

S H O R T S K I P
Newsletter of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club Incorporated

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The January meeting of the Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club will be held in Room 907 at Cabrillo College on Friday evening, January 6th at 8PM. Mr. De Luna of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph will present an illustrated program on the history and development of Project Apollo. He will discuss the visionary Jules Verne and how many of his ideas have come true. Mr. De Luna is a former member of the Salinas Amateur Radio Club.

This will be the first meeting under the direction of our new slate of officers and we urge all members to attend and give these gentlemen a rousing welcome. In addition to the officers listed on our masthead above, the 1967 Board of Directors is made up of Chester Goody WA6KUL, Ted Wolff K6YSS, Bill Fravel WB6DBA, Maynard Casteel WB6BIP, and Dave Harbaugh WA6UDE.

Our campaign to get members to pre-pay their 1967 dues last November was rather unsuccessful due to circumstances beyond our control. Now, we sincerely request all members to pay their dues at this meeting and start the year off right with a fat treasury and smiling officers. A paid-up membership is a vote of confidence in our Club.

On the Bulletin Board at Quement's is a sheet containing some information on Incentive Licensing. A publication called FACT got the information direct from the FCC. They say that the Docket is in the final stages of preparation and will soon be distributed to various departments within the FCC. Here it will undergo careful scrutiny and recommendations will be made as to whether it is OK as is, whether revisions should be made, or whether the whole thing should be dumped. If special Call-Signs are contained in the Docket, the Computer Section of the FCC will have to decide if they can handle the program with existing personnel and budget, and the Field Engineering Bureau will have their say as to the enforceability of the whole thing. It will have to have the approval of all the FCC departments involved before it is submitted to the seven Commissioners for a vote. So, it is very likely that it will be Spring before we get the final word on Incentive Licensing.

PEOPLE PLACES and THINGS
About 35 members, XYLs, YL's and guests braved a rainy night December 2nd to attend our annual dinner meeting at Adolph's. Good food and a lot of rag-chewing was enjoyed by all.... Speaking of rag-chewing, there is a local 2-meter net that specializes in this type of activity. Almost any night at 7PM around 145.85mc.... There's an interesting editorial in the January CQ about ham equipment manufacturers pricing themselves right out of the business.... Bob WA6WNH has a Collins KWM-2, but we hear he uses a little old Hallicrafters HT-18 most of the time instead.... Allan WA6QQP is working on a demodulator for his RTTY station.... Welcome to our newest member, Roger Thompson WB6PCC of Santa Cruz.... RCA has just announced a new silicon UHF transistor, the 2N3839. It has a noise figure of 3.4dB max. at 450mc.... Another interesting new development promised for the near future is a Field Effect Tube developed by Amperex.... Among members building gear: George WA6CAM is working on a CW monitor, Ted K6YSS is building a 10-meter Quad, and Dave WA6UDE finished a new power supply.... Bill WB6DBA found 2-meter mobile to be a flop in an extensive motor trip around the country. This fact has been discovered many times by a great many hams living in all parts of the USA. VHF is wonderful fun for home station and mountain-top portable operation, but for normal mobile operation it is about as interesting as watching the grass grow.

A reminder to all members that the editor will appreciate receiving news items to print in SHORT SKIP. Information about new equipment being built or bought and anything concerning DX stations worked is always newsworthy. The mailing address of WA6UDE is 115 San Jose Avenue, Santa Cruz 95060 and the phone number is 426-3866.

We will also be glad to print ads of gear for sale or trade or equipment wanted. The only item this month is an AR22 rotator for sale at an extremely reasonable price. Contact Larry Edler WB6MVK.

A FEW ELECTRONIC DAFFY-NITIONS

ANTI-FRICTION WASHER: Mild detergent	INTEGRATED CHOPPERS: Matching false teeth
AWG: Expression of disgust	JOULE: A girl's best friend
BUS BAR: Cocktail lounge aboard large vehicle	
CABLE JOINT: Place where you send cablegrams	
CAPACITOR: A person who can hold his liquor	
CLOCKWISE: One who can tell time	JAM NUT: Lousy driver in rough traffic
CONFIGURATION: Confused calculations	LIGHT SENSITIVE: Affected by blondes
DATA HANDLING: Shifting papers around	NODE: Constantly being refused something
ENCAPSULATED: Can't get it out of the gunk	
GROMMETS: Fictitious little people	PLUG: Milk-wagon horse