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May 22 - JPL ARC Board Meeting-All invited
May 25 - TRW Swapmeet

JUNE

June 1 - License Exams, Lockheed ARC, Burbank
June 12 - JPL ARC Club Meeting
June 22-23-FIELD DAY
June 26 - JPL ARC Board Meeting-All invited

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Club Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at 12 Noon in 238-543. Everyone is welcome - bring your lunch!

Board Meetings: Fourth Wednesday of the month at 12 Noon in 238-543. Everyone is welcome - bring your lunch!

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JULY

July 6 - License Exams, Lockheed ARC, Burbank
July 10 - JPL ARC Club Meeting
July 24 - JPL ARC Board Meeting
July 27 - TRW Swapmeet

AUGUST

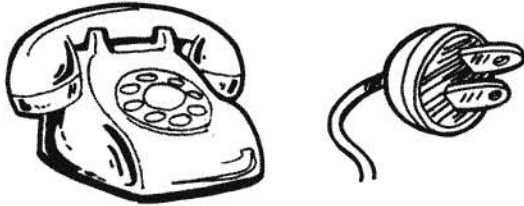
August 3 - License Exams, Lockheed ARC, Burbank
August 14- JPL ARC Club Meeting
August 28- JPL ARC Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

September 7- License Exams, Lockheed ARC, Burbank
September 11- JPL ARC Club Meeting
September 25- JPL ARC Board Meeting

NOTE: If you have any input for the calendar, please drop me a line.

EDITOR'S DESK

THE ANSWERING MACHINE THAT DIDN'T

This year I decided to surprise John with a unique birthday gift. I got him an answering machine and was told that it was a wonderful invention. He would never again miss a call when he wasn't at home and that this electronic marvel worked with the efficiency of a well-oiled machine. Well - - it was well-oiled all right but with 200 proof.

When I took it out of the box I should have been warned then that there was a problem. She was hiccupping out of control. "Excuse me" she purred. "That's quite all right" I answered back and then wondered why I was talking to a machine.

I plugged her into the phone and she hiccupped again and asked if I could move the phone over to the other side of the room by the liquor cabinet because the light was so much better. I did as I was asked and went downstairs.

RING RING RING RING RING - I ran up the stairs two at a time thinking she had malfunctioned. "Why in the world didn't you answer the phone I yelled?" "Oh is that my job?" she asked. Right off the bat I knew there was a problem. I explained that yes she would be responsible for all of John's calls. Again I went down to the kitchen.

RING RING RING - I tiptoed up to hear "No! They're not home and don't BUG US AGAIN!" Ugh! I stormed over in a tirade and noticed that half a bottle of vodka was missing. Later in the day -

RING RING "Hey John are you home for this BOZO on the line?", she yelled. John turned blue and asked what kind of a gift I had gotten him. I noticed now that the gin was open and asked John if he had taken up serious drinking. He just scowled at me and finished reading his magazine article. In the background the machine was making strange slurping noises.

All of a sudden she started dialing OUT. Someone answered in a French accent "Bonjour we're not by the phone right now but if you leave your number we'll get back to you." Our machine came back with a comment about sexy French telephones and the race was on. I tried to push her button to hang up while she flirted with the answering machine francais - - but to no avail. I pushed her levers and got a shock up one side of my arm and down the other. She had installed her own fail safe device. She went on parlez vouzing with her new found French friend at \$4.00 a minute. I threw her on the floor and tried to unplug her but she was too strong for me. She raced across the floor and under the chair and cooed into the phone about calling him back later. I could take no more. I scooped up her packing crate - trapped her in the corner - and carried her out yelling a curse to Ma Bell. The last I saw of her she was edging her way over to a pay phone at the Mall.

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The poor fool didn't know what he was in for. She'd have all his circuits disconnected by the end of the evening and his coin return would never be the same again.

As for me I headed to the other end of the Mall and bought John a tie for his birthday instead. I just hope he doesn't try to hang me with it.

See you next month - hopefully!

Eileen KA6DGV



DX NEWS

My phone rang several days ago. John McKinney was on the other end telling me that it was time for another DX article. Of course, I knew he was mistaken, since I just wrote the last one only a week ago. Going into my file of recently received LIDX Bulletins, I realized that last week was indeed last month! To make a long story short, here comes this month's update.

BURKINO-FASO-This was formerly known as Upper Volta. XT2BR is active daily around 14,227 kHz from 2100Z.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC-TL8KH can be QSO'ed often on 14,210-14,215 kHz around 2000Z.

CRETE-DL7FT/SV9 is active on all bands through 24 May. Look for him on CW about 5 kHz up from the low band edges. On SSB, try 14,145/14,195/21,195/21,295 kHz. Follow the propagation.

FRANZ JOSEF LAND-E01AOK is on daily from 14,176 to 14,180 kHz in the 1200 to 1300Z time slot. Also, look for UA3HY/1 near 14,025 kHz around 1200Z. UA10T is available too around 7005 kHz from 1000 to 1230Z.

KENYA- Look for 5Z4EQ at 14,270 kHz from 2000Z.

MACQUARIE ISLAND-VK0GC is a regular near 14,210 kHz from 0330Z. Look for him on Monday (GMT) at 3795 kHz from 0800Z.

SUDAN-DL8YR/ST2 disturbs the ether near 14,025 after 1800Z.

CHAD-G3KQL plans a month long operation from here during July.

Band conditions haven't been overly exciting during my rare appearances this past months. I'm hoping that things improve a bit in the morning and evening hours as we get farther into the year. Good luck! Save some of that DX for me.

Bob, N6ET

THIS NET WILL BE CARRIED LIVE AT 6 PM PDST OVER THE W6VIO REPEATER
 NORTH AMERICAN TELECONFERENCE RADIO NETWORK 224.040 OUT
 MHZ

FRIDAY - JUNE 14TH, 1985 - 0100 ZULU (15TH)

WITH THE DECLINING SUNSPOT CYCLE AND THE WORST IS YET TO COME, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE NEXT NORTH AMERICAN TELECONFERENCE RADIO NETWORK ON JUNE 14TH. NEW AND EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AMATEUR RADIO SPACE PROGRAM WILL BE REVIEWED. BASIC INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN GET STARTED IN SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED.

SOME OF THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

WHAT ARE SATELLITES?
 HOW CAN THEY BE USED TO QSO?
 HOW CAN YOU GET STARTED?
 HOW DO THE AMATEUR SATELLITES GET BUILT AND LAUNCHED?
 WHERE CAN YOU GO FOR HELP IN GETTING STARTED?
 WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE IN THE AMATEUR SPACE PROGRAM?

THESE, AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE TELECONFERENCE. MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL BE PROVIDED. NO QUESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED TOO BASIC, SO IF YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET STARTED IN THIS AREA BECAUSE YOU'RE FRUSTRATED WITH PRESENT HF BAND CONDITIONS, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO GET SOME HELP. AMSAT, THE RADIO AMATEUR SATELLITE CORP., WILL HAVE SOME OF ITS TOP VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE ON THE TELECONFERENCE:

JOHN BROWNING, W6SP
 VERN "RIP" RIPORELLA, WA2LQQ
 TOM CLARK, W3IWI
 JOHN CHAMPA, K8OCL
 BILL TYNAN, W3XO
 HAROLD PRICE, NK6K
 JAN KING, W3GEY

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FANTASTIC ACTIVITIES IN THE WORKS IN THE AMATEUR SPACE PROGRAM.

THE VALUE OF THE CLUB'S REPEATER

OUR VERY BEST WISHES GO TO PAUL GOODWIN AND HIS LOVELY WIFE KAY FOR A WONDERFUL FUTURE. PAUL WILL BE RETIRING FROM JPL ON AUGUST 2ND AND THEY WILL BE BEGINNING A SECOND PHASE OF A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER. WE'LL MISS THEM AND HOPE THAT THEY'LL SAVE SOME OF THEIR TIME IN THE FUTURE FOR CLUB GET-TOGETHERS.

A couple of our clubs' YLs recently received Honorary Service Awards from the PTA (Parent Teacher Association). Faye Lumsden (Jim WA6MYJ) received her acknowledgement through the Monte Vista Elementary School PTA. Danette Erickson aka. N6IRC, (Kerry N6DSG) was honored by the Rosemont Junior High School. Congratulations to both for their endless hours of support towards helping in children's education.

Along the endless miles of Southern California freeways there are lots of little blue boxes (Call Boxes) strategically placed to help troubled motorists. Recently a club member experienced car difficulties on a 210 Freeway bridge. Seeking aid she attempted to use the Call Box but found it to be inoperative. She placed a call via the club's repeater autopatch to get help, but the hilly terrain caused a marginal signal. The answering operator/dispatcher though frustrated with not being able to understand the difficulty, stayed with the call. A fellow ham (Walt K6DNS) heard the plight and was able to understand the conversation enough to be able to relay it to the operator. Help arrived 20 minutes later for my wife and son. It is gratifying to know the repeater and the people are there when you need them.

N6DSG (Kerry)