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Presidents Message

As the weather gets cooler, and the summer ends, we see the kids going back to school, be aware that even the JPL ARC is making its contribution to the school effort by training of a new group of eager "soon to be" Novices. And what a group they are! Having participated in this class over the last several years, I have not seen so many smiling faces arrive to take advantage of the gems of wisdom passed on by Mark Schaefer and Dick Wetzell. I know that when they have completed the 10 week class, and gotten their Novice ticket, they will feel that same sense of accomplishment we all felt, when it happened to us. We look forward to hearing the new group on the air ways. I have fouled up. About two months ago, I received a call (while in the middle of a meeting, I know, no excuse) from a volunteer to take over the job as Emergency Communications Coordinator. I thought it was Jerry Hawks. No way, it wasn't him. So I incorrectly reported this in the board minutes last month. Walt, K6DNS, suggested that I invite the real volunteer to please stand up, and I ask him to accept my apologies and give me another call. See you next month. Carl de Silveira KG6LG



DX NEWS

Its 5 minutes shy of midnight as I sleepily sit in front of my AODC. What am I doing here? Is it dedication? Lunacy? No. It's just my way of doing a little something for the JPL Radio Club. Still though, what better things could one do at midnight than to write an article on DX news. I've actually done a little listening this past week. I'm sorry to report that conditions during my listening sessions have been rather poor. I may just be out of practice! Anyway, the LIDX Bulletin has a number of interesting possibilities this last issues. I'll pass them along for your information.

BEAR ISLAND - JW8FG makes appearances between 14195 and 14225 kHz from 1630Z. He's on between 1330 and 1430Z also, but no propagation for W6's at that earlier time, based on my observations.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND - VK9XI is workable through about 20 October on all bands. He will emphasize cw on the lower 30 kHz of 20 meters.

DJIBOUTI - J28EM operates from 14220 to 14227 kHz from 1800Z.

GOUGH ISLAND - ZD9EV should be on Gough Island by now. He plans operations on most bands. No details on this one yet.

MALI - W4LZZ will put TZ6ZZ on the air sometime before Christmas for an undisclosed period.

MAURITANIA - If you need this one, look for 5T5SL on 14028 kHz at 1700Z.

NEPAL - 9N1NFO should be on the air from Nepal now through 9 November. He plans activity during the CQ WW Phone Contest on 25 and 26 October. So should you!

Enough for now. It's time to scrape my eyelids off the keyboard, go home, and get some sleep.



Good DXing,
Bob, N6ET

TUNE - UP CLINIC RESULTS

The tenth "annual" JPLARC Tune-up clinic was held on Saturday, October 4, under the good graces of Mike Santana, WB6TEB. Mike has provided the club with 10 tune-up clinics over the past nine years, since W6VIO/R first went on the air in 1978.

Mike administered care to no less than 18 rigs in need of treatment. Some needed more than others, but we believe the biggest reward of the clinic went to one patient whose rig was found to have three receive crystals totally inoperative. He explained he had often transmitted on those channels, but, hearing no response, assumed the repeaters were off the air or inactive! (We wonder what the real users of those repeaters thought when they heard him on their repeater!)

Several rigs had the usual frequency drift and overdeviation and clipping which degrades the decoding of the touch tones and autopatch operation, and these were reset by Mike. As usual, Elvia, HK4CVV, provided the Colombian brew and the club provided plenty of fresh doughnuts for those waiting.

We did have some problems with the talk-in on 223.5: The handy-talkie that we used to monitor for talk-in assistance had the only TNC-to-BNC adapter at the clinic, so we "borrowed" it at times to check out some rigs, putting the monitor out of service. Our old friend Murphy must have been at the clinic, too, for just at the times the adapter was borrowed (on two occasions) we were told some lost souls had called us for assistance! Sorry! Nevertheless, everyone had a good time and enjoyed the clinic ... even Mike, who couldn't have asked for more pleasant weather.

To Mike, we offer "mil gracias" for a superb job, as usual. And for those of you who didn't make it this year, plan on coming to the next one. Besides the fact that you're overdue for a checkup, we'll probably surprise you with a special celebration for our tenth year. (N6NO)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
25 SEPT. 1986

PRESENT: Carl de Silveria, Sid Johnson, Walt Mushagian, John Repar, Rick McKinney, Ralph West, Jim Kesterson.

Carl, KG6LG announced that Jon Adams resigned as program chairman. A new program chairman is being sought.

A discussion was held regarding the need for an omni 2 meter antenna for the club packet station in bldg 171. Rick, KA6DAN stated that \$60.00 was available for this acquisition. Carl is to check prices of Ringo Rangers.

John, WA6LWD stated that a small work party will be needed in the near future for club station maintenance. The rotator on the TELEREX beam needs to be repaired and the bent reflector repaired.

There was a general discussion regarding the need for permanent storage facilities now that we have been ejected from the concrete building above the club trailer. Rick is to bring up this subject at the next ERC meeting.

John stated that the 30KC linear acquired by Carl cannot be easily converted to a multi band linear. Also the output tubes are missing. It was decided to send it to white elephant heaven--Chelly.

It was reported that the new HAM class, which started 9/23/86, attracted about 25 people to the first meeting.

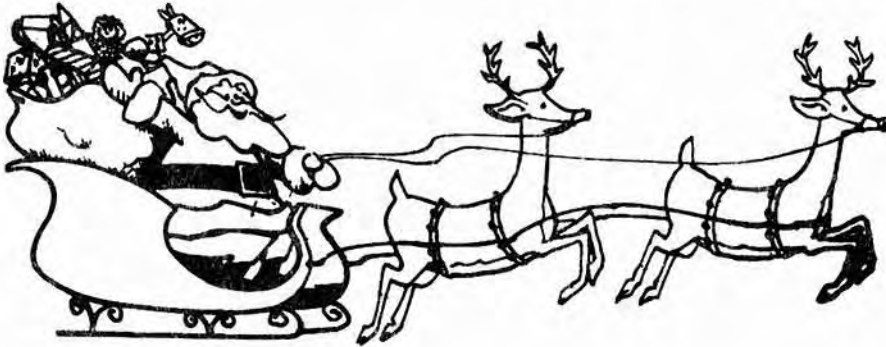
An application was reviewed for an off lab membership. A decision was shelved until the Oct. meeting. Sid Johnson, WB6VWH

A scientist is a man who can find out anything, and nobody in the world has any way of proving whether he found it out or not, and the more things he can think of that nobody can find out, why the bigger the scientist he is. WILL ROGERS

COOKIE RECIPE OR LEAVING CARROTS FOR SANTA'S REINDEER OR
WALKS TO CHURCH AT MIDNIGHT OR GOING UP TO THE SNOW EACH YEAR

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DO FOR THE HOLIDAYS?



I NEED IT BACK BY DEC. 8TH.

PLEASE WOULD YOU JUST TAKE A MINUTE AND FILL THIS OUT NOW,
THEN JUST DROP IT INTO THE MAIL - ADDRESS ON FRONT.
THIS IS FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE AND IT WILL BE SUCH A NICE
ARTICLE IF WE CAN GET BACK EVERYONE'S FORM. 88's EILEEN

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS MY FAMILY HAS THE FOLLOWING TRADITION AND/OR
RECIPE THAT WE CHERISH: