and me and him. The site should be ideal, the elevation is just a few feet less than the previous Empire Grade location, and about three miles closer to town. The spot most likely to be used is a smooth grassy location just off the road, along side the runway parking strip, plenty of room for antennas and campers.

So far there has not been too much interest shown, just two bands are spoken for, the 20 meter ssb spot and the 40 meter cw position. Needed will be rigs with operators to fill the 75 ssb and the 40 ssb bands along with the vhf 2 and 6 meter portions.

As in the past each individual will bring his own equipment and will provide for his own antennas, masts, lines, coax and connectors; also food and shelter. Power will be supplied by a generator loaned by Frank K6BDK, and power cords will be available.

Field Day is not just a fun thing only, the many contacts to be made that test the operating skills are very much a part of the outing, but also this is a test of the hams ability to get a station on the air in minimum time and keep it in operation, taking into account all those important little items such as the connectors, cords, relays, coax, rope guys, etc. and not forgetting those things that take care of the bodies needs.

Any questions as to what you can do contact Royce K6QJZ or president Jim Marshall WA6HCL.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Local hams operating NPG at the navy receiver site, Skaggs Island, Sonoma County, included Craig, WA6OAA; Loren Hardy; Walt Connelly W6MSR; Allen WB6RWU; Ed W6KHS; Jim WA6HCL; and Royce K6QJZ. Working the 80 meter cw and the 20 meter RATTs positions they helped to gather in some 2900 plus contacts for the NPG Armed Forces day operation. Starting at 7 am in the morning and hanging in there until the 7:45 pm sign off. The experience was well worth the trip, thoroughly enjoyed by all. We will be looking forward to an invitation to next years operation when its hoped we will do even better.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT OPERATION

Helping to provide the communications between the Boulder Creek, Cabrillo, and Seascap courts for the three day tournaments were Jim WB6BLN, Frank K6BDK, Jerry K6HJU, Paul W6WGO, Cal WA6AMB, Royce K6QJZ, Jim WA6HCL, Ted K6YSS, Fred W6WUD, and Allan W6JT. We didnt get too much publicity but the words of praise and appreciation from the committees with which we had contact assured us that it was a job well done.

SCANNED HAM

Warren WA6EWT and XYL spent about two weeks touring Canada and the West via Victoria, Baniff, Calgary, Yellowstone and Denver.

Bob Austin, another of the W6KHS prodiges, just made general class, now WB6RWO

Start them out young, that is the method employed by Ed W6KHS. His Young Peoples Electronics Seminar held Saturdays at the Cabrillo College, continues to be an outstanding success, with each class full every session. We feel Eddy and the College are making a fine contribution to the community and surely to ham radio as well. This seminar for youngsters 10 to 14 years, not only introduces them to electronics in general, but gives them actual experience, live experiments, along with tours of TV, broadcast, and ham radio stations, explaining their makeup and operations. A well rounded class that no young person with a leaning to electronics and communications should miss.

Ed W6KHS, has a brand new net directory from the ARRL and would make copies for a limited of those interested in same.

Allen WB6RWU, needs a 12 volt 2 amp fil transformer. Call him at 475-8046.

SANTA CRUZ AREC

Net continues to convene on 146.0 Mhz each Monday evening at 2030 hours local time. Still holding to about twelve to fourteen checkins. Net control stations for the coming month will be.....

June 5	W6KHS	Eddy	W6WUD	alt	June 26	K6BDK	Frank	WB6JON	alt
12	W6WUD	Fred	K6QJZ	alt	July 3	WB6JON	Bob	K6BDK	alt
19	WB6PCC	Roger	WA6EWT	alt	10	W6WUD	Fred	K6QJZ	alt

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JULY 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The July, summer of '72, meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will convene in Room 716 of the Cabrillo College at 2000 PDST, Friday July 7.

Entertainment for this session will be a do it yourself type program, consisting of a critique of the field day operations, and consideration of club involvement in a ARRL convention venture. Also, as time permits, whatever else comes to mind, bring your problems and or solutions and lets talk them over.

FIELD DAY 1972 REVISITED

One very important lesson was learned this past field day. The weekend of July 24th came as the calender had predicted, but this particular period the sun and weather cooperated beautifully. Friday evening, Jerry K6HJU and his partener Ron K6CTN pulled into the Bonny Doon Airport site, set up their tent, started the generator and got their equipment ready to go. Not all that simple though as Jerry will attest, first generator problems, then rig malfunctions. About 10 AM Saturday the rest of the crews started arriving. Craig WA6OOA and Ray WB6TPU found themselves a nice grassy spot and set up for 80 meter operation. Then came Royce K6QJZ, camp trailer and tower, Dick Damon WA6GSL and camper, set up for 75 meter Ssb. Roger WB6PCC and Don Starn W6DYY got their station ready for 15 cw, Jim WA6HCL set up along side the 40 cw for 20 meter Ssb operation. Frank K6BDK in his camper prepared to take care of the 6 and 10 meter segments. With a flurry of activity which included the raising of antennas, stringing power leads, driving ground rods, tent stakes etc., most of the stations started field contacts about 1900 GMT, 12 noon local time.

Fortunately this year we were able to spread out and with some reorientation of antennas we were able to keep inter band interference to a mininum, even the 40 cw and 20 ssb stations operating side by side on the same table were able to complete simultaneous QSOs with little strain. Scores were much better than the year previous with some 660 plus contacts made, this bettered the last years total by some 70 or so contacts.

As mentioned before the weather cooperated, both days, with warm sunshine and mild breezes, just like the doctor ordered. Oh yes, the lesson we learned, how to retrieve an 8 foot ground rod, fully driven, without the aid of a crane.

Others there to aid and give moral support included Leroy Vernon W6MP, civil defense coordinator; Don Pyle K6WT, who made the first 40 cw contacts; Warren WA6EWT, who spent his evening adding to the 40 cw score; also to be included would be Mrs J. Marshall who came up to see that Jim WA6HCL got dinner and lunch; and Loren Hardy who helped in the setting up of the 80 cw station.

SCANNED HAM

W6KHS/VE6 Eddy, is at this time enjoying working his way through various campsites in the northwest U S and Canada, breathing fresh air, fishing relaxing and working Dx from a DX QTH.

Doc Cordy WA6GWM, former club member(see his for sale at bottom of page), is getting in the mood to get back on the air again after about a five year absence.

Don Pyle now sporting a new two letter call, K6WT, formerly K6JQV.

Fred W6WUD, now and has been for the past month or longer, affiliated with the local Radio Shack store, part time and Saturdays. "unplug".

A welcome to new members John Barnes, WA6BSA and Leo "Bud" Steokle W6OWM.

AREC NET

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July 10	W6WUD	Fred	K6QJZ	alt	July 31	WB6PCC	Roger	WA6EWT	alt
17	K6HJU	Jerry	W6WUD	alt	August 7	WB6JON	Beb	K6BDK	alt
24	WA6EWT	Warren	WB6PCC	alt	14	K6BDK	Frank	WB6JON	alt

FOR SALE

HyGain HT-16 all band vertical tower \$50.00; choice of 3 beams, 15 m HyGain needs some repair, \$15.00; 2 tri band Hornets, gud for parts, \$5.00 each. Apache xmitter, am with SB-10 ssb generator both for \$125.00. Here is a beaut, an HRO-60 with coils for every band, rack mount will throw transistorized prod detector a steal at \$150.00. Another receiver, Hammarlund HQ 129 for \$50.00. HW-32, the single band Heathkit Xceiver for 20 meters, try \$89.00. A BC348, wrks gud, \$25.00. Also back issues of CQ, QST and Western Amateur Radio, make offer. Also much other misc. test and surplus gear at reduced prices, such as Tr 4 rotors, meters, audio osc. Contact Doc Cordy WA6GWM at 423-0618 or see him at 822 Walnut Ave.

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AUGUST 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The August 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will be held in room 716 of the Cabrillo College, Friday evening August 4, 1972 at 2000 hours PDST.

TOUCHY SUBJECT..MONEY

Treasurer Warren Baldwin W6EWT reports that only 33 members have paid their dues for the year 1972, last year at this time 50 plus were paid in full. Come now fellas the \$4.00 fee is not that monumental, besides government spokesmen have assured us that the recession is over and inflation is here to stay. Anyhow if you cant make the meeting sent the check to P.O box 238 or to Warrens QTH at 108 Carol St., Santa cruz, CA 95060. End of message, signed, Desperate

MORE CONVENTION INFO

To convent or not to convent (?) seems to be the profound question. This subject occupied the major portion of the recent board meeting. Lasts month's regular meeting drew a semi negative response, with most members wanting more information. Paul W6WGO and president Jim W6HCL have been working to supply this knowledge and so far have come up with the fact that....

The 1971 convention in San Jose drew some 475 guests on a Fourth of July long weekend. Two clubs, the West Valley and SCARRA, combined to sponsor the affair and each contributed \$100.00 to the starting kitty.

The convention committee consisted of 15 people and each had plenty to do. They had 700 tickets printed and distributed. They managed to get free space for the exhibitors, cutting down that expense.

They figured they made about \$1.00 for each paid admission as profit.

The 1971 convention appeared to be the poorest example that could be presented other years fared much better. The consensus of the board is that Santa Cruz has so much more to offer that we would almost have to work at it to fail. The only deficit on our side is the lack of sufficient membership from which to draw the necessary number of workers. With this in mind the board proposes to approach the Monterey County club to get their reaction and if they are receptive the combine should have no problem recruiting enough willing committeemen.

So far we have the official blessing of Division Director Doc Gmelin W6ZRJ, who is presenting our case on his trip to the Directors meeting in Newington, the rest is up to us.

More information on this will be forthcoming as we approach various hotels and centers for their costs and the availability of facilities.

WHATS THE SCORE

After sifting through the confusion of logs from the various field day station operators, the committee turned in to the ARRL headquarters the sum totals of 623 QSOs made for a claimed score of 1246 plus 100 points for emergency powered using the logs of just 5 of the 7 transmitters at the event. This represents an increase of about 40 QSOs over lasts years total.

AREC

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SCANNED HAM

Board member Dick Damon W6GSL vacationing in Montana and way points, making gud use of his rod and reel.

We hear that Doc W6NKP is sick and confined to bed, hope that by the time this comes out he is well on the way to recovery.

Craig Crosetti W6OOA, all around helper outer, of the Santa Cruz and the Tri-C clubs will be missed as he leaves to give Uncle Sam a lift via San Diego and then where ever. Craig just got his Amateur extra too.

Allen Fugelseth W6RWU voted in as new board member at the July meeting to fill the term of Bob Wiser W6FUR who is leaving for school. Allen just received his advance ticket from the FCC, congratulations.

Paul Tibbs W6WGO, supposedly retired can hardly find time enough to do all the things to be done with looking out for his family, researching for the Club and making MARS dates.

Ran out of pace again.... see you at the meeting...73s Royce K6QJZ

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SEPTEMBER 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The September 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will convene in room 716 of the Cabrillo College at 2000 hours Friday September 8, note the change of Fridays, September 8, the second Friday of the month, due to the upcoming long weekend.

Guest and speaker for the evening will be Doc Gmelin W6ZRJ, Pacific Division Director of the ARRL, and helping with a few timely remarks will be Al Gaetano, W6VZT, assistant Pacific Division Director. Doc has just returned from the ARRL Board of Directors meeting in Newington and has many ideas and perhaps some answers to your questions concerning the league and what it is doing for you and me. Most of us are recipients of Doc's newsletter and perhaps wish to have some of his statements further clarified or just wish to interject some of your own ideas, he is quite willing to answer queries and take note of these ideas to guide his activities at future board sessions. So much for that, if you have something on your mind come to the meeting.

ARRL CONVENTION 1973

Continuing the information outlined in last months SHORT SKIP, members of the Santa Cruz club, president Jim WA6HCL, Allen WA6RWU, Dick WA6GSL, Paul W6WGO, and Royce K6QJZ, attended the meeting of the Monterey Bay Amateur Radio Club and presented our proposal concerning the convention and their possible participation. Our proposition was politely received but lacked enthusiasm. The feeling we got was that we probably should forget them as far as helping or joining us in the venture. This was further proven as they failed to honor the invitation to be present at the board meeting to which they were invited so that they could become further acquainted with the facts and figures.

This particular board meeting held at Jim WA6HCL's QTH, was quite fruitful in regards pertinent convention information. Many things seem to fall into place, the prior seemingly insurmountable obstacles became minor problems, as we talked through many ideas, saw how the requirements for success could easily be met and listened to the first hand experiences of those who are acquainted with this type of convention, and evaluated what we have going for us in contrast to the things against.

Present at the meeting were Doc, W6ZRJ and Mrs Gmelin, Pacific Div. Director, his assistant director Al Gaetano W6VZT and his XYL, Mrs Rosalia Powell of the Santa Cruz County Convention and Visitors bureau, President Jim Marshall WA6HCL, board members Al Fugelseth WB6RWU, Dick Damon WA6GSL, Ed Pollock W6KHS, Paul Tibbs W6WGO, Treasurer Warren Baldwin WA6EWT and Secretary Royce K6QJZ. Doc and Al are quite enthused with our chances of success, they are of the opinion that we have so very much to offer and should have excellent attendance. Doc says exhibitors should be no problem if not too much is expected of them and they are provided space at very respectable rates (free). Mrs Powell, leaning toward our use of the Holiday Inn facilities and seemed to think that they would be able to provide the necessary number of accommodations with no problems. As for the banquet, the board members favor the use of the Seaside Companies facilities along with using the boardwalk as an attraction for the entertainment of the XYLs and harmonics.

Many other things were discussed including mailings and brochures, transportation and reservations, and after careful scrutiny, these problems too seemed to be minimal. From this the conclusion could be drawn that the only thing lacking at this time is proper organization of all the ideas. And surely in this club we have the talent to organize, channel and dispatch the necessary endeavors to make a convention a successful and gratifying experience.

SCANNED HAM

Roger WB6PCC, just returned from a vacation trip via the AlCan hiway to Alaska and the big ones.

Eddy W6KHS, also returning to the grind after his trip into Canada, worked slant VE6 during field day.

Dick WA6GSL, will be teaching automotive shop class at the Soquel Hi evening school, a new endeavor and we wish him much success.

Frank K6BDK, back on the beam again after another successful operation on his eyes last August 8.

Doc W6NKP, still not recovered from his illness, getting blood transfusions.

SANTA CRUZ AREC NET

The Santa Cruz County AREC net convenes on 146.0 Mhz each Monday evening at 2030 hours local time. Checkins have been gratifying this past month. Had 17 responses one evening averaging 14 or so the rest of the time. Net control station for the coming month will be...

Sept 11 WB6PCC Roger WA6EWT alt

18 WB6JON Bob K6BDK alt

25 K6BDK Frank WB6JON alt

Oct 2 WA6EWT Warren WB6PCC alt

9 W6WUD Fred K6HJU alt

16 K6HJU Jerry W6WUD alt

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REGULAR AUCTION MEETING

The October 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will convene in room 711 of the Cabrillo College at 2000 hours this Friday October 6, 1972. Room 711 is the electronics lab where there will be enough elbow room for the clubs annual auction. Auctioneer for the evening will be our own Dick Damon WA6GSL, who has always come through with a stellar performance.

AUCTION

Just like that, you get hit with an auction night, in past years you have been warned a couple of months in advance, so that you could prepare all the goodies that you wanted to bring. This year what with other topics taking up space in Short Skip, notice is short.

However same rules apply as in the past, please bring your stuff early, 1930 PDST, label with your name and call, a numbering system will be in effect to help the bookkeeping. Bring whatever you like and as much as you like, the more you sell the more the club makes. Time is short, so hop to it men, just as soon as you finish reading this newsletter, run don't walk to the nearest ham shack and start loading all the goodies into a big box, properly labeled of course, and make ready for Friday evening. Remember room 711, the electronics lab. See you there.

MORE CONVENTION TALK

Okay, now let us get down to the "nitty gritty". Are we going to take on the task of hosting a convention or forget the whole thing? President Jim Marshall WA6HCL, wants the membership to decide. At the bottom of this months Short Skip is an abbreviated ballot, it would be appreciated if the ballot could be filled out and returned as soon as possible, by mail or in person at the next meeting. We'll try to have extra copies at the meeting if you forget yours, vote. President Jim wants a 70% favorable vote, so if you are for it be sure to make your wishes known. If you are not, well, a comment on why not would be appreciated also.

The board members sat down last week and came up with some money figures trying to show just what kind of finances we would be facing. So as not to take up space, an attempt will be made to summarize the findings as much as possible.

The anticipated total cost of the convention figured on the basis of 400 attendance, would be about \$3200, computed on a \$10.50 ticket price we would take in about \$4500. Re-computing, assuming a bad year, on the basis of only 300 coming, the cost would drop to \$2700, the anticipated income would be \$3150, still make a profit. The amount of money the club would need to actually get the program under way would be in the vicinity of \$200 at the most, probably half that total would suffice. This would be the printing cost mainly, we won't encounter mailing cost until the last few weeks, and by then we should have money coming in from pre registration tickets. Attendance figures stated above are very low key, actual projections by Doc Gmelin, W6ZRJ, and Al Gaetano, W6VZT, Pacific Division ARRL Director and Assistant, anticipate closer to 500 attendance. If this should occur the committee will be looking for ways to get rid of money. Doc and Al are not making idle talk either, the word is already getting around to the other areas and being met with warm approval.

Next item is workers, if the club approves the undertaking, this doesn't seem to be too great a problem at present. Even with our small membership, about 40 at the present time, there appears to be at least ten who can be counted on to fill in whenever and wherever needed. And it is reasonable to assume that as the plans and programs unfold that more new people will pitch in when needed.

What more can be said, the idea is planted, do we want it to grow or wilt? The choice is yours----vote...

FCC ACTION

The Fcc finally came out some rule making regarding repeaters. Generally the changes include; control licensee must have ticket endorsement. Power ratings to be measured in ERP (effective radiated power), this determined by the frequency and the antenna height. Also in order to license a repeater it will be necessary to submit circuit of proposed repeater, certify antenna height and field strength data, just like the commercials. Another important item is no more crossbanding, this means input on 2, output must be only on 2, 220 and 440 treated likewise. However repeaters can use the whole of six meters(TVI?). Important to many is the fact that technicians get the whole of two meters. There is much more but this should appear in the ham mags very shortly.

AREC NET

Net control stations for the coming month are

OCT 9	W6WUD	Fred	K6HJU	alt	Oct 30	WA6HCL	Jim	W6KHS	alt
16	K6HJU	Jerry	W6WUD	alt	Nov 6	K6BDK	Frank	WB6JON	alt
23	WA6 EWT	Warren	WB6PCC	alt	13	WB6JON	Bab	K6BDK	alt

-----BALLOT-----
Convention in 1973

YES I am for it

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NOVEMBER 1972

REGULAR MEETING

The November 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will convene in room 716 of the Cabrillo College on Friday November 3, 1972 at 2000 hour local time.

There will be no scheduled entertainment for the evening as most of the time should be taken up with the selection of nominees for the offices and officers who will guide the club through the year 1973. Also on the agenda will be input and possible feedback regarding the ARRL convention in Santa Cruz next October.

NOMINATIONS

A nominating committee consisting of Ed, W6KHS, Allen WB6RWU, and Royce K6QJZ, was appointed by president Jim Marshall, WA6HCL, at the last meeting. Although these men will endeavor to submit a slate of qualified people for your approval they are by no means the only candidates possible. Your nomination selections are welcomed from the floor, by mail or land line, if you can not make it to the meeting. Let us not leave it for the other fellow, put in your four bits worth, you have been hearing this line constantly for the past year, but never the less it still holds true. Assert yourself...

CONVENTION 1973

Perhaps before the year is up we will think of a better paragraph title, but for now it will have to do. According to the vote called for by president Jim, WA6HCL, it seems that the Santa Cruz Club is now in the convention business...

Results of last months balloting indicated a 17 to 4 favorable vote. This represents 76.5% for, although only 21 of the 36 paid members voted or 60%, this is the way it is. If some are disappointed with the results, who is to say if the other 30% would have changed the vote that much....

So lets get on with it. Committees will soon be formed, ground work is already under way. Members recently attended the two ARRL conventions in California to take notes on what makes things click. The San Mateo convention (N. California) in direct contrast to last years near failure, had an attendance of nearly 700. Southern Cal over 1000. So it seems conventions certainly are not dying, time and location seem to be the main draw. Santa Cruz certainly has the place and we feel that the date we have chosen is as near perfect as any compromise can get....Any more questions, contributions or gripes, bring them to the meeting, thats where its at...

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

That time of year will soon be upon us, this is probably been rehashed about the same each year too, any how be that as it may... the December meeting will be held seated around the dining tables of the Louie Facelli's establishment on the first Friday evening in December. At this time the results of the election will be made known and the new officers will be duly installed.

For the more inquisitive, the tab will run about \$5.50 for steak and \$4.75 for chicken or roast, your choice.

OCTOBER AUCTION

Well attended, about 40 people present, but the auction action was about like the present stock market, very sporadic, but auctioneer Dick Damon WA6GSL did manage to part nearly a hundred bucks from their tight fist owners, thereby spreading joy into many hamshacks as the past owners counted the green and the new owners dusted and prepared to test the new acquisitions.

RED CROSS

After all the years of going their separate ways it appears that the Santa Cruz County Radio Club and the Santa Cruz Chapter of the Red Cross are finally going to get together. In the past the club has offered service to the Red Cross but have politely been ignored. Now they have approached us, and we are listening. President Jim WA6HCL is to have a meeting with the local director and set up plans to initiate an emergency net to handle health and welfare traffic and to augment whatever emergency communications they now have committed to them.

SCAREC NET

Schedule of net control stations for the next month...

Nov 6	K6BDK	Frank	WB6JON	alt	Nov 27	K6HJU	Jerry	W6WUD	alt
13	WB6JON	Bob	K6BDK	alt	Dec 4	WA6EWT	Warren	WB6PCC	alt
20	W6WUD	Fred	K6HJU	alt	11	WB6PCC	Roger	WA6EWT	alt

SCANNED HAM

CQ WDX operation at WB6JOD, 80 countries by Sat Eve... tenmeters open till about 1900. Station manned by Tri-C and SCCARC members

Silent Key Doc Tower W6NKP after a long illness

AREC net members provided communications for the annual Hi School band review K6BDK, W6JT and WA6AMB doing their bit.

Bob K6UXV making his mark, he placed among those scoring in the 38th ARRL DX competition in the Santa Clara Valley Section.

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DINNER MEETING

The December 1972 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will be the annual Christmas dinner meeting. This year we will gather together at Louie Facelli's establishment on the evening of Friday December 1, 1972. Happy hour from 6 to 7, and we will try to get everyone seated and start serving about 7:30.

Since the club is financially embarrassed, we would like to suggest that you get your money in early, \$6.50 for steak, \$6.00 for prime rib, and \$5.50 for cornish chicken fried. Please mail checks to Warren Baldwin, 108 Carol Ave., Santa Cruz, or to P.O. box 238, zipper 95060.

Entertainment for the evening will be the "Sweet Adelinos", the women harmony singers who did such an excellent job of entertaining us a couple of years back.

Also on the agenda will be the counting of the ballots for board of directors and other officers. And installation of the happy winners.....It is also requested that each couple bring a gift for a women, approximate value \$2.00.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the bottom of the page will be a ballot for the purpose of final selection of officers for the year 1973. The following are those names for offices as presented by the nominating committee....

For president Jim Marshall WA6HCL; Vice president, Dick Damon Sr. WA6GSL; Treasurer, Warren Baldwin, WA6EWT; Secretary, Roger Thompson WB6PCC; board selections are as follows.. W6WUD Fred Wolcott; WB6RWU Allen Fugelseth; W6KHS Ed Pollock; K6WT Don Pyle; W6WGO Paul Tibbs; K6QJZ Royce Krilanovich.

Normally there would be only four selections for the board and the out going president would automatically be the fifth member, since the present president is being nominated for another term of office, the nominating committee proposed five names so as to fill the slate, the sixth name having been nominated from the floor...perfectly permissable for writeins...please remember to bring your ballot Friday evening, or mail it as you prefer.

CONVENTION 1973

At the board of directors meeting held November 17 at the QTH of Allen WB6RWU, president Jim Marshall WA6HCL, presented his choices for committeemen to effect the successful completion of the convention the second weekend of October 1973. the lucky people are the following....

General Chairman..Jim Marshall WA6HCL

Vice chairman Paul Tibbs W6WGO

Gen. Secretary Royce Krilanovich K6QJZ

Treasurer Warren Baldwin WA6EWT

Facilities Bill Fraval WB6DBA

Technical Sessions Ed Pollock W6KHS

Hospitality Larry Edler WB6MVK

Womens Hosp. Marge Marshall and Marilyn Pollock

Registration Warren Baldwin

Prizes Dick Damon WA6GSL

Other committees to be filled... Banquet, Housing, Parking, General program, and Exhibitors.

At the present time the Santa Cruz Seaside Co. Casino Ballroom will be the site of the convention. Catering for the banquet is still to be decided. The request form from the club to ARRL headquarters is being put together for delivery via Doc Gmelin W6ZRJ by the 15th of December. After that, all systems should be go.....

SCANNED HAM

The Cabrillo Tri-C club station WB6JOD made an impressive score in the recent CQ WW DX contest, with 116 countries, 76 zones and a score of 197,184 points. Operators included Santa Cruz club along with Tri-C members with XYLS helping out serving coffee and to some 60 or so visitors.

AREC NET

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Dec 4	WA6EWT	Warren	WB6PCC	alt	Dec 25	W6WUD	Fred	K6HJU	alt
11	WB6PCC	Roger	WA6EWT	alt	Jan 1	K6HJU	Jerry	W6WUD	alt
18	WA6HCL	Jim	W6KHS	alt	8	K6QJZ	Royce	K6BDK	alt

FOR SALE

SB 301(Heathkit) \$180.00; SB101 xceiver w/ac ps +mobile mike, \$299.00; HG10 VFO \$10.00; 14 AVQ Hy-Gain vert ant. 40-10 m, \$10.00; SCR 522 2 meter Xceiver w/ps for \$10.00; SWR meter \$5.00. Call Doug WB6SCM at 423-4050 or see at 656 High st.

B A L L O T Please return at the dinner meeting