



# Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association

JULY 2010

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## IN MEMORY OF ..... Steve Burlson KD6YCB

Do you ever wonder why we devote Saturday night dinner at field day to Steve, KD6YCB? Do you ever wonder who in the heck Steve Burlson is?

According to Berry Griffin, W6EZ, "Steve became my friend back in the early '90s, when I first started playing around with Citizens Band radio. He was one of the friendliest people I ever met. Later we, and most of our friends, became ham radio operators. (I was with Steve the day he passed his exam for general and I can still remember how happy he was.) While he and I would sometimes get very angry and foolish, we always remained friends and we always cared about the well being of the other.



Even if we were in the middle of one of our feuds, we still kept tabs on each other and stayed in touch. Steve was a person who always knew and stayed in touch with a lot of people. (I wouldn't know one fourth the people I know today if it weren't for Steve and his insistence on introducing me to a lot of people.) Steve helped me through some very tough times and I will always remember him."

A special thank you to Berry and Sharlene who still come up for our Saturday night field day dinner to keep Steve's memory alive and well. I personally didn't know Steve but because of the friends he left behind - he's someone who I would have been proud to call my friend. I just wonder if he would have voted for me or KI6KQQ????? Linda

**Goodbye Steve  
1956-1999**

**With ear tilted to the crackling speaker  
I'm tuning across faint stations on the air.  
Now I gently touch the VFO  
trying to find a voice that isn't there.**

**After tuning and peaking all my antennas,  
I can work any path short or long.  
My equipment can drag from the ether any signal,  
no matter if it is weak or strong.**

**By narrowing and shifting the bandwidth  
I'm hoping that I might find  
a signal that is so deep down in the noise  
it lives only in the shadows of my mind.**

**The minutes pass, then turn into hours,  
hours pass and turn into days,  
tuning, listening everywhere with every trick I know  
I cant find the signal in this radio haze.**

**I need to hear this particular voice.  
To hear another wild and ambitious plan,  
to hear designs for another field day, or antennas,  
or the best used equipment deal ever found by man.**

**Dear friend, they say you are a silent key,  
they say you have passed on.  
And after all my futile attempts to seek you out  
I must now acknowledge that you are gone.**

**I guess I'll have to face this terrible truth,  
it is a cruel and somber dose of reality,  
you are QRT and never again will I QSO with  
my very special friend, KD6YCB.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting: JULY 20, 2010**

**Pacificon 2010:**

**October 15 - 17**

*THE ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION*



**PACIFICON 2010 - THE WEST COAST HAM RADIO CONVENTION IS COMING BACK!**

After a one year hiatus, **PACIFICON 2010**, the great west coast ham radio convention, returns to the San Francisco Bay Area and will again be sponsored by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club. **Pacificon 2010** will take place Friday, October 15th through Sunday, October 17th, at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California. Events and schedules listed here are in the planning stages. Links will become active as planning progresses. Check out: <http://www.pacificon.org/>

## **ARRL FIELD DAY: IT'S A WRAP!**

With more than 500 Field Day reports already received -- and more coming in every day -- it's safe to say that this year's ARRL Field Day was a smashing success! Conditions, at least on the East Coast, were quite good. Operators at W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, worked many stations during Field Day, including a few California stations on 6 and 10 meters, as well as North Dakota on 10 meters on Saturday. Don't forget to send in your Field Day dupe sheets, along with your summary sheet and proof of any bonus points you earned. These reports for 2010 ARRL Field Day must be postmarked, [e-mailed to the ARRL](#), posted to the [Field Day Web Submission Applet site](#) or submitted by 2059 UTC Tuesday, July 27, 2010. Late entries cannot be accepted. You can also post your Field Day stories and photos on the [Field Day Soapbox](#). The 2011 ARRL Field Day will be June 25-26.





ARRL NOW ON FACEBOOK!

With more than 400 million active users, [Facebook](#) is the most popular social network site on the Internet. And since radio amateurs are generally a social bunch, many hams are active on Facebook. Thanks to Herman May, KE5HYW, the [ARRL has its own Facebook page](#). Check out the page to see a lot of features you won't find anywhere else, such as pictures from ARRL events and interactive status updates. We invite hams to "like" the ARRL Facebook page and leave productive comments. Joining Facebook is free, and you just might be surprised at who you'll find on the site.

### ARRL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the ARRL Foundation awards nearly 60 scholarships to young hams who are pursuing higher education. The awards range from \$500 to \$5000. All applicants must submit a full application and transcript to be considered.

**Important note: The application period for all ARRL Foundation Scholarship opens October 1 each year and closes promptly on February 1 the following year. Awards as usually announced to the winners by letter in mid-May.**

Click [here](#) to see brief descriptions of the awards

### ARRL - DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO AMATEUR RADIO



Founded in 1914, The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA.

Today, with more than 156,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the United States.

<https://www.arrl.org/join-arrl-renew-membership/>

# BLASTS FROM THE PAST

***By H. WARD SILVER, NOAX***

***WITH ALL OF THE OLD QST MAGAZINES ONLINE FOR ARRL MEMBERS, WHY NOT TAKE A TOUR THROUGH RADIO HISTORY AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS IN THE ARTICLES AND ADVERTISING SECTIONS!***

- 1) A flying animal graced the cover of this popular shack reference -- name the animal *and* the reference!
- 2) Which Amateur Radio vendor was owned by "Uncle Leo?"
- 3) Match the electronic "jobber" with the city.

a. Burstein-Applebee	e. Syosset
b. Lafayette Electronics	f. Kansas City
c. Butler Radio	g. Chicago
d. Cortland Radio	h. Los Angeles
- 4) Match the slang with the manufacturer:

a. Squawk Boxes	e. Drake
b. Hot Water	f. Heath
c. Twins	g. Gotham
d. Flash!	h. Gonset
- 5) Who manufactured the Super-Pro receiver? Hammarlund or Hallicrafters?
- 6) What was one of antenna manufacturer Mosley Electronics' first products?

a. receiver	b. transmitter	c. keyer	d. amplifier
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- 7) Radio Row and the World Trade Center had what in common?
- 8) Name the manufacturer of the "Trans-Oceanic" and its most famous advertising slogan.
- 9) What type of equipment would have been manufactured by Brown Brothers?

a. headphones	b. keying paddle	c. microphone	d. SWR meter
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- 10) What was the name of the E. F. Johnson amplifier based on the 4-400 tube?

a. Ultra	b. Thunderbolt	c. Bandsweeper	d. Annihilator
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- 11) What were vacuum tubes called in RCA's classic design manual?

a. Radiotrons	b. Valves	c. Thyristors	d. Quasars
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- 12) What type of components are these?

a. Brown Devil	b. Orange Drop	c. Nuvistor
d. Breadslicer	e. Dog bone	f. Nixie



## ***Encourage Others to Become an Amateur Radio Operator (Ham)***



*Ham Radio has been around for decades as a hobby and as an emergency communication tool for government agencies during local disasters.*

The Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association will be sponsoring training and testing session. Spend the day cramming for your test, at the end of the day you take your test!

Please email Dick Decker to sign up: [dickdecker@hotmail.com](mailto:dickdecker@hotmail.com)

**Ham Cram Information**  
**JULY 17, 2010 From 8AM – 4:30 PM**  
**Where: Stanislaus 911 Center**  
**3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA**

A nominal fee of \$30 for the ham cram covers your materials, refreshments, and if you pass a complimentary years membership in the SARACLUB.









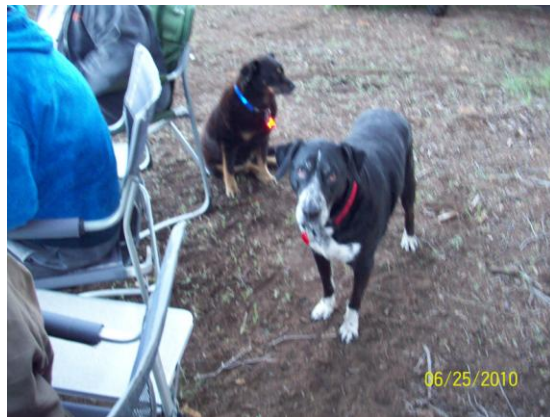












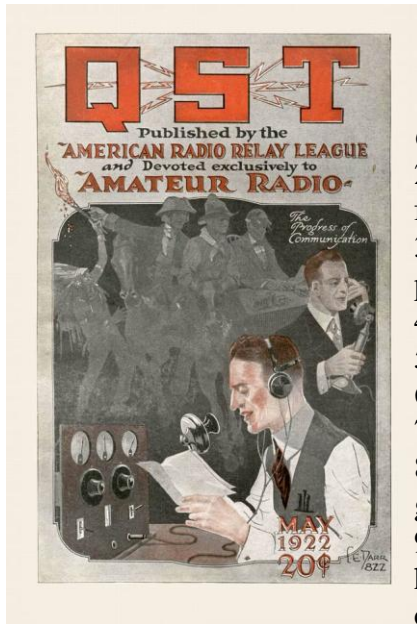












## Answers

1. c and g -- The "Flying Horse" is still the symbol for *Callbook* publications.
2. World Radio Labs and Leo Myerson, W0GFQ, were famous for the Globe series of transmitters.
3. a-f, b-g, c-h, d-e -- These companies were the source of parts for the amateur homebrewer.
4. a-h, b-f, c-e, d-g
5. Hammarlund
6. a -- the CM-1 was manufactured in the early 1960s.
7. Cortlandt Street in New York City
8. Zenith -- "Where the quality goes in before the name goes on."
9. b -- Their attractive paddles and keys featured chrome hardware, distinctive red paddles and knobs, as well as a crinkle-finish black base.
10. b -- Even a version contained in a desk was made.
11. a -- *The Radiotron Design Manual* was the bible of the electronics designer.
12. a -- resistor, b -- capacitor, c -- vacuum tube, d -- variable capacitor, e -- insulator, f -- numeric display