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READOUT Contributions to are always welcome and may be submitted to the editor, Bob Pinheiro, WA67LD at 1221 Wist Flower Ct. Modesto, CA. 95355. SARA owns and operates two F.M. repeaters. 145.39 MHz (-) located on Mt. Oso 22 miles 5W of Modesto at an elevation of 3.370 feet. Our 220 MHz repeater operates of 223.68 MHz (-) and is also located on Mt. Oso at an elevation of 3,500 feet. Both repeaters are equipped with an autopatch for the use of SARA members. SARA owns and operates a packet digipeaer also located on Mt. Oso at 3500 feet. Frequency is 145.01 MHz. SARA conducts in informational net on both repeaters each Thursday evening at 800 pm with the exception of holidays, SARA meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Stanislaus County Administration building a the 12th and H streets in downtown Modesto. Meetings begin at 738 pm. SARA is incorporated with the State of California. SARA is an affiliated club of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and Stanislaus County RACES. Dues are \$15.00 per annum . \$7.58 for students up to sophomore in college. Dues are pro-rated for newly joining members from the date they join. ARRL membership and DST renewals may be made through SARA with a \$2.00 commission retained by SARA.

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#### NEW FCC 610 FORM

The FCC will release a newly modified Form 610 later this year. Currently, only 610 forms printed June 1984 or later can be accepted. Until the new forms are available, candidates should use the existing form.



OK'ED EFFECTIVE NOVICE ENHANCEMENT MARCH 21

(From front page)

Novice and Technician control operators are limited to 200 watts output in this band, but other licensees are not similarly limited. (2.) Novices may use up to 25 watts in the 222.10 through 223.91 MHz band with all authorized emissions. (3.) Novices may use up to 5 watts in the 1270 through 1295 MHz band. with a11 authorized emissions. (4.) No Amateur station at which the control operator or station licensee holds a Novice class operator license shall be in repeater, auxiliary or beacon oper-(5.) Two examiners ation. will be required to administer future Novice exams, which shall consist of 30 FCC form 610 auestions.

will be revised to provide for certification by two VE's. (6.) Present Novice and Technician licensees are grandfathered into the new (7.) Element 3 privileges. is divided into two parts. 3A and 3B, with each examination to consist of 25 questions. Present Technician licensees will he given credit for having passed both elements. In the future. upgrades to Technician will only have to pass element 3A and future Technicians upgrading to have General will to pass both elements 1B, 13 WOM code and element 3R. The complete text of the new rules will appear in the April QST.

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or voice privileges for their class of license.

# STATION LOG

The February 17, 1987 meeting of SARA called to order by President Denny, WG6P at 735 pm followed by introducmembers tion of 21 and quests present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurers report given by NEOCS. Bank balance as of 2-10-87 \$1.951.02. Paid out- Pacific \$18.79. Budget Copy Rell \$44.84. Owens Printing \$48. 74. Education committe \$181. 91 to bring their balance to \$300.00. Income. \$30.00 from RF Concepts for a full ad in the READOUT. Dage Present balance as of 2-17-87 is \$1,946.99. KG6NZ reported on the fireworks fund raising effort. Startuo \$400. costs will be about motion that WDØFFX made a the club commit to Red Devil Fireworks for a fireworks booth. Seconded by N6DCV. Mation carried. WDØFFX. Committee Phil. Educational Chairman. reported the balance in the education fund is presently \$372.00. There are 16 signed up for the SARA license class next starting on 2-28-87. Phil also reported on VE exams coming up in Merced in early

## ARRL affiliated club

May and June 6th for the next SARA sponsored session in Modesto. Report on Alpine County DXpedition bv WG6P and N6LSA. We will definately be on the air during the weekend of August 22-23. There will be an organizational meeting later this month in Turlock. NV65. club trustee, gave permission for the DXpediton to the club station call. use WD6EJF. Dottie, N6LRZ, will in charge of locating a be place to print QSL cards for the DXpediton. Break for re-Raffle of \$7.00 freshments. won by VP Bud, NGOCV. WG6P reminded evenyone that the March meeting of SARA will be at the Acapulco Restaurant on McHenry. Social hour at 6 pm followed by the. regular meeting at 730 pm. Mitch and Steve Cosentino (WA6KTK) have donated a case of Cosentino wine for the raffle at the March meet-The CW contest is on ing. and half over. NV6S says we need more hunters and more rabbits. WG6P reported the hard copy needed for signa-

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RUSSIAN WOODPECKER-OTH-B RADAR

In the December issue of the IEE Proceedings F. Part Communications, Radar and Signal Processing. an article by J. I. Glaser on "Fifty years of Bistatic and Multistatic Radar" presents some interesting information on the Russian 'Woodpecker' ham often heard on the bands. I thought readers would be interested in this subject since numerous questions have been asked about the 'Woodpecker'. "A system recently developed in the United States which employs bistatic operation is the AN/FPS-118 over-thehorizon backscatter (OTH-B) radar. This radar will be used to provide long-range early warning against bomber aircraft and cruise missiles approaching the continental United States. The separation between the transmit and receive sites allows use of a 100% duty factor waveform. The OTH-B, which operates in the 5-28 MHz wave band, uses an FM/CW waveform rather than pulses to eliminate high peak power components and to minimize radio frequency interference. The Soviet Union has a similar OTH-B radar, although information about this system is sketchy. The initial

evidence of Boviet OTH-B capability came to light in mid-1976. The first of these units, nicknamed the 'Kiev Buzzsaw' or 'Ivan the Terrible', was a 2 MW transmitter near Kiev augmented by a smaller receiving installation near the Black Sea town of Nikolayev. From these initial efforts, the Soviets have expanded their system into a fully funchigh- frequency tional early-warning radar. Most of the information concerning the Russian'Woodpecker', as it is now known because of its characteristic sound, has come from efforts of amateur radio operators throughout the world. There are currently three OTH-B systems in operin the Soviet Union. ation

Soviet OTH-B The current systems have increased power and operate in the 20-50 MW range. They utilize pulse modulation with a nominal oulse repetion frequency of The capabilities of 10/sec. these OTH-B systems are 1000 to 4000 km (with longer possible through ranges multihop transmission), 360

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## W5YI REPORT....

))) The FCC has authorized F83 emission for Amateur station transmitting on service frequencies Amateur MHZ and above. F83 1240 emission allows stations to transmit with two CIT<sup>4</sup> nore channels of analog voice information on a single frequency (stered if you will). Authorization of F8E will enable Amateurs to experiment with an additional transmission mode and thus further advance Amateur radia technology. Moreover, it appears that 30 adverse effect upon existing Amateur communications would occur permitting Amateur staby tions to transmit the addiemission. tional the FCC said.

>>> Recency Electronics. of Indianapolis Inc. has introduced controversial A new oublic information radio. The mobile receiver similar which looks to a radar detector plugs into a cigarette lighter and is preproprammed with all state VHF/UHF police local and enforcement frequencies by state. Unlike scanners, the "Informant" eliminates the

hassle of having to look up frequencies and program them a scanner. inta With a single touch to access the 2-letter state code. the receiver will scan only that state's police frequencies at the unbelievable rate of 50 channels per second using "turboScan" technology! new A digital display indicates state being monitored the and the type of transmission police. county (state or city). An instant weather feature also searches for the closest active bulletin frequency fo the National Weather Service. The price of the "Informant" is \$369. 95 list.

>>> Tandy/Radio Shack iœ converting 90 of its Business Products Division Comouter Centers to Retail Division operated Plus Computer Centers, The "Plus Centers" will all comcarry puter products but will not offer on site training, repair or outside sales capability. Tandy reported a 19% second quarter income climb which Was linked to increasing its outside computer sales force to 1500.



#### PREDICTING SOLAR CYLCLE 22 MAXIMUM

There is evidence that solar data base for predicting the minimum may have passed. The time of minimum is important because it relates to the timing and size of the next solar cycle. The traditionnum the time of lowest is smoothed (averaged) sunspot numbers. The sunspot numbers smooth have been well measured for over a dozen cycles (since 1848) and offer the longest

size of the new solar cycle. Based on a mid-1986 solar minimum, the next cycle is predicted to peak in 1989. Another prediction has the al definition of solar mini- minimum being reached during the third quarter of 1987 with a 120 maximum predicted sunspot number for 1991.

Ever wondered what it would be like to participate in a DX-Pedition? How about one to Alcatraz Island in the middle of San Francisco Bay? On several occasions the Sacramento Amateur Radio Club has done just that. The most recent occasion on October 11th,1986. Here's the story as told by WS6K as it appeared in their club newsletter Mike and Key.

"The group met at San Francisco's pier 41 at 730 am with a small mountain of gear. We boarded the boat shortly after 8:00 and were soon on the island. We were then told that the truck. which has hauled gear up the hill in the past, was not available. The gear went up-hill the hard way. Fortunately, Norm, K6FD, was bright enought to bring a small hand cart. Otherwise. the four heavy batteries would never have got up the hill. Antennas for 80, 40, and 15 were quickly strung up. Les's (WA6EQQ) "J" antenna for 2 meter packet was tied to the stairwell. the batteries were connected. switches were thrown and the

first contact made shortly after 10 am. The low band stations were preeted with mini pile-ups and the stations were worked as guickly as possible with a bit of rag-chewing thrown in. Once the packet controller was set up to send out a CQ every 10 minutes, there were more stations calling than we could handle. A count at the end of the afternoon showed 196 HF contacts plus an additional 28 on 2 meter packet. The tourists were amused by the group's costumes of prison-stripe Tee shirts and caps. Things wound down at 330 pm when antennas were dropped and the gear was hauled down the hill. We left at 440 pm on the last boat. Everyone agreed it was a great trip. Making the trip to "The Rock" this year were Scot. KB6CCG; Les, WA6EQQ; KI6FT; Norm, K6FD; Carl, WA6VLS; Art, WA6YZD; Howie, WA6TUJ; Jim, WS6K; Chris. KA6TAL from World Radio and her husband Tom." ... WS6K

#### ... Thanks Mike and Key Newsletter, SARC.

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Just how efficient are the rubber duck antennas on modern day talkies. Not all. good at according to tests conducted recently. Using talkies in the two meters band, field strength measurements at various distances were converted into efficiency antenna takino into account the power outout of the talkie. The conventional rubber ducky produced æ reading that indicated an efficiency of only 7 × . The AEA "Hot Rod" antenna exhibited an efficiency of about 57 % .

.... de HR Report



220-222 TO LAND MOBILE?

On February 12, 1987 the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, General Docket 87-14. that proposes ta allocate 220 to 222 MHz on an exclusive basis ta the Land Mobile Service and 222 to 225 exclusively to the Amateur Service. According to the FCC. the 220 to MHz ban is underutiliz-225 ed and that the Land Mobile Service has needs that can be met in this region of the spectrum. Therefore. the Commission is proposing that the lower Ξ megahertz be reallocated OTI В primary basis from the Amateur Service to the Land Mobile Service for both government and nongovernment ' operations, Comments on this proposal may be filed with the FCC on or before April 6, 1987. Reply comments maybe filed on or before April 21, 1987.

SARA V.E. EXAM
JUNE 6, 1987
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Don't forget this month's meeting will be held at the on Me-Acapulco Restaurant Henry Ave. in Modesto, If you are not sure how to get there look at the map on the front page. +++ Welcome to several new c E members SARA. Tom Walker of Hilmar. N7EDZ. Tom is a retired air traffic controller first licensed in 1981. Vorus Stillwell. WA6LJR. of Modesto. Vorus is retired and recently moved here from Hemet. He was first licensed in 1958. And welcome the following graduates of the most recent SARA license class addition to earning who in their tickets also earned a free membership in SARA for Bonnie Hartz, (WD@-1987 FXX's wife). got her Technician license. She is WD0-HHB first licensed as a Novice in 1976. Bonnie is a loan processor. Catherine Longwell of Modesto, Novice.

John McGaughey of Manteca, John is a student. Novice. Cliff Kachline of Modesto. Novice. He is retired. Roy Watson. KB6NKI, Technician. Charles Lettin of Keyes. Novice. With these additions our membership stands 138 as of February 22. at +++ Gene, KI6DC, got a note on his door recently from Dan Von Jenef. N3ELB. Dan advised that he was in town for a visit from his home in Marylard. Dan's company is AAI located in Hunt Valley. Maryland where he is a missiles and robotics technician. +++ Bruce, NK6C. reports that it's taking the FCC approximately 25 days to process a license renewal. +++ Telemobile Inc. has introduced an ear microphone accessory for use with all of their handhelds. The FAR MIKE fits like a hearing aid into the operator's ear to receive and transmit through the ear canal. Sounds from the minute voice vibration the ear canal present in activate the transducer for clear transmission without backpround noise, The transducer is also able to act 35 conventional ear æ phone receiver. The operator can function hands free and in high noise areas by wearing an earmuff accessory and an arm mount strap for

work in airport operations or security police work in congested areas. It is also designed for use with gas and smoke masks used with their particular handhelds. No mention of whether or not this device will work on our type of talkies. +++ Several members are getting excited about the planned DXpedition to Alpine County in August. A completely equipped motor home has been lined up to provide comfort and operating quarters. Gary, KJ6Q, in Vacaville plans to provide his motorhome for the event. Larry, WD6CMI. is in charge of the event and if you would like to participate and have some fun, get in touch with Larry at 667-8363 in Turlock. There is much to do and your help would be appreciated. +++ "Adam" was the first Judge. He was the first man to try anyone!" +++ Nothing new to report on the Jack Ravenscroft interference conviction in Canada. His lawyer is waiting for a transcript of his trial which is needed to prepare his appeal. +++ The W6ZFN-2 digioeater at Little Rock (near Lancaster) is now operational and has opened a new path to Nevada, Arizona and Utah. Some Wyoming packet stations have been seen on this path. WB6AIE-1 digipeater and its mailbox

have been shut down indefinitely due to one person's abuse of it. As reported last month, the W6AMT digipeater at Ban Jose is now using Net/Rom (Layer 4) firmware which speeds up the transmission of data when using several digipeaters. In tests from Los Angeles to San Francisco the time was reduced by 800 percent. +++ Condolences to Lynn and Pat Windus on the passing of Pat's mother, Mildred Hartzell on February 5. She was 90 years old. By the way. Lynn (KB6DXX) is doing just fine on his recovery from his recent heart attack. That's it for this month. 73, Bob, WA6ZLD.

#### CLONE CRUSHER

IBM's 8086-based \$1,200 CC (for "Clone Crusher" instead of PC) is reportedly having severe production problems and will not be introduced until at least April. IBM ended 1986 with a 27% decline in earnings, one of its poorest performances ever. AT&T is also hurting. They have reduced their PC's by as much as 32% due to a changing market. IBM chopped 12,000 employees and AT&T elimanated 30,000 jobs to compete with leaner companies.

## THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.

#### SECTION MANAGER

#### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY Charles P. McConnell W6DPD

Credit for written examination elements passed (PR Docket 86-63) went into effect on February 13, 1987. The Office of Management and Budget approved the necessary changes to the FCC 610 Form. The July 1985 version of the form with an OMB expiration date of 3/31/88 will remain in use until revised forms are available.

The FCC has issued PRB-3 which is a request for comments on a proposal inquiring if call signs could be issued by the private sector. Under the proposal the FCC would issue one 2x3 callsign from the NA-NZ prefix block for each new licensee regardless of license class. All other callsigns would then be available through a Special Call Sign Coordinator (SCSC) who would assign one or more supplemental call signs at the request of the licensee. The Amateur could use either call sign for identification purposes. The SCSC would be allowed to recover administrative costs but not make a profit. Comments on PRB-3 are due on or before April 23, 1987 and reply comments on or before May 22, 1987.

The FCC had denied the request of ARRL for the stay of the effective date of Docket 85-196 which transferred maintenance of the Amateur question pools from the FCC to the VECs. The VECs have agreed to maintain existing exam questions until January 30, 1988, and they will cooperate in developing a common question pool. ARRL still had a Petition for Reconsideration of this matter on file.

ARRL has filed comments in opposition to FCC Docket 86 337, regarding Automatic Transmitter Identification Systems (ATIS). This Docket would require the installation of such a system at time of manufacture. This would identify each transmitter each time it transmits.

The ARRL BOD voted to proceed with plans for the Museum and Visitors Center by authorizing a fund raising effort. The complete minutes of the meeting are in the March 1987 OST.

FCC has dismissed the ARRL Petition to release the 17 meter band, 18.068 through 18.168 mHz, to U.S. Amateurs.

#### AMATEUR CALL SIGNS

As of February 1, 1987 the following call sions had been issued in the sixth call district. Extra- AA-6AI, Advanced-KI6OT, General-Tech, N60TB. Novice-KB6PXJ. Group A (2x1) calls in the 4th and 6th call districts are gone. Calls from the AA and AK series are now being issued in these two districts. It is taking about two months to get the call assigned once you upgrade.

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#### NEW 800 SERVICE COMING

Look for MCI and U.S. Sprint to introduce "800" sevice shortly. Up to now, only AT&T offered inbound WATS service. MCI will offer 800 service next month followed by U.S. Sprint. MCI will cost less than AT&T, and Sprint's 800 service will be priced under MCI! Not to be outdone, AT&T is readying their "Readyline" which enables small business to connect 800 service to their existing phone line! Eliminated will be high installation charges.

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS

Date Call-sign and Telephone of Contact Person. Test Fee \$4.35.

Mar 1 Chico KE6EP (916)893-5208. Mar 7 Visalia W6MUV (209) 627-5346. Mar 7 Cupertino AE6Z (408) 243-8349. Mar 14 Jackson KE6NS (209) 296-4771. Los Altos Hills W6NLG (408) 255-9000. Mar 29 Santa Cruz W6NLG (408) 255-9000. Apr 4 Auburn NR6N (916) 722-3598. Cupertino AE6Z (408) 243-8349. Apr 5 Pleasant Hill WX6A (415) 932-0491. Apr 11 South S.F. WO6F (415) 755-5784, Los Altos Hills W6NLG (408) 255-9000. Apr 18 Reno, NV K7HRW (702) 972-3933. May 2 Fresno W6DPD (209) 431-2038. May 3 Chico KE6EP (916) 893-5208. May 9 Los Altos Hills W6NLG (408) 255-9000. May 16 Sacramento WA6RPB (916) 483-3293. Jun 6 Modesto WA60HP. (209) 239-9486. Eureka

## Your Invitation

complimentary Several READOUT 155ues of were mailed this month. If you are not a member of SARA and received a copy of READOUT. hope you enjoy WR it and will accept this ivitation to join SARA. You will enjoy meeting new friends and the many activities of the club each Your year. membership brings with it the club's monthly newsletter. READOUT and use of the autopatch facilites.

Please use the handy membership application below to apply for membership. If you would like more information on SARA please write to the Club at post office box 4601 Modesto, CA. 95352.

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#### DESCRAMBLER LAWSUIT

General Instrument Co. has filed two lawsuits against two Phoenix firms that allegedly manufacture and sell illegal computer chips that enable all scrambled satellite delivered programming to be received by backvard dish owners. General filed the suits against Picture Perfect Engineering and Miller Enterprizes charging that the chips they provided defeat their VideoCipher II technology. The chips are commonly known as "Muskateer" (one for all and all for one) chips. The installation of the PRDM chip in the place of the one in the orignial descrambler allows all programming to be received while paying for just one service. General estimated that over 1,500 illegal VideoCipher II descramblers are now in use. The suits were filed in early January.

WA6ZLD is the Editor of The READOUT. If you are on Packet, you can leave information or stories in his mailbox on the W6-FGC-2 BBS at Twain Harte. Frequency is 145.05 MHz.

#### SARA FEBRUARY MINUTES

#### (From Page 4)

tures to change the bylaws regarding family membership will not be ready until the next meeting. VP, Bud, OCV, volunteered to be the new program chairman. Meeting adjourned at 915 pm. Respectfully submitted by SARA Secretary, LaVerne, KB6ECF.

#### RUSSIAN WOODPECKER

#### (From Page 5)

degree azimuth coverage, 2 km range resolution, 19 to 20 km absolute range accuracy, 1 degree azimuth angle resolution and 1/10 Hz Doppler resolution."

#### ...de Barry WA4VZQ Eastman Chemicals Division Research Kingsport, TN

HEATH TNC CLOSEOUT SALE

The Heath Company advises that they have special closeout orices on their Packet Terminal Control/TNC Status Indicator/HF filter Kit was \$299.95. system, now \$129.95 on first CONE /first served basis. Another system soecial is on the RTTY Interface kit. Originally \$249.95, now \$179.95.

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holidays) at the Stanislaus County Administration Building at 12th and H streets in Modesto. The meetings are held in the lower-level conference room starting at 730 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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