

Wes. W6PGU, our raffle prizes buyer is active in the Northern Calif. net, and on 40 C.W. ragchewing. Ted, K6YSS, in La Selva Beach, is active on 2 with a Communicator IV. Cliff, K6EEU, has taken several electronic courses at Cabrillo. He is also an avid "surplus" COLLECTOR, (his wife says it's just plain junk-but as fellow hams we know she just doesn't understand. Elmer K6ZNM, is getting set up to operate on 6M phone at 2 powers, 20 and 100 W. It is suspected that the T.V.I. committee hopes only 20 watts will do the job. Dave, WA6UDE, started the 6M ball rolling, running 45 W with no T.V.I. Frank K6BDK has also gotten his 6M gear going. Allen WA6OQP is getting his equip. out of moth balls for the same band. Bill WB6DBA, is still trying to get a surplus 85 ft. tower from the Navy in S.J. moved to his property. It is so big one can put a 12' square ham shack at the 85' level. How about going for oil too, Bill. Maynard WB6BIP, BOB WB6JON, and Bill WA6WNH are all holding forth on 2M phone. Elmer K6IGS, former President, had his job with the County Communications System exposed recently in the S.C. Sentinel. It was a fine write up and shows how HE is Mr. Communications for the area. Evelyn WB6MHA, who has graduated from Los Gatos H.S. this year has begun her college life at UC Davis Campus. Good luck to you and lots of studying.

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OLDEN TIMES- Father- "That hairdo of yours is the worst yet. Your hair looks like a mop"  
Daughter-- "What's a mop?"

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Ward W6HN, has just celebrated 45 years in ham radio. (That's a loooooooong time). he started out in New England before the W prefix letters were issued. Congratulations on sticking with this frustrating hobby of ours.

Three bands will be used, 3875 KC. WB6FEH Control-50.4 MC. WA6UDE Control-145.35 MC. K6BDK Control. SO- Check in gang, it won't be long, and we'll be able to report a good score to ARRL.

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We've picked on one of the REAL Oldtimers to expose to you this month, old in terms of years licensed and active in this organization. No, he doesn't need a cane nor help from a "Little old lady" but Vernon Berlin, W6J CZ has been around all phases of ham radio since 1933. His interest started in about 1929 as a "K10" beginning high school and since Joe Heathkit and Allied Knightkit etc., weren't "invented" it was necessary to make many of the station equipment. Xtal. control was practically unheard of. E.C.O. (Electron Coupled Oscillators) were just getting into popularity, so his first rig was a type 47 self excited oscillator, screen grid modulated by another type 47. On 40 meter CW and 160 meter phone. The initial receiver used an auto battery for the filament type tubes and "B" batteries for the plate power.

Over the years, operation has been on frequencies from 160 down to the 1 1/2 meter bands (near our 220MC band) at powers ranging from 2 to 1 KW. Present activity consists of assembling a RTTY station, probably because he misses the clackity-clack.

When he gets home from work, "work" consists of being manager and co-owner of KSCO (a well known local AM-FM station). He farmed the operation 18 years ago at its present location because of its excellent salt water ground. Oh yes, Uncle Sam forced him to leave for awhile during WW 11. Seems the Air Force needed his services in Sacramento fixing electronic gear. Actually he has three hobbies, the second being photography, (35mm slides and movies) while the third is collecting electronic surplus "stuff", there must be tons of it. Rumor has it, his wife calls it "junk", a term of endearment with which we're mutually acquainted.