

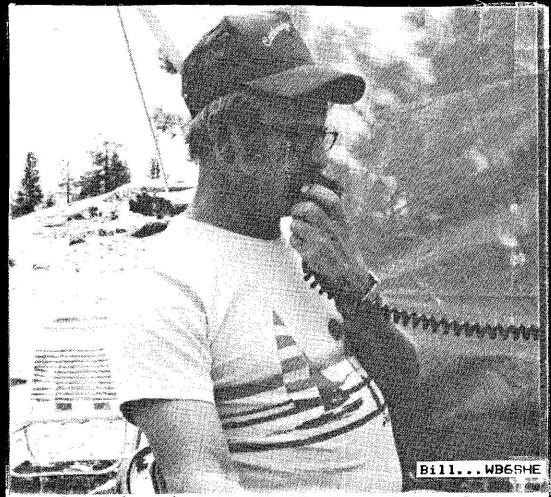
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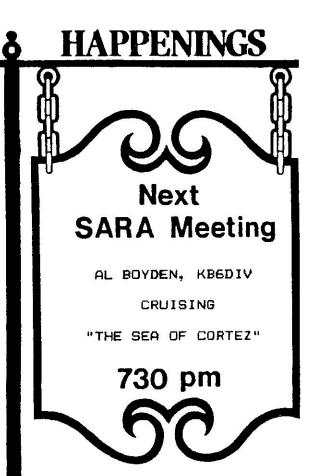


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... THE READOUT FACTS...

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For nearly two weeks, area Amateur radio operators provided vital communication assistance to the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry in fighting the giant Stanislaus National Forest complex fire. result of lightning A= strikes on August 30th. several fires broke out in the Tuolumne County area which several days later together consuming burned over 120,000 acres of prime timber land in Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. It took army of over 13,000 firefighters to bring the fire under control two weeks later. The Sonora 147.945 MHz repeater. W6FEJ/R. was mediately designated the main Amateur communications with the fire a 5 local area Amateurs marshalled their equipment and quickly set up communications at strategic locations. Stations were set up at the CDF and U.S. Forest Service headquarters in San Andreas and Sonora. More stations were set up at major staging areas including Westside staging area and fire camp at Tuolumne City which was threatened and evacuated.

As evacuations were ordered, authorities opened evacuation centers at the Tuolumne County Fairprounds and at Sonora High School. Quickly, additional Amateur stations were put on the air these locations provide health and welfare (H&W) messages and assist the Red Cross. As the fires grew, so did the commitment of Amateurs and their equipment. Before it was over, more than 100 Amateurs had been pressed service from as far away as Sacramento, Reno and the San Francisco Bay Area. majority of the communications were handled by area two meter repeaters with from assistance several packet stations and digipeaters. The repeaters used in addition to W6FEJ/R included, WB6MFV/R (145.17) CT Fowler Peak. WD6EJF/R (145.39) Modesto: WEBXN/R. (147.03) Turlock and W6FGC/R (146.115) at Confidence. Packet digipeaters used included WB6MFV-4 on Bear Mtn. near San Andreas and W6BXN-1 on Fremont Peak near

.... See Page 4

AREA AMATEURS HELP FIGHT MASSIVE STANISLAUS FOREST FIRE

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Maribosa. Packet ties were established between the Office of Emergency Services in Sacramento and Fresmo. The dipantic task of organizing the Amateur effort was mainly coordinated by Burt Wilcox, W6FGC of Twain Harte who operated for several days with little or no sleep. An outstanding job was done by all Amateurs involved, too many tion mention here. However. special credit is deserved by W6F6C and the Amateurs of Tuolumne and Calavaras Coun-

ties who carried the load by themselves for the first several days before outside help could be organized. The entire effort was a shinning example C.F dedication of Amateur Radio providing emergency communications in times of need which is in the finest tradition of Amateur Radio. To all of those who helped out, give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back for a job WELL DONE!!!

" THE NEW WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO" VIDEO OUTSTANDING

The new Amateur Radio Video produced by the ARRL is an outstanding production according to those who have seen it. The 38 minute long the fifth one video is produced on Amateur Radio and is called, "The New World of Amateur Radio". It was put together under the guiding hand of Roy Neal, K6DUE, formerly of NBC-TV. first national showing was on September 20th when the program was fed to the GTE Spacenet 1 satellite. The propram is 38 minutes long which includes a 10 minute introduction. It was pro-

duced in full color and stereo sound in TV magazine type format portraying Amateur Radio. Financial prants were received from Icom. Yaesu and Kenwood to help finance the effort. It's no doubt, the best production ever out topether on video tape and will entice new recruits to our hobby. Dan, WESBE. using his backyard satellite receiving station, taped the original feed and the propram will be shown at the November 21st meeting SARA. DON'T MISS IT.

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.

SECTION MANAGER

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
Charles P. McConnell W6DPD

In the recent election for Director and Vice Director in the ARRL Pacific Division the incumbents Rod Stafford, KB6ZV, and Jim Knochenhauer, K6ITL, were the only candidates so they were declared elected to 2 year terms that begin January 1, 1988.

The following schedule for revision of the VEC Question Pools has been announced. Elements 2 and 3A will be revised and new tests will be used starting Nov. 1, 1989. Elements 3B and 4A will be revised and new tests will be used on Nov. 1, 1990. Element 4B will be revised and new tests used beginning Nov. 1, 1988. The new question pools will be released 6 months before the new tests will be used in Amateur exams. ARRL LETTER V6N17.

AMSAT-OSCAR 10 should be available for use sometime around November 20, 1987. Because of the low angle of the sun there is not enough illumination to charge the spacecraft's batteries. Listen to WIAW and the AMSAT nets for more information as to when the spacecraft will be available for use in late November or early December. ARRL LETTER VG N17.

AMATEUR CALL SIGNS ISSUED BY THE FCC AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST.

The following call signs were issued in sequential order by the FCC's Gettysburg, PA. computer as of September 1, 1987.

EXTRA...AA6EB. ADVANCED...KI6XD. GEN/TECH...N6GED NOVICE...KB6TSA

All 2-by-1 format call signs have been assigned in the 4th, 5th and 6th call districts. 2-by-2 format call signs from the AA and AL prefix block are now being assigned to Extra Class Amateurs in those districts.

On The Agenda.

The September 15, 1987 meeting of SARA was called to order at DM by Treasurer Bob. NEOCS. Introduction of quests and members followed. The treasurers report was given by Balance as of this date is \$1,324.99. Expenses included \$140 to WA6ZLO to purchase a new printing head for his printer with which he does the club newsletter. \$44.00 to Budget Copy for printing the newsletter. \$22.00 for stamps. \$22.43 for the telephone on the auto-\$14.41 to NV6S for parts for the 220 machine. Deposits of \$150.07. Under business. nothing report on the 220 to 2 meter linking problem. Lynn, KB6DXX. chairman of the committee looking into the linking problem. Comments received on the San Jose 39 machine indicates their signal appears to be stronger in our area. interference problem with the meter machine does not appear to be as bad. The paging company causing the problem is

willing to pay half the cost of a notch filter i f problem is determined to not be their fault. N6OCS pave a report on the DxPedition to Alpine County. Alpine was not as rare a County as expected. Dinner-Dance tickets are available and on sale. Contact N6JTD. Lori motioned for the club to purchase flowers for the center piece at the dinner-dance. No motion second. withdrawn. Motion made and carried to for miscellaneous spend \$100 expenses for the dinnerdance. Under new business. it was announced that license classes are under way sponsored by SARA. Communications for a bike run on October 11th was discussed. It was mentioned that several SARA members have been getting together for a ranchew on 75 meters (3793) on Satureveninos 9 at Respectfully submitted by Dottie. NGLRZ for the Secretary .

Front Page...Bill, WB6SHE operating on 15 meters during the Alpine Co. DxPedition. More photos on Pages 7-8 & 9

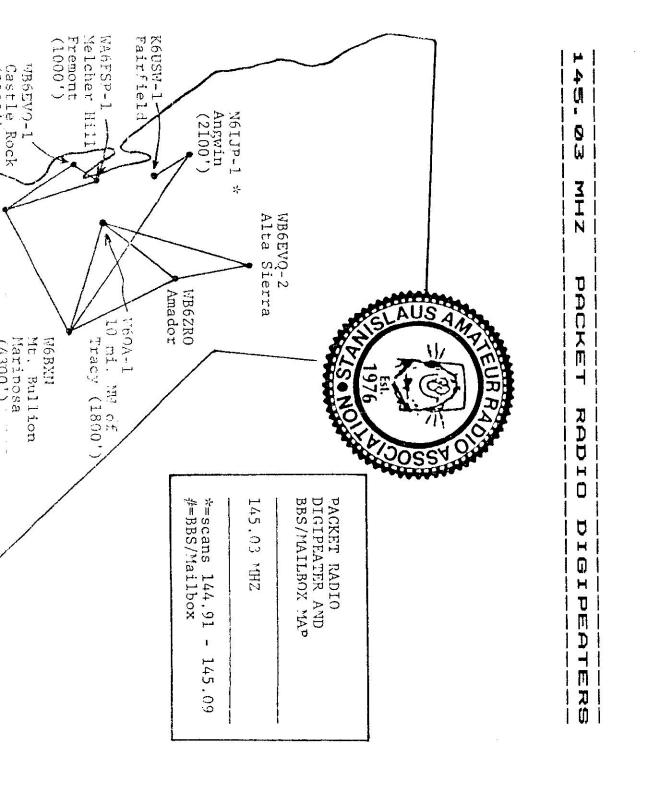
ALPINE DXPEDITION PHOTOS

The photos appearing on the next two pages are of the Alpine County DxPedition in August which were taken by Larry, WD6CMI; Bob, WA6ZLO and Bill, WB6SHE. Half-toning done by Gary KJ6Q. We had hoped for a story from the group, but none was received. The photo on the front page was taken during the event and shows Bill Mathies, WB6SHE, making contacts.

- (1) Cape Horn Vista marks the spot where the crew set up their camp and station. (2) Looking down on the vista point and the campsite looking East toward Nevada. (3) WA6ZLO calling CO 15. (4) Dave, N6PDF, operates from his station setup in his camp trailer. (5) Bill, WB6SHE, in the operating position as Laverne, KB6ECF, looks on.
- (6) Butternut Vertical guyed to the top of a nearby rocky point. (7) Denny, WG6P, chasing DX. (8) Jim, N6KMR, checks out the signals. (9) Joe, WQ6W, checks out the high Sierra scenery during a break. (10) WB6SHE making contacts.
- (11) WD6CMI's FT 101. (12) WG6P checks the propane tanks on his trailer. (13) WB6UJD, Tim, signs in while KB6ECF enjoys her apple. (14) WB6SHE's Yaesu 757. (15) Campsite from nearby point. (16) Rudy, KB6NSE. (17) Mother nature calls N6OCS. (17 1/2) From left to right Bob, N6OCS, Phil, WD0FFX and WG6P, Denny. (17 3/4) WD0-FFX"s jeep overheats pulling the grade. (18) Joe, W06W. (19) Campsite. (20) From left to right, Joe, WQ6W; Bob, N6OCS and Larry, WD6CMI.
- (21) Jim, N6KMR and Phil WDØFFX. (22) Scenery. (23) WD6CMI with homebrew two meter beam. (24) Tom, N6LSF visits with Bob, N6OCS. (25) Campsite. (26) More equipment. (27) Tim, WB6UJD and Bob, N6OCS.



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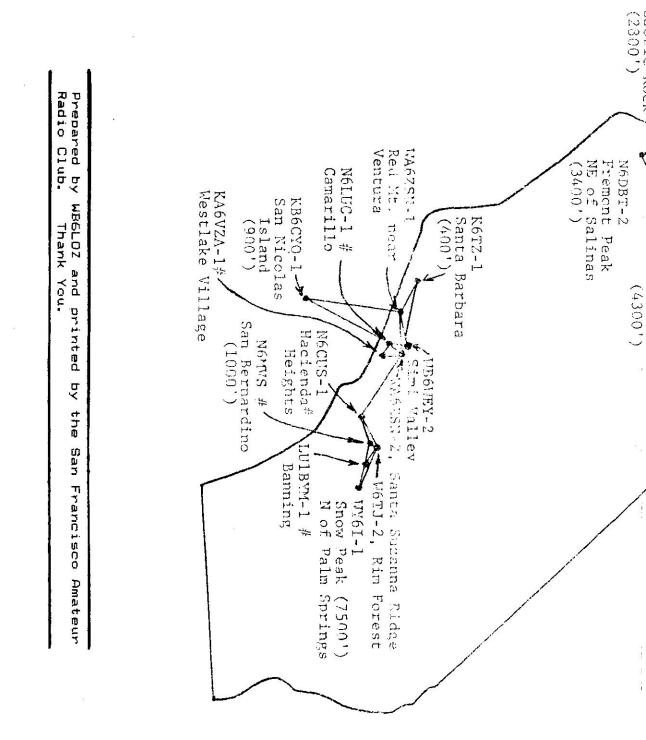
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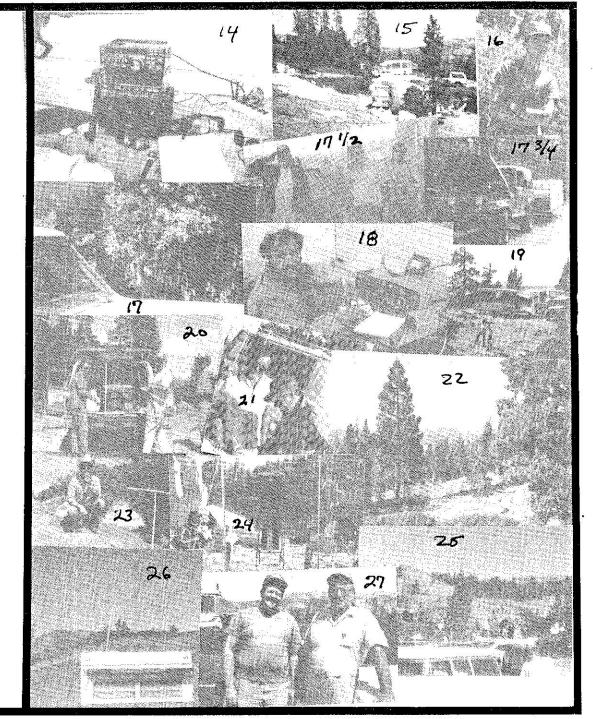
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Dan. W6SBE, our TVI Chairman, that he received a told me call from one of our members earlier this month inquiring about how to solve an interference problem with cable channel 18 on the Modesto Post-Newsweek System. Channel 58. KSCH. from Sacramento is converted to channel 18 on local system. The complaint was that everytime the member keyed up in the 145 to 146 MHZ portion of the two meter band it would cause herrinobone interference on cable channel 18. Dan said he tried it at his QTH and it did the same thing. (My QTH also.) The reason for this is because the cable company channel 18 on is feeding cable channel E and the frequency of cable channel E is 145.25 MHz. Dan figures that the converter box sitting on TV's are top of customers

picking up the amateur sigon that frequency and causing the problem. solve it! Only one how to way! Get the cable company to abandoned the use of 145,25 (channel E) as one of the frequencies to feed their customers. The other side of situation is the constant carrier you hear on 145.25 MHz. That's leakage from the same cable system feeding your house. It's against the FCC Rules, but unless they get a lot of complaints the local cable company isn't about to spend the money to prevent the egress. +++ Speaking of Dan, he has a new son-in-law. Brian McNaulty and Dan's daughter Jennifer were married in Septem-Dan says that he is going to help Brian oet his bam license. +++ "Telecassette" is a new satellite delivered home video buying service which will premier on October 15th. Viewers will be able to order and download (tape) home videos by dialing an 800 number. +++ ARRL Paci-Division Director Rod Stafford, KB6ZV. reports in his Fall 1987 newsletter that HQ's has decided now is not a pood time to be thinking building a museum / visitors center at HQ's in Newington, CT. The ARRL Board has established a program for soliciting donations to establish a transmitting facility for WIAW (ARRL Sta-

tion) in the Western U.S. If built, it would serve the Western U.S., Hawaii, the U.S. possessions in the Paciand Alaska. The ARRL statistics show that the Leaque handles over 50% of the examinations given in the VEC program. Rod puts out a very nice newsletter, unfortunately, we don't have enough room in our newsletter to run it. However, if you would like a copy of it, contact me and I will be glad to send it to Don't forget our next VOU. VE exams coming up on December 3rd and 5th. The exam on the 3rd will be our first attempt at a night session to accommodate those people who can't, or find it inconvenient to make the usual Saturday session. While on the subject, I would like heap a bunch of praise on the Educational Committee, especially Phil. WDØFFX, all of whom have done an outstanding job. I hope we all realize the important contribution these people and the program make to the club. If you look at the roster you will notice that our membership has prown to 184, which is an all time high. and if you look closer see the reason. vou will the SARA Graduates from license classes!!! These are a tremendous classes and without the asset dedication and hard work of the members who donate their

time and expertise, it would not be possible. Also, my hat is off to the VE teams who work through the Education Committee and provide the on a regular sessions test basic to give the students the opportunity to take their examinations. +++ I'm aware of the fact that there were some errors on the membership roster that appeared in the READOUT last month. I'm sorry that they occurred. It not past me as we were in the process of obtaining an entirely new computer system. An old list was used to load the data from the old system to the new one and I simply didn't notice it. I will run a corrected roster hopefully +++ I leave you month. this month with this little goodie which I found in the Amador County ARC newsletter.It seems that two maiden thought all kinds of awful if they even had a female cat they

ladies scared to death of men things would happen to them got near a man. They wouldn't let out of the house for the same reason. Finally, one of them ran off and got married and left on her Her old roommate honeymoon. telegram from the received a new bride which read:

"Let out the Cat!".... That's it for this month. 73. Bob, WA6ZLO

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Phil Hartz. WDØFFX

SARA Education Committee has for a long time attempted to be of service to as many possible and meet people as their individual needs. intent to continue our this policy and expand it to fullest. Some people unable to attend are sessions, both class and test. for reasons that are peror religion resonal. ,10b, This is most underlated. standable and often regret-It poses the questable. tion that hopefully we can most ANSWEY in respects. First. in the area of instruction, we have a team of people that are highly motivated In this team talented. and are various members who are willing to work with students outside of the class time. These people will be put tobether to address the Saturday class issue, and set up some study groups in the eve-This will come about rings. may already be in soon and you read the works when If you are interested in finding out more about this. please contact one of the instructors listed below. Second, it has come up again that having a Saturday Exam date can be a problem for many members. For whatever

reason. this should be addressed and corrected. Not necessarily by the member. but certainly by the teams involved. This has been done and hopefully it will answer most problems. The test date of Saturday, December 5. 1987 will remain unchanged. We have a large amount of attendance those days. What is being added, with the consent. of our VE's. is a Thursday evening test session. one is set for Thursday December 3rd. 1987 at Remistration will begin for everyone at 630 pm . stands now, we will be looking at having the exams at County Center 3 in Modesto. The room location to be announced. More to come on this subject later. The following is a list of the instructors for the current class.

Larry....WD6CMI....Turlock
LaVerne...KB6ECF....Modesto
Phil....WD0FFX....Modesto
Dottie...N6LRZ.....Ceres
Bud....N6DCV....Manteca
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NOV	14	LOS ALTOS HILLSW-408-255-9000
NOV	14	JACKSON209-296-4771
NOV	15	SUNNYVALEW-408-255-9000
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KBGUAW, LUVERNE DONKER, SILENT KEY AUGUST 29TH

It is with regret will record the unexpected death of new SARA member Luverne P. Donker, KB6UAW, who passed away August 29th, 1987 in Modesto. Luverne recently completed a SARA license class and had been awaiting his Novice license. It arrived three weeks after his death. Luverne, 67, died of complications following a heart attack and open heart surgery at Doctors He was a retired Apricultural instructor at Hospital. Modesto Junior College. He was born in South Dakota and lived most of his life in Modesto with his family. He leaves his wife Ruth, two sons and daughters and Luverne was laid to rest at grandchildren. Lakewood Memorial Cemetery. SARA it's expresses condolences to his family which includes his son-inlaw Rick Collins, KB6TTZ.

SARA SILENT KEYS

W6YINCharles BarnesNovember	5.	1978	
N6VZ Henry Deeter July	7,	1979	
K6JF5Charlie MendozaNovember	13.	1979	69
WB6VUSRichard JensenJanuary	21.	1981	
W6GCLWill McAlpineFebruary	300 G •	1982	73
KA6GVR Norman Goodwin October	2,	1982	61
W6FIQBill DaltonDecember	20,	1982	76
N6BGA Quentin Goodrich March	18,	1983	64
K6AYLJuly	12,	1983	60
W6EREOctober	5,	1983	69
W6QHNovember	28,	1983	78
KB6DVQStephen PereiraApril	2,	1984	6 E
WB6TUV Bill Ponkow July	19,	1984	69
N6HFU Edgar Martin May	14,	1985	69
WB6LSCGlen AndrewsMay	29,	1985	43
N6DXBJoe Parker, SrJanuary	14,	1986	61
K6PDEChuck StrobelMay	29,	1986	65
K6KQEJuly	19,	1986	71
KB6UAWLuverne DonkerAugust	29,	1987	67

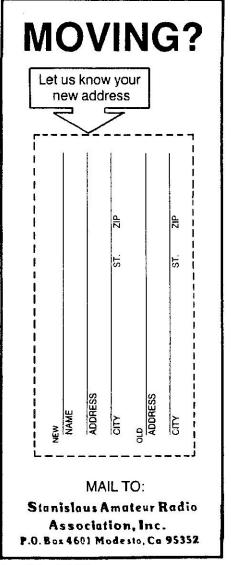
A BETTER GROUNDING SYSTEM

Scientists working on an Army Grounding Analysis report shown that have grounding standard 6' metal with the rod, or even several rods in parallel, is often unsafe and more often inadequate for good low-noise communications. The have found that a better ground can be estabstapling lished þγ length of standard 1/8" stranded steel wire to the earth every 4' with 6" pegs. 1b. hammer (in lieu of the usually 10 lb sledgehammer used with the ground rod) would be sufficient to drive in the peos. Tests at all sites in the country that surface wire to be from 32% to 95% more efficient that the 6' grounding rod.

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Thought for the day....

"The person who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone they can blame it on."



FLASH!!!

A special program you won't want to miss is scheduled for the November 21, 1987 SARA Meeting. "The New World of Amateur Radio!" video tape will be shown. This will be one of the first showing of this special program. See the story on page 4 and make your plans to attend the meeting.

CALENDAR "

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		Program: Cruising the Sea of
		Cortez with KB6DIV.
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		Program: Video "The New World of
		Amateur Radio"
Nov.	21.	1987VE Test Columbia College. 900 am
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