

GRID LEAK

THE WA6BAI REPORT

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LAST MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy	N6IJF	Tulare
Jim	WA6FGM	Visalia
Rick	KB6NNJ	Visalia
Ken	N6PZU	Visalia
Mary	N6QLI	Visalia
Bill	W6MUV	Visalia
Lee	KA6VAF	Visalia
Jim	KA6RIJ	Visalia
Bill	KA6HGA	Visalia
Byron	WA6YLB	Exeter
Keith	WB6LAR	Orosi
Randy	KB6AWV	Tulare
Ken	N6AIO	Elderwood
Norm	WA2TBY	Visalia
Alan	N6QOG	Visalia
Gloria	KC6ISR	Visalia
John	KB6FEK	Visalia
Luke	W6ILR	Visalia
Ron	N6EMU	Visalia
Guy	W6ZTY	Visalia

LAST MEETING MINUTES

Lee, KA6VAF stated that his term of office will be dedicated to removing those barriers which exist between the various clubs in the valley. Field Day is fast approaching. It is slated for June 23 and 24 this year. The suggested site for this year is SUNSET POINT near Balch Park. An effort is being made to include the Kings County Club and the Porterville ssociation in a joint venture. Andy, N6IJF attended the March Breakfast in Porterville & said that the idea was well received by the membership.

Byron, WA6YLB suggested a raffle as a means to raise funds for the Club. He further suggested that a Handie-Talkie might be offered as the winning prize. A vote of the membership was taken and a majority approved the idea. Further details will be worked out at a future Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Ron, N6JQL has volunteered to do a presentation on DX'ing at the next meeting. It will bear the title, "DX'ing Around The World". He will cover QSLing methods he uses, both direct & through the Bureaus, and the hazards versus the thrills of competing with the "BIG GUNS" and the Control Operators on the various Nets plus the elusive awards that can be earned.

PROGRAM - LAST MEETING

Did you know that some European farms use \$180,000 computerized robots to milk their cows? Were you aware that their farmers use computerized electronics to help run and monitor a large amount of equipment? Those at the last meeting do now, thanks to Randy, KB6AWV.

He explained how many dairymen incorporate computers to feed their cows.

The animals wear a device called a RESPONDER around their neck which is about the size of a pack of cigarettes. When the cow pokes its head through the feed stall, the pre-programmed computer can tell how much feed to give.

Randy showed us a circuit board from 1977, and today's smaller solid state version. He stated that the newer RESPONDERS will be fingertip size and will be implanted in the cows neck. Thank you Randy for a fine program.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Any comments pro and con regarding the Grid Leak are WELCOME

Alan N6QOG

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

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The Porterville Amateur Repeater Association will operate Special Event Station, WT6X, on April 21 from 1600Z to 2400Z to commemorate the 29th annual Jackass Mail Run from Porterville to Springville. The following is a list of SSB frequencies:

40 Meters - 7.292 MHz
20 Meters - 14.265 MHz
10 Meters - 28.355 MHz

Also, 2 Meters (145.310) will be available for mobile stations in the San Joaquin Valley.

QSL Certificates may be obtained by sending a #10 SASE or a 9X12 SASE to:

SPECIAL EVENT STATION WI6X
P.O. Box 1000
Springville, Ca. 93265

SHOW 'N' TELL

Byron, WA6YLB, brought in several ATV wide band filters that he built. They function on a 7 MHz band width and are for use on a Amateur Television Repeater. Thanks Byron!

EXAM SESSION

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The Porterville Amateur Repeater Association will be holding its Exam Session for all the license classes on May 20th at 2:00 PM at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Porterville, at highway 65 and Linda Vista Avenue. Talk-in frequency is 145.310 MHz

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MARCH 3rd UPGRADES

Kieran Donahue-KC6DSE-Tech
-David Hart-KC6IHO-Tech
-Gloria Vicenti-KC6ISR-Tech
-Robert Kelley-KC6IWG-Gen
-David Millhouse-?-Gen
-Ron Dinsmoore-N6JQL-Adv
-Craig Gullickson-KC6CEX-Adv
-Marsha Smith-KB6VHO-Adv
-Lloyd Lawrence-N6XXJ-Extra

April 16th Board Meeting

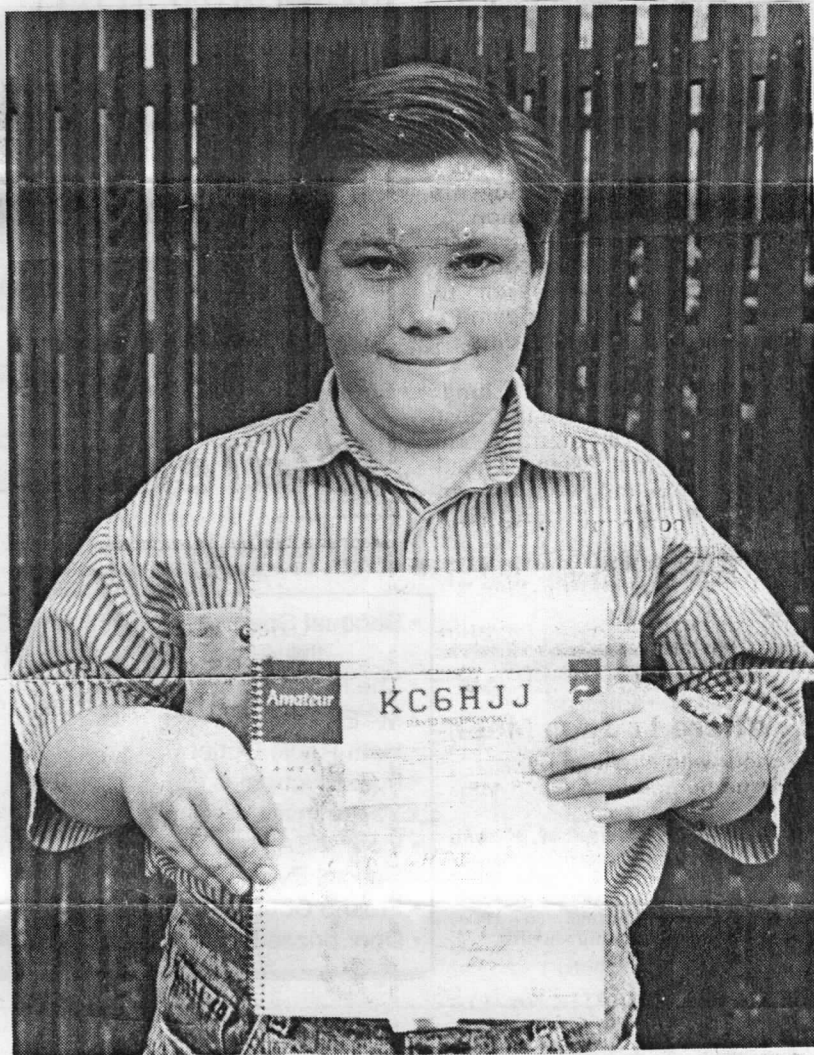
The Board Members held further discussions on the proposed telephone patch. Byron, WA6YLB will be looking at two possible units: a model 510SA C.E.S, which is what we have now, and a model SSI-68 which is a newer version of the old one.

Terra Bella student granted amateur radio novice license

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The following article was submitted by Bill McMaster, W6MUV. Since this article has been written, David Piotrowski has upgraded to Technician. He took his upgrade test at the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID!!



DAVID PIOTROWSKI

In October of 1989, a Terra Bella fifth grade student passed the Amateur Radio Novice Class license test.

David Piotrowski, 10, is the youngest in Tulare County to obtain this license, and one of the youngest in the entire Valley to accomplish this feat.

According to David's mother, Tammy Delmarter, to pass the test, he had to learn 300 questions and Morse code.

"The Morse code had to be transmitted and received at 5

words per minute," David said.

He received his license from the FCC the last week in December and was given the call letters of KC6HJJ.

"I have talked to over twenty states and many countries including: Japan, Australia, Indonesia, and the Marshall Islands," he said.

David became interested in Ham radio through his stepfather, Les Delmarter, who has been a Ham radio operator for more than 20 years.

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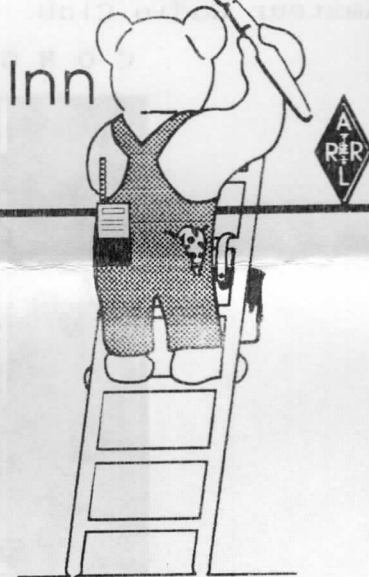
48th Annual Fresno Hamfest!

Banquet!
Amateur Exams!
ARRL Forum!
Awards!
Tech Sessions!
T-Hunt!

May 11-13, 1990

Fresno Airport Holiday Inn

Swap Meet!
Left-Foot CW!
Luncheon!



Friday, May 11

Registration — 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Club Hosted Wine Party — 7:00 pm
(For registered Hamfest guests.)

Saturday, May 12

Registration — 8 am to 3 pm
Exhibits All Day
Swap Tables — 9 am to 5 pm
ARRL Forum
Transmitter Hunt
Left Foot CW Contest
Luncheon — 11:30 am to 2 pm
Tech Talks • Novice Forum • Packet Radio
• DX • Satellite • RACES • ATV • Others!
Cocktail Hour — 6 pm to 7 pm
Banquet & Program — 7 pm

Sunday, May 13

Amateur Examinations — 10 am
Breakfast meetings
(Any group wishing to schedule a breakfast meeting should make its own arrangements well in advance with hotel.)



Featuring:

- Banquet Speaker — Martti Laine, OH2BH will discuss the 4J1FS, M-V Island joint DXpedition.
- The Radio Place
- M2 Enterprises
- Ham Radio Outlet
- P.C. Electronics
- Yaesu Invited
- Icom, AEA, and Ten-Tec Literature
- Special Event Station W6TO Van
- Fresno County RACES/ARES
- Door prizes by FARC, AEA, J.C. Arbuckle, and Juns.



Fresno Hamfest

Post Office Box 783 • Fresno • Calif. 93712

Name (for badge)

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Requests for cancellations must be received before April 25, 1990

#	Advance	Door	
_____	\$26	\$30	Full Registration*
_____	\$5	\$5	Exhibits and Forums Only
_____	\$8.50	\$8.50	*Luncheon (extra)
\$	Total amount enclosed.		

• Advance registration must be received by April 25, 1990. Make checks payable to F.A.R.C. Fresno Hamfest. Please send check or money order only, no cash. Only full registrations in advance are eligible for prizes. Fresno Hamfest is an official ARRL Hamfest.

A member of the T.C.A.R.C. suggested to me awhile back that it might be interesting to have a section of the Grid Leak reserved each month for the ladies to use for sharing ideas. It has been mentioned that we are getting a few more YLS in the Club now and they might enjoy having their own section specifically labled for them. What do you LADIES think of this idea?

ALAN - N6QOG



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