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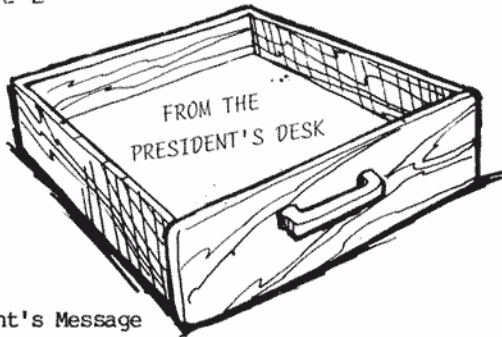
JPL ARC ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT YOUNGEST MEMBER

EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE THIS PAST WEEK TO RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER FOR THE JPL ARC.

BORN 11 JANUARY 1984 TO PARENTS EILEEN (KA6DGV) MCKINNEY - - YOUR W6VIO CALLING EDITOR AND JOHN (N6AVW) MCKINNEY YOUR PAST CLUB PRESIDENT - -

MATTHEW JAMES MCKINNEY WEIGHED IN AT 9 POUNDS 2 OUNCES AND WAS 21½" LONG. HE ARRIVED AT 3:56 P.M. AND WAS IMMEDIATELY RECRUITED AS A FUTURE HAM. BROTHER MICHAEL ALSO KNOWN AS N6AVW½ HAS NICKNAMED MATTHEW N6AVW¼.

Editor's Note: Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes and also for the beautiful flowers that arrived at the hospital from the Club. Love to you all and 88's.
Eileen



President's Message

I thought I would be off to a slow and quiet start this year, but Mother nature and others had a few goodies in store for me. The person(s) who told me (probably with fingers crossed) that this would be an easy task have suddenly disappeared. Oh well enough complaining, let's get on with the fun and work.

Eileen with a beautiful 9lb. 2oz. bundle in one hand and a keyboard in the other has graciously agreed to continue being editor of this newsletter. Congratulations to Matthews' Ma, Pa and big brother.

The Santa Ana winds we experienced on the 26th which probably exceeded 100 MPH, provides us with our 2nd and hopefully not annual antenna repair activity. At the time of this writing a detailed damage assessment hasn't been made but it appears that 3 of the antennas suffered varying degrees of bent or broken elements, booms, and masts. Last year the Facility Committee performed an outstanding job in repairing the station. Let's support them again and drive the Santa Ana back!

Speaking of support the club needs yours! We are looking for your ideas, expertise, leadership, criticism, or just plain moral support. Whatever you have, just offer and we'll find a spot for it. Volunteerism by all members is what makes a club a great club. Leaving the tasks to be accomplished by a few will only bring satisfaction to some, namely those few.

Thoughts and plans for the year center on two fronts. First, involving the relatively new members to both the club and amateur radio and secondly, reviving interest in club activities for all members.

The most important asset a club has is its membership and we are fortunate to have so many new members. They joined because they were interested; let's keep them interested. Many of our new members need that little nudge to get them involved. Stage fright effects everyone the first time. Why not personally invite one of the new (or old) members to the next club and/or committee meeting?

Areas I plan to concentrate on during the year are the following.

Monthly program - Each month we try to present a topic of interest to radio amateurs. Given the wide and diverse backgrounds of our members it is difficult to find topics that interest everyone. If you have an idea or know of someone or someplace, drop the Program Chairman or myself a line.

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GET WELL MIKE WE MISS YOU

Our get well wishes go out to Mike Stewart WA6VQI who is recuperating from a mild heart attack. Mike will be home for another week or so and then hopefully be back to the old grind with the rest of us. We miss you Mike - hurry and get well fast.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Karen and her new husband. Karen is the daughter of member Chuck Presley KA6MHE. We wish them a hundred years of happily married life.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michael McKinney son of N6AVW John and KA6DGV Eileen. Michael just won an essay contest and placed first in his school out of all the entrants.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to recent appointee Ralph West N6YM who will take over as Emergency Communications Chairman. We also thank Merv MacMedan N6NO who is the past Chairman, for a job well done and done and done. Merv is one of the members who you can always rely on to tackle a job and do it to perfection. Ralph is another one - so we have an unbeatable combination in our Emergency Communications Chairmen.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

President's Message (Continued from Column 1)

Education - During the past few years we have helped a large number of individuals obtain their amateur radio license and a smaller, though just as important, number upgrade their class of license. Would you be interested in upgrading or helping others upgrade?

Repeater - What are your thoughts on the club repeaters? If you are a user I'm sure you have some ideas. For those who aren't this is the time to upgrade your license and/or obtain the simple and modest amount of necessary 220 MHz gear.

Weekly News Net - Every Tuesday night on the W6VIO repeater we present Westlink tape and other information. Is the forum of interest to you? What could be done to improve it?

Next issue I'll provide a list of committee chairman and a short description of their plans for this year. Maybe your ideas are the same as theirs and if not, they would be interested in hearing your thoughts.

Finally on behalf of the club I would like to extend best wishes to Mike (WA6VQI) for a speedy recovery.

Kerry (N6DSG)

Bob N6ET is away on a business trip so he's asked us to contact Stan N2YQ this month for the DX news. We are grateful to Stan for forwarding his DX news via the So. Calif. DX Club Bulletin Feb 84, and are printing it below in its entirety. Look for Bob N6ET next month. In the meantime thank you Stan for bailing us out.



DX NEWS

During three months January, February & March, 1984, station with commemorative call sign A T Ø A will be operative from Antarctica zone. QSL info via VU2IF Dr. Ashutosh Singh DXCC, PO Box 4015, New Delhi-017, India.

XU KAMPUCHEA

XU1SS often meets VS6CT and WB2KXA on 14335 kHz at 11300 UTC on Sundays. The Kampuchean station has been having rig and generator problems. Reportedly, during some of their recent operations, their equipment was powered by batteries.

CR9/XX9 MACAO

Phil, VS6CT, expects to be active from Macao as CR9CT, from February 1 through 2000 UTC February 5. This will be a SSB-only operation. QSL to Phil at P.O. Box 12727, Hong Kong.

Also, in early March, WB2KXA expects to be active from Macao with one of the new XX9 callsigns. Stations in Macao are expected to start using the new XX9 prefix March 1.

BY CHINA

For the China watchers ... BY8AA continues to periodically work a few stations around 14052 kHz, from 0100 UTC.

FB8W CROZET ISLANDS

FB8WJ and FB8WK continue to be active from the lonely Crozet Islands. FB8WK has been very active on 7004 kHz (0300-0400 UTC). Both stations were recently reported operating simultaneously on 20 meters around 0400 UTC: FB8WJ at 14212 kHz and FB8WK at 14017 kHz.

4K1 ANTARCTICA

Vitaly, 4K1ANO, has been reported on 14015 kHz at 2300 UTC. He has also been active on 40 meter CW. He is located at Molodezhnaya Base (67 degrees 12'S 45 degrees 51'E) in Enderby Land on the coast of Antarctica (probably CQ zone 39). This is the location of 4K1A and 4K1HK. His home call is UA3ANO. QSL to UA3AEL via Box 88, Moscow.

VK9Z WILLIS ISLAND

Graeme, VK5GW, will be active from Willis Island as VK9ZW during early 1984. He is a six meter enthusiast and will have a beacon on the island. He may also be active on OSCAR 10 and RTTY. QSL via VK6YL.

PJ7/P47 SINT MAARTEN

Bill, K4LTA, and his wife Ruby, N4FKO, expect to be operating from Sint Maarten for a three week period starting February 17. They'll use their home calls portable PJ7. Bill will be active during the ARRL CW DC Contest February 18-19, possibly with a special P47 callsign. They will be joined March 1 by Grady, KR4C, and Mickey, WA4CDH, and will multi-operate a single transmitter entry in the ARRL SSB DX Contest, March 3-4.

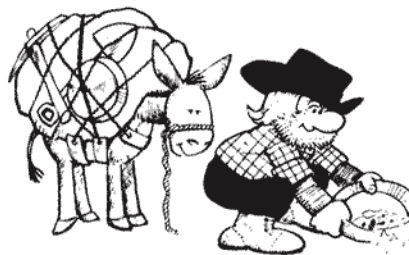
Look for them before and after the contest on all bands 160 to 10 meters, both CW and SSB. QSL routes will be announced during the operation.

FR/T TROMELIN ISLAND

FR7A1/T has been reported working stations in Europe on 21005 kHz, 1200-1500 UTC.

FOØXX CLIPPERTON ISLAND

According to WB6GFJ in a note to DX NEWS Sheet, the expedition to Clipperton Island expects to start from Acapulco, Mexico on March 5 and reach the island 4 days later. The operation is expected to last at least 5 days.



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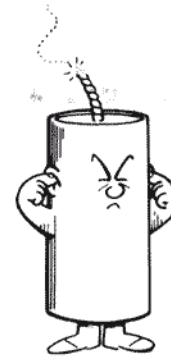
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 25 January 1984

Present: N. Chalfin, W. Diem, K. Erickson*, J. Lumsden, M. MacMedan, J. Repar*, S. Sander

1. A quorum was not present.
2. R. Malm, Secretary, was absent so K. Erickson took cryptic minutes.
3. R. McKinney, Treasurer, was absent so no Treasurer's report was given.
4. K. Erickson, President, provided a verbal summary report on the ERC joint subclub meeting held on 23 January 1984. Activity centered on policies, procedures, and subclub insurance coverage. Kerry agreed to provide additional information at the next board meeting regarding our by-law conformance to the ERC policies, and insurance coverage during Field-Day operations.
5. Stan Sander reported on the status of the W6VIO station. The OSCAR setup is on the air and performing well with several contacts being made. After a few minor changes are completed an operating procedure will be produced. An article on the OSCAR setup will be in a forthcoming issue of W6VIO CALLING. The rest of the station is now in pretty good shape.
6. Jim Lumsden reported on the repeater status. The autopatch funds are nearing the replenishment level. Autopatch members will be advised shortly of this and other pertinent information.
7. John Repar reported on a request from a member of the yacht club (J. R. Hall) for support at the olympic boating tryouts to be held in March and possibly May 1984 in Long Beach. The support is needed for 3 or 4 days and will occur midweek. John agreed to contact another organization regarding the matter since it would be difficult for us as a club to support an activity of that type and duration. [Subsequent to the meeting John contacted Ron Boan (AK6Y) an olympic convention coordinator, and Ed Schnieder (K6LJ) an yacht/boating chairman. John expressed the club's regret at not being able to support this activity. Individuals interested in supporting the event should contact Ed. Ron indicated that there may be some other activities in the future such as marathon, horseback ridding, and bicycling that are closer to us that he might want us to support.]
8. M. MacMedan reported on the results of the Tune-Up Clinic held on 21 January 1984. In summary, 18 people with 41 transceivers kept our gracious host Mike Santana (WB6TEB) busy until 6:30 PM.
9. The remainder of the meeting time concentrated on plans for the club during the year. Emphasis was on the Monthly Program, Weekly News Net, Education, and possible establishment of a volunteer Exam Committee for the community.

Submitted by K. Erickson (President)



CLINIC RESULTS OVERWHELMING!

On January 21, the JPLARC held its seventh annual VHF/UHF Tune-Up Clinic, through the courtesy of Mike Santana, WB6TEB. Quite a number of members availed themselves of this free service ... in fact, 18 members brought in 41 rigs for checkups.

We feel this remarkable turnout was due to a guilty conscience among those members who didn't show up last year, although just possibly the excellent weather we had this time may have been a factor. Already overheard on the repeaters were conversations praising the clinic for finding and fixing numerous troubles, and how much better the rigs perform now. (Of course, the two rigs that unfortunately didn't get a checkup were the repeaters themselves; much as they need work, that's a job for another day!)

As usual, talk-in assistance was available on 223.5; the Colombian-brewed Brazilian coffee came courtesy of Elvia, HK4CVU; and the donuts were provided by the club. As he has done for seven years, Mike provided his garage, the professional equipment and his unique expertise we have all come to know and respect. Thanks, Mike!

Missed the clinic this year? Since it took us until 6:30 to finish up the problem "dogs" we ran into, Mike suggested having another clinic in six months (he says it should lessen the number of rigs to be checked in one day, but he may find even more show up in good summer weather - he must just be a glutton for punishment!) We asked in the newsletter last year if any members wanted a summer clinic, but got NO RESPONSES AT ALL and so cancelled the idea. Now's your opportunity: If you would like a summer clinic, please GET IN TOUCH WITH MERV MACMEDAN, N6NO, and register your interest. Phone: x7004; Telemail: MMACMEDAN; Lab mail: 233-208. If there's interest, we'll do it. (N6NO)

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