

The ReadOut

FCC OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGES OOs REALLY ARE "OFFICIAL"

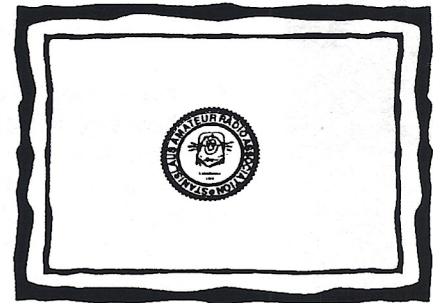
The FCC's top amateur enforcer, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says that hams who receive notices from ARRL

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Official Observers should take them seriously or take the consequences. "Failure to take the notices seriously and to take corrective action where possible will not be tolerated by the Commission," Hollingsworth said in an enforcement-related letter to a South Carolina amateur. "The volunteer work of these Official Observers is a critical element of the Commission's enforcement program," he said, adding that failure to act on an OO notice could lead to fines and other sanctions.

Hollingsworth's comments were contained in an April 7 station-inspection follow-up letter to Richard Whiten, WB2OTK, of Easley, South Carolina. Hollingsworth and an FCC engineering team visited Whiten's station on January 22 after what Hollingsworth called "longstanding complaints" about the operation of Whiten's station. Whiten reportedly cooperated in the station inspection. According to the FCC letter, the Commission has received "numerous complaints" about Whiten "regarding profanity, obscenity, broadcasting extreme racial slurs, deliberate interference and failure to properly identify." Hollingsworth also said he'd heard complaints that

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STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
1976-1999

NEED MORE HELPERS NOT COMPLAINERS

We need volunteers to help sell tickets! This will help the club that you are a part of. Would you like to see this club do more? I would. I have put a lot of hard work out trying to get this fund raiser off the ground, and here lately I have been receiving complaints about what should've been done.

EXCUSE ME!!!! For those of you which are complaining, I can also use your help!!!! Tim NV7CQ and I, Nanette KF6BOZ, were put in charge of this fund raiser but when it comes to getting other involved in suggestions, such as, should we have ticket printed with information's on who we are, the date of the drawing, what the drawing is about, ect...

NO-ONE SAID A WORD!!!! This was mentioned on more than one occasion.

So I assumed that it was ok to have the plain tickets, so I went forth and picked them up, knowing that something needs to be on these tickets, I ordered 2 stamps, 1 is the SARA logo and the other a name, address and phone number stamp.

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LIVERMORE SWAP MEET 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT LAS POSITAS COLLEGE IN LIVERMORE, 7:00 AM TO NOON, ALL YEAR. TALK IN 147.045 FROM THE WEST, 145.35 FROM THE EAST. CONTACT CLIFF KIBBE, KF6EII, (209) 835-6715, E-MAIL: LARKSWAP@HOTMAIL.COM

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The Vice Presidents Corner

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

As a new member of the Northern Amateur Relay Council of California (NARCC), I have been informed that NARCC did receive our "Green Sheet" renewal applications for our 4 existing repeaters. They also received our request for coordination of the low level repeater. NARCC has posted on their web page that all 5 STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION repeaters have been approved coordination on 2-27-99. Our certificates are apparently in the process of being issued. This is certainly good news, especially as far as our low level repeater is concerned.

1999 Field Day Report

With any luck with a break in the weather, I plan to make a survey this month of this years field day. Which by the way was last years field day site and the year before. I anticipate lots of snow especially due to the late snow storms this month. In the event that we need to plow the road for access this year, I will need to line up snow removal equipment. My source for snow removal last year is unavailable for this year.

I need to get started networking with the Forest Rangers for access permits as well as work permits. If you have any ideas, sources or equipment suitable for this task let me know as soon as possible.

73's

Paul W6UHF



Letter from the Community Event Coordenator



I would like to thank of all the members who have volunteered to work the Community Events. The newsletter will be published by the time we work the Multiple Sclerosis Walk-A-Thon on SUNDAY APRIL 18, 1999. There were five operators scheduled to work this event, Paul W6UHF, Jimmy KF6BPC, Al KD6YWO and Ed KF6FIR, and myself KF6NPG.

At writing of this newsletter I was trying to recruit a couple of more operators. Thanks to all who worked this event. Our next event is the March of Dimes "Walk America" SATURDAY APRIL 24, 1999

We have nine operators scheduled to work this event Davonna KF6TSY, Jim WB7VHF, Paul W6UHF, Loren WA6BFG, Ed KF6FIR, Craig KF6VDL, Charles KF6FOP, Jimmy KF6BPC and myself KF6NPG.

WE WILL MEET AT 8:30AM AT GRACEADA PARK. The event should end by 11:30 AM or Noon. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time to help out at this event.

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get those tickets

Fill out that membership form on page 10

got money to spend read page7

Need \$\$\$ Read Page 7

Read Page 3 Today

Tuesday Nights on 145.390 pl 136.5 At 7.30pm is where the action is.

check into the 10 meter rag chew net on 28440 on Tuesday nights

post here next month

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post your Ham Gear In The ReadOut

Sell those Tickets

Make Sure You sent in those dues for this Year

Tell another Ham Buddy about the S.A.R.A. Club

Is Tuesday Nights Boring for you? Join The group on 145.390 pl 136.5 at 7:30pm

weed season is near break out them rakes help is needed on the hill !

Club News Flash

CHECK OUT
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GET THOSE ADS
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in the ReadOut
Today

Make sure to pay
your membership
fees for this year

read page 5

Tuesday Nights
730pm
145.390
Sara Net
1st 2nd & 4th
tuesday

Tell a Ham Buddy
about the Sara
club

Buy or sell those
tickets for the
drawing
even if the
President of the
club
refuses to help
with ticket sales
to help this club.



SARA is having a drawing for a side of beef
Cut & Wrapped
Donated By N6KMR

The drawing will held on Field Day weekend
the cost of the tickets is \$1.00 DONATION each.

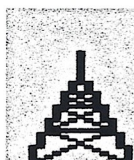
Please make sure to pick up your tickets at
the next club meeting held at the
Modesto North West Substation At

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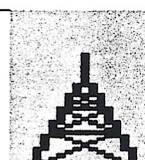
on every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm
Send e-mail to Nan kf6boz@jps or Tim nv7cq@wac.com
With you Call & Mailing address to get your tickets

All Ticket stubs and money has to be in by June 5 1999

The President SAID



145.170



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NEED MORE HELPERS

For some that wasn't good enough. **AGAIN EXCUSE ME!!!!** Like I said Tim and I were put in charge of this with no input from any of the members. I have done the best of my know how, with no help from anyone else.

Tim and I went from being in charge of this thing, to others telling us what to do.

We were told that we needed to get this thing moving, for the person with the beef is in a rush to get this over with, since they were wanting to butcher the beef.

So we figured 2 months was good, **SINCE WE WERE PUT INCHARGE**, then after selling approximately 75 tickets we were told June 27th, **EXCUSE US!!!!**

I personally can't remember who all I sold tickets to. All I can do is put up a flyer at my job with an explanation.

SO THE NEXT TIME THE CLUB PUTS SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF THINGS DON'T GO CHANGING THEIR MINDS.....OKAY!!!! We were also told that we learn by our mistakes..**EXCUSE US!!!!**

WHO'S MISTAKES? I covered all grounds, its just pretty bad when

I'M IGNORED!! Like I said, I have put a lot of hard work into this, approximately a week of my time, that doesn't include my gas, and the wear and tare on my vehicle. The only thing I ask is after I have done all this work.

A little effort from the club to **help sell some of these tickets.**

Now is that too much to ask?

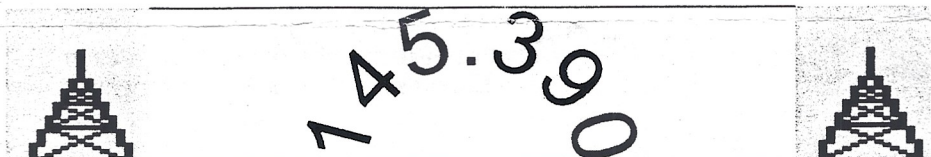
We are not asking you to purchase these tickets, all we are asking is that you take a few, and ask your friends and family.

Those of you who have sold tickets it is very, very much appreciated.

Thank all of you who have taken some of the tickets to sell.

Secretary,

Nanette Hartman KF6BOZ



More info from the Community Event Coordinator

Leroy NV6S is coordinating the Crop Walk scheduled for **SUNDAY MAY 2, 1999.**

THIS EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AROUND 12:30 PM. PLEASE CONTACT HIM IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN THIS EVENT.

The Tour De Cure (American Diabetes Association) Bike Ride is scheduled for **Saturday May 8, 1999.** Please contact me if you are interested in working this event. One operator, Jim WB7VHF, is the only volunteer so far.

If you would like to participate in any of these events please contact me at
E-Mail kf6npg@aol.com, during the weekly net or
by phone 667-7425.

73's

LOU, KF6NPG

***= MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**



S.A.R.A. MINUTES



S.A.R.A. MINUTES
MARCH 16, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m.

Introductions were made, there were 24 in attendance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Presidents Report,
Ed KF6FIR

Tonight we will have a guest speaker Tim KE6FSE, about NARCC.

Ed KF6FIR also mentioned, in regards to the Fund Raiser tickets, that we need additional information printed on the tickets, such as the date of the drawing and what it is about.

Nan KF6BOZ replied, I tried to get this thing off the ground in November and I also mentioned that we have a choice of having tickets printed with the additional information, THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FROM ANYONE. In December

I was ignored on this situation, I never even had a chance to mention it again. In January I mentioned the Fund Raiser again, I mentioned about the tickets being preprinted with additional information, STILL NO RESPONSE FROM ANYONE. February I mentioned this subject again, by that time I figured that it didn't matter. So I went the cheap way out, thinking that I was saving the club money.

I have spent a lot of time on this, I went and found out about the tickets, I went and picked up the tickets, I went and orders the stamps, I went and picked up the stamps. I made out all the forms. That's 4 trips to town, a lot of hard work, and it a little aggravating when people suggest printing additional information on these tickets and in turn doesn't make the meetings and apparently doesn't read the news

letters, to see that this subject was mentioned. My suggestion is investigate before you suggest anything like this in the future.

Ed Kf6fir, Said lets drop it and learn from our mistakes. Subject dropped.
Ed KF6FIR, also replied with that he refused to take and sell any tickets

Vice President Report, Paul W6UHF

Paul was unable to attend the meeting due to special circumstances.

Secretary Report, Nan KF6BOZ
February Minutes read.

Treasure report, Bob KC6TVE
Income - \$1192.00 Expense - \$719.51
Checkbook balance - \$3318.59
Equipment fund - \$728.20
Drawing Fund - \$119.50
63 members so far.
Technician Leroy NV6S
Wasn't present

Volunteer Coordinator
Lou KF6NPG
Lou unable to attend the meeting due to special circumstances
Break at 8:05 p.m.
The split the pot was worth \$24.00
congratulations to Nanette KF6BOZ
She won the split the pot drawing.
Meeting resumed at 8:57 p.m.

Guest speaker Tim KE6FSE, discussed what NARCC does for Amateur radio. Also some of the different incidents that are taking place at this time involving some of the other repeaters. Thanks to Tim KE6FSE great discussion. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Presented by the Secretary
Nanette Hartman KF6BOZ



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Treasure KC6TVE Bob	unknown
Technician NV6S Leroy	nv6s@juno.com

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Nv6s

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FCC OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGES OO's REALLY ARE
"OFFICIAL"

We have helped out with sag wagons and communications for the past several years at the annual Crop Walk. This is a fund raiser put on by several local churches. We should need operators to go to main three rest stops, one control operator at the Grace Lutheran Church, and two to provide their own vehicle and radios to provide sag wagon functions for the walkers.

One of the sag operators may be requested to ride with the ambulance. I usually set up my mobile to cross band repeat so the ambulance rider can use a 440 ht and hit the two meter frequency easily.

We will all meet at Grace Lutheran Church at the corner of Orangeburg and Ensen in Modesto. We will need to be there by 1:30 P.M. at the latest and most of the afternoon will be consumed. I will be available to work a rest stop or as a sag. This is usually a easy function for a new net control to operate so I prefer to see someone with little or no net control experience at that position. The route is from Orangeburg and Ensen east on Orangeburg to Mchenry, north on Mchenry to Bowen. The short route will go west on Bowen to College where both short and long routes will join together. The long route will continue north on Mchenry to Rumble and then go west on Rumble to College, then turn south on college and continue south passing Bowen where the short route joined back with the long one. Both routes will continue south on College to Orangeburg and east on Orangeburg back to Grace Lutheran Church.

Whiten had played recordings over the air "for the purpose of harassment or

deliberate interference."

Hollingsworth noted that Whiten had "apparently ignored notices from Official Observers," and pointed out that the volunteer OO's work "in accordance with an agreement between the Commission and the ARRL and in accordance with our statutory authority."

"One thing I have really picked up as I travel around to groups is the frustration of the OO's," Hollingsworth told the League this week. "We're going to correct that, pure and simple." In his letter, he told Whiten that, although the FCC considers hams to be self-policing, "the success of that regulatory approach depends upon the adherence to notices of possible improper operation from other licensed amateurs who are recognized Official Observers." The FCC asked Whiten to list all notices from OO's he has received since the start of his license term on September 27, 1994, and any corrective actions taken in response.

The FCC also set aside a February 10, 1999, grant of the vanity call sign W2OTK to Whiten and said his license expiration date remains October 15, 2001. Hollingsworth also took advantage of the opportunity provided by his letter to Whiten to spell out the FCC's position on obscene and indecent Amateur Radio transmissions. "Obscene speech is not protected by the First Amendment and cannot be broadcast at any time," he advised. Indecent speech also is

not protected between 6 AM and 10 PM, in accordance with the so-called "safe

harbor" policy the FCC uses with commercial broadcasters.

Hollingsworth said that while FCC personnel did not notice any technical violations during their January inspection, they did have "serious concerns"

about a linear amplifier under construction that was capable of greater than legal output.

Hollingsworth asked Whiten to provide details of the amplifier and how it's been used.

Hollingsworth also told Whiten he would be forwarding, under separate cover,

tape recordings made of Whiten's transmissions last November on 20 meters. You will be requested to provide a full explanation for those radio transmissions," he wrote.

"No decisions have been made yet in this case," Hollingsworth told the League. "We're still seeking information." * Broadcast station fined for 160-meter spurious: An AM station in Florida was fined \$7000 by the FCC for various technical violations including radiating an excessive signal on 1909 kHz--in the JA DX window. WINV in Inverness also was cited for EAS deficiencies and for not having its public file available. Well-known Georgia Top Band operator

Tom Rauch, W8JI, had noticed the spurious on 1909 and contacted the station. "After four unsuccessful attempts to get them to correct the problem, their switchboard operator said, 'If we are bothering you way up in Georgia, why don't you just call the FCC and quit calling us?'" Rauch reported.

"Just to be helpful, I did exactly what she asked!" Rauch said it took the FCC just a week to visit the station following his complaint. "It's great to see the FCC is back in business!" he said.



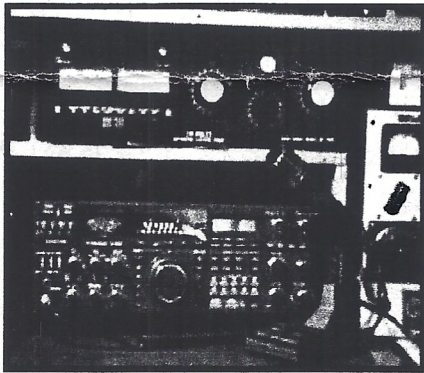
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