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Executive Board Candidates Night

November Program

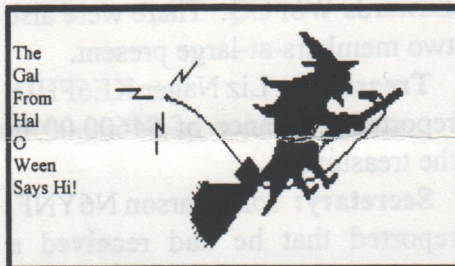
This is the annual membership business meeting and candidate presentation. For you newer members who perhaps have not read the bylaws, the membership elects a Board of Directors who, in turn, get together and elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The enclosed ballots in this issue are counted at the Board meeting which is on the third Thursday, November 15, 1996. All members are invited to attend this as well as all Board meetings if they wish.

The new officers take over their duties at the annual Christmas party.

Mini Editorial

The enthusiasm and dedication, as portrayed in the following article, is so sincere that we are reprinting it in its entirety in hopes that it will inspire other members and prompt them to write of their experiences. ...Ed



My First Emergency Contact by Tammy Lehman KF6EPO

I have been a Ham since June of 1996. Since then, I've learned a lot about my new hobby.

The first experience was at Field Day, learning about emergency preparation. Since then, I've joined several nets. But the main testing of the waters was a few months ago.

One night, two friends were at my home visiting, looked at my ham radio and asked me, "what's that gadget?" Of course I got real intense on the subject and how I finally got my license.

Then they asked me how the radio worked. So, of course, I turned it on looking for conversation. Instead, I found an emergency call. It was on a boat near Point Reyes going to Mexico. His traffic was to contact his wife and relay his location. There was a person already on the repeater but he totally refused to help the caller so I stepped in and told the

guy I would help. Unfortunately, I neglected writing down his call-sign but he gave me the information to be relayed. I called his wife in Nevada (collect) and relayed the message. Then she had me relay a message to him. Both said "thank you" and said I was very experienced and must have been a Ham a long time. When I said "only a few months," they were shocked.

I found out his wife had the same type license as mine and we talked for some time, finally saying our 73's.

Until this day, my friends brag to everyone about my experience in this field for a girl. It just goes to show you that being around Hams for eight years and being married to one for awhile, you do learn something.

I'm proud that I'm in this hobby even though I delayed it five years and it took me four times before I passed the Tech, I still kept at it until it happened.

Just one reminder to all hams, that we should help, if we can, anyone who is in trouble. We are allowed, according to the FCC, to go beyond our license privileges to help a Ham in distress. With this I say 73.

Tammy KF6EPO (extra popular operator)

Minutes of Membership and Business Meetings

Membership Meeting 10/4/96 Kaiser Hospital, San Rafael

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Bob Laflamme KC6UNC at 1940 hrs. There were 23 members present with all the Directors but Liz KE6FHD, acting Treasurer.

Pres. Bob introduced Patrick Chambeau KE6FHD, Chief of Liaison with the Red Cross in San Rafael who reported on some of his duties.

Bob then advised that he had received a call from the Navy's representative in San Bruno and they were renewing our license for Building 549 until the Coast Guard received jurisdiction.

The meeting was then turned over to V.P. Paul Niederberger N6MQN, who explained that the members present were *The Program* for the evening. He then called on each member to stand up and give the following information: 1 - Their name. 2 - Their callsign. 3 - When first licensed. 4 - Their most interesting occupation.

This proved to be a most interesting program and members learned things about each other of which they had no idea.

The program concluded at 2125 hrs and there being no further business, was concluded.

Respectfully submitted, John Larson N6YNF, Secretary.

Board Meeting 10/17/96 Red Cross, San Rafael

The meeting was called to order at 1935 hrs. by Pres. Bob Laflamme KC6UNC with all directors present except Mike Edwards W6FCQ. There were also two members-at-large present.

Treasurer: Liz Nager KE6FHD, reported a balance of \$4600.00 in the treasury.

Secretary: John Larson N6YNF, reported that he had received a request from ARRL for a contribution to its "Fund for the Defense of Amateur Radio Frequencies" since proposals have been made by commercial ventures to take over large segments of the 2 Meter band. Following discussion, it was decided to table the matter and bring it up at the general membership meeting.

President's Report: Bob KC6UNC, reported that he had received a call from Beverly Freitas of the Navy in San Bruno and that our license for Building 549 would be renewed.

Vice President's Report: Paul N6MQN, reported that there was a new Caterer at the Art & Garden Center and he had not had an opportunity to talk with him about the menu for our Christmas Party. He expected to be able to get an announcement in the next QSA-5 however. He anticipated that our dinner would probably cost in the neighborhood of \$15.00 to \$20.00 each.

Paul felt that in addition to the Ham of the Year award, we might

consider giving certificates of appreciation to members who had made significant contributions to the betterment of the Club.

Following discussion, the idea was tabled for the time being.

Pres. Bob requested that officers and chairpersons prepare a job description to turn over to their successors at the change of Boards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2025 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, John Larson N6YNF, Secretary.

Save 2-Meters

Have you sent in your contribution to ARRL to help fight the Engulf and Devour commercial interests? Hmmm?

[This, and other blank areas, is reserved for **your** input. Unless you want more of your editor's attempts at humor!]

Helen & Ed Bodington, N6BNJ, have a temporary address, namely:
PO Box 275,
San Anselmo, CA 94979



While we'r at it — **Liz Nager KE6FHD**, our Treasurer, has a new address: PO Box 9715, San Rafael, CA 94912 Phone 472-6029.

A Doubting Thomas

Actually, it is son John age 12 of Tammy KF6FPO who demanded that, until he saw his mother's name and callsign in QSA-5, he would not start learning code in order to pass his Novice license.

Let it not be said that we won't do almost anything to further Ham Radio. Which leads us into a little vignette about Tammy's family.

When Tammy's son John gets his license, he will be the third generation Lehman to do so.

His Grandfather John is WA8MHO, his Grandmother Mary is WB8ZQL, his Father John is WD8JPA, a former member of MARC but now back East, and his Mother Tammy is KF6EP0.

You can't back down now John Lehman III, let us know when you get your license. That's a must! ...Ed.

Old wisdom revisited

Give a man a fish,
and he may eat it at his lunch
break.

Teach a man to fish,
and he may not go to work at all.

Animal Intelligence

by David Barton AF6S

A recent article in the San Francisco Chronicle claims that:

- Hogs rank ninth in animal intelligence tests.
- Skunks never spray into the wind.

The article doesn't mention how skunks rate on those intelligence tests—relative to those pigs, for instance. I'd also be interested to learn whether a pig is smart enough to stay upwind of a skunk—and whether a skunk has enough sense to stay upwind of a pig.

The last word

A woman being examined for jury duty told the Judge, "I'm sorry, Your Honor, I can't serve on this jury; I don't believe in capital punishment."

"Maybe you don't understand," said the Judge. "This is a civil suit brought by a wife, to recover five thousand dollars of *her* money that her husband spent on gambling and on other women."

"Oh," said the woman, "in that case, I'd be happy to serve on the jury. And I might be wrong about capital punishment."

from October '96 ARNS newsletter

For Sale

Uncle Leo, K6BAQ, has very kindly inventoried the radio equipment of "Froggy" Franzell SK KB6CDK.

The main items are: An IC AT-500 HF all bands, fully automatic antenna tuner for \$300; an IC 725 also all bands, 26 memories for \$450; an IC HT4GAT 440/450 for \$140. Call your editor or Leo (435-4500) for full info and additional items.

Also: 2 meter mobile/base. Azden 3000, 25 watt power supply. Manuals, microphone, all in good shape, no dings or scratches. \$100 or best offer. Call Hank W6TDP, 415-349-2071 (San Mateo area).

Apology

Our friend and ex-editor Chet WA6PAC, and current Chairman of Education, sent me a postcard saying, in effect, whereintheworld did you get the info that Jonathan Willoby is nine years old?

I got out my notes and am also wondering where I got it. Could this be old age? Am I getting dotty? I sure hope not.

So, Jonathan, please accept my appology and let us know if you passed that code test so we can change the data in the roster.

That last sentence is a hint to all members that have changed their stati or statuses, whatever!

...Ed

Members And Guests Are Welcome At All Meetings

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Club Meetings

General Membership Meeting is held on the first Friday of each month at Kaiser Hospital Building 2, first building on left after turning off Nova Albion Way into Monticello Road; starts at 1930 Hrs. Ample parking and a level walk to your seat.

Business Meeting meets at the Red Cross Building in San Rafael on the third Thursday and starts at 1930 hrs. and usually lasts an hour. Members may also attend.

Sunday morning informal meeting, smilingly called The Bible Class, meets every Sunday morning at the Red Cross Bldg., 5th Street slightly east of Lincoln Ave. in San Rafael starting at roughly 0800 hrs and closes down about 1100 hrs.

Dues structure is: \$20.00 per year for Students and Retired persons; \$25.00 for Regular membership; \$30.00 for Family membership and no dues for Life or Honorary members.

Coming Events

MARC VE Testing: All level of licenses, Dec 7. Test site Kaiser Bldg. 2. See above **Club Meetings** for location instructions.

More: Send a SASE to: Radio Exams, PO Box 176, Petaluma, CA 94953-0176

VOMARC VE Nov 16, Sonoma Development Center.

Candidate Requirements: A photo identification or two non-photo IDs. The Original and a photocopy of your current license, if licensed. Any original valid CSCEs and photocopies, if you have any CSCEs. Radiotelegraph license if held (see VE.), Medical exemptions (see VE.). Fee is \$6.05 but Novice Test is free.

Warning! Test dates subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Emergency Nets

W6SG Sunday AM 1000 hrs - Voice (LSB) 3915 MHz
 1015 hrs - Voice (FM) 147.33 +600 PL 203.5

RACES - Monday 1930 hrs - Voice 147.33 +600 PL 203.5
 ACS - Follows above at 2000 hrs on same frequency.