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Newsletter of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. K 6 B J  
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The April meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will be held in Room 907 at Cabrillo College on Friday April 7th at Eight PM. The program will feature talks on transistorized SSB transceivers and solid state power supplies. The speakers will be Malcolm Gregory and Benny Wong of Linear Systems in Watsonville. They will bring along some of their firm's latest gear , so it should be a very interesting program.

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Frank Carroll Jr. and his Emergency Communications Committee have been working on a program to get our Club more interested and more involved in this field of ham activity. We hope to have the full story on their plans in the next Short-Skip.

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In the March issue of 73 Magazine Wayne Green admits that his Institute of Amateur Radio is a failure and is quickly on it's way to oblivion. He puts the blame on the ARRL and it's officials, but doesn't mention the fact that every other new ham organization born in the past two decades has met a similar fate. Many of you probably remember NARC and SARA. The first was violently pro-phone and the second was madly pro-CW. They both bit the dust because they didn't come anywhere near to reflecting the ideas and feelings of the average amateur. The IOAR was founded to try to put the ARRL out of business, but Wayne probably realizes now that even with it's admitted shortcomings, the League is the only organization that the vast majority of American hams will support. In fact, about half of our ham population doesn't feel the necessity of belonging to any group at all. The one idea Wayne pushed strongly in his IOAR that merits further consideration is the apparent necessity for some lobbying in Washington on behalf of Amateur Radio as a Public Interest, Convenience, or Necessity (PICON). With the ARRL unable to lobby legally, we may someday find ourselves all operating in the UHF bands. Well, anyway, the whole situation is fun to think about, if we don't take our hobby too, too seriously.

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PEOPLE, PLACES, and THINGS

Joe Bois has a new SX-122 receiver and now can hear the QRM louder and clearer than ever before.... Dave Thomas got his ham ticket and is now WB6SZJ.... Larry WB6MVK has a list of countries and information on reciprocal licensing if anyone is interested.... Vern W6JCZ is still busy installing equipment in the KSCD fall-out shelter studio.... Allan WA6BQB has his RTTY setup working and Frank K6BOK has acquired a Model 15 teleprinter for future use.... If anyone wants to see a first-class example of home-construction, stop by the QTH of Bill WB6DBA and take a look at his home-brew crank-up tower. It's a real beauty.... Elmer K6ZNM is on two meters with his new Knight-Kit transceiver.... We hate to mention this again for the umpteenth time, but Bob WB6JON has been victimized by a recent windstorm and his six meter groundplane is down AGAIN. Could someone loan him some guy-wire so the next time it goes up it will STAY up?.... Eddy W6KHS worked 82 countries on 10 and 15 CW during one weekend of the recent DX contest. That was from his old QTH. He and his family are now in their new home at 212 Magellan Street in Capitola.... Richard Powell, a Cabrillo Electronics student who attends our meetings now and then has his ham license now. His call is WB6SZH.... Welcome to new Club Members Bruce Baird WN6VNO and Douglas Huskey WB6SCM, both of Santa Cruz.

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We have information on Code Practice from Station NDW on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Speeds are 4, 8, and 12 WPM. Frequencies are 2640kc and 4650kc. Practice starts at 730 PM and continues for several hours.

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T R A D I N G                      P O S T

Ed Beardsley K6UUG is looking for some equipment for two-meters. Anybody with some gear to sell should call Ed at 475-2757.

Ted Wolff K6YSS is thinking about building a Handbook keyer and is looking for the following components if anyone has them available:  
Power transformer 115VAC primary; secondary 125V at 15MA & 6.3V at 0.6A.  
Five-watt output transformer, 25,000 ohm to 4 ohm.  
5000 ohm, 3 ma sensitive DC relay SPDT  
Two 20mfd 250V electrolytics.                      Ted's Phone Number is 724-1708

Santa Cruz county home for sale: 3 bdrm, 2 bath plus 8 x 16 ft ham shack or office; fully landscaped with 16 x 32 ft patio, 1/3 acre. TH-6 beam, 60 ft crank-up tower, Ham-M rotor, 2-meter antennas and others all included. Rolling hills area, beautiful view for miles, full price reduced to \$23,750. Located at 6932 Freedom Blvd., Aptos. Call Eddy Pollock W6KHS at 475-6884.

Dave Thomas is looking for a pair of 4-400A tubes. He will also consider 4-125A's or 4-250A's. Call Dave at 475-2251.