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KNOW YOUR REPEATER MT OTAY

SQUELCH TALES is proud to present this month a continuing article in the "Know Your Repeater" series. Ed Flinn, WA6YVX, low profile trustee of the Mt. Otay repeaters since 1974, has done a great job in documenting the events that have led to not only the highly sucessful repeaters today on Mt. Otay, but the foundations of the SANDRA organization as well. Ed wrote the "Lets Go To Otay" article in this issue. See page one for his excellent write up. Tune 146.04/146.64, 222.60/224.20 and 444.50/449.50 for Mt. Otay.

Many visitors to our repeaters on Mt. Otay ask "where is the repeater located?" The top of Mt. Otay is 3572 feet elevation, 2.6 statute miles north of the Mexican border, and 17 miles inland from the ocean. We are 20 miles southwest of downtown San Diego. Our newly constructed 12 < 20 foot blockhouse and antenna site is on the North slope of the mountain at 3495 feet. Outlanders also occasionally mispronounce the name. Otay is pronounced "Oti" not "Ota". This Indian name is attached as well to Otay Mesa, Otay Valley, Otay Rancho, Otay River and Otay Lakes. The translation from Indian varies; either "wide and level place" or "brushy place". Our volunteers who periodically climb the mountain on landscape cleanup details vote for the second definition' By the way, our trustee is looking for volunteers now. This chore is overdue this year. Call Ed at 426-4881, and get a chance to see our equipment setup as well.

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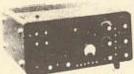
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LET'S VISIT MT. OTAY

By Ed Flinn, WA6YVX

The earliest available records of our club repeater activity indicated that in early 1966 the San Diego VHF Club had several repeater feasibility and evaluation committee meetings involving: K6GAO, WA6DSB, WA6LAG, K6RVR, WA6TAD, WB6DSL AND W6NLD. As a result of these meetings the San Diego Amateur Radio Relay Association (SDAFMRRA) was established in April 1966.

Early in 1967 the first two meter repeater was located at Earl's, WA6LAG, QTH for control interfacing and testing. The repeater consisted of a Motorola Sensicon "A" receiver and a 60 watt Motorola 140D transmitter, utilizing 8298's. The first frequencies were 146.34 Mhz. in, 146.84 Mhz out.

Through the efforts of the first trustee, Walt, W6LFL, a site was obtained through Jack Reikler. During May 1967, the repeater was installed on Mt. Dtay with the help of W6LFL, WB6TYR, WA6OSB, WB6DSL and W6JLU. Since cavities and duplexers were not available, split sites were used to separate the transmitter and receiver, 1700 feet apart. The 450 Mhz repeater was an RCA CMU-15. Summer of 1968 brought us a better Motorola receiver, a Sensicon "G" for 146.34 Mhz.

By June 1969 the output frequency was changed to 146.85 Mhz. to conform to the new band plan. During the ARRL Convention at the San Diego Hilton in November 1969, the output frequency was temporarily changed to 146.94 to accommodate transients from out of town.

The first board listed was in July 1969, with W6LFL as Chairman. WA6OSB as Vice-Chairman, K6GAD as Treasurer, and WB6DSL as Engineer. Others listed were W6NLD, WB6TYR, WA6LAG, and W6JLU. By August 1969, the roster included 12 members by adding WB6BOX, K6BTO, K6EUW and WB6APU.

Ken Decker, WA6OSB, was the first trustee for the club call WB6WLV for Mt. Otay. Ken was instrumental in pioneering 2 meter amateur FM in San Diego back in 1961 and was our first net control for the Sunday night Mt. Otay net.

The roster increased to 60 members by May 1970. Of special note are 13 of those who are current members and deserve honorable mention:

WASBDW	WAGQC	WANPV
WABLK	KAHGT	WB65ML
K6BT0	WAGIES	WB6SYD
KAGAD	WA6JCG	WA6TEK
	WAGLAG	

Between 1971 and 1972 the two meter repeater was replaced with a Motorola B53AKB, and the 450 Mhz. repeater was a Motorola B44AAB. June of 1972 brought SQUELCH TALES into being by the first Editor, Dave Somes, WB6TFC. Little documentation of club repeater activity existed prior to SQUELCH TALES so facts are a little "sketchy".

During August 1972, Gordon, WA6LBV, was appointed trustee. Gordon compiled an extensive technical paperwork package to comply with the new FCC repeater requirements of Docket 18803. Among the technical committee were Jim, K6UZP, Marty, K6KTP, and Bob, WB6APU. Also during August 1972 the Southern California Repeater Association (SCRA) assigned us our current frequencies of 146.04 Mhz. in, 146.64 Mhz. out.

A contest for a new club name was held in December 1972. It was won by Bill Cheverton, WA6SQZ, for his entry of the "San Diego Repeater Association", (SANDRA).

September 1973 brought the first elected board for SANDRA with Ron Barrett, K6MZW, as President. By this time we received our first repeater callsign, WR6ACF. The board appointed Ron, K6MZW, as trustee. Our membership roster at that time was 150.

Christmas 1973 brought a reconditioned Motorola Hybrid 2 meter

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3128 UNIVERSITY AVE. SAN DIEGO TELEPHONE: 280-6023 repeater, a J53MPY. After much hard work of interfacing the control, identifier, and the 450 Mhz. repeater by Jim, K6UZP, and Marty, K6KTP, it was installed on Mt. Otay in March 1974.

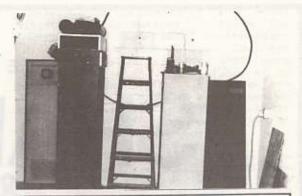
During April 1975, President Dave Fender, K6QL, appointed our present trustee, Ed Flinn, WA6YVX, as trustee for Mt. Otay. The following September, the repeaters were moved to Jim Smith's Otay site. Among the technical committee were Dwight, WA6SIG, and Ed, WA6YVX. Membership by this time was over 250.

A G.E. Mastr Pro Hybrid UHF repeater was installed in June 1976 to replace the old Motorola B44AAB tube 450 Mhz. repeater. In November 1977, the input frequency was changed to 444.500 Mhz. to conform to the standard 5 Mhz. split band plan. A short time later a 1B PL reed was added to help minimize the commercial repeater interference. By now our membership roster had grown to 500.

A new 220 Mhz. repeater was installed on Mt. Otay in June 1978. The frequencies are the current ones: 222.60 Mhz in, 224.20 Mhz out. The repeater, built by JBW Electronics, consists of a Midland 13-509 receiver, 10 watt transmitter, associated control circuitry, pre-amp and built in identifier.

June 1979 was the date we applied to the BLM for our own lease for a site on Mt. Otay. The long hours and hard efforts of Jim Allen, W60GC, were awarded by the BLM granting us a permit for our own Mt. Otay site in February 1980. Also in February our 2 meter power supply in the J53MPY burned up. Unsucessful attempts to repair the supply on the hill brought us to installing the newly arrived G.E. Master II solid state 2 meter The technical committee receater. included Vance, WA6KHA, Dave, N6BSD and Ed, WA6YVX. Membership by now was over 750.

In March 1980 we received our final eviction notice from Jim Smith, effective in April. The J53 power supply was repaired and the repeater



Left cabinet: GE Mastr II 2 meter repeater, 220 repeater and duplexer. (2 meter duplexer on top.) Right cabinet: Motorola C74MSY 450 repeater and duplexer. Step ladder: W6PDA.

was installed on Mt. Helix in April 1980, while the Mater II was removed from Mt. Otay. The Mastr II was later installed on Lyons Peak in May 1980, where 04/64 operated for a year.

Construction began on our new site in September 1980. After a tremendous effort by the members, both physically and financially, the greatest feat in the history of the (Continued on page 5)



GE Mastr II cabinet interior, top to bottom: 2 meter duplexer, control panel, 2 meter repeater, 2 meter power supply, 220 repeater, 220 duplexer. SINCE 1945

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Red Flag Patrol - Last July in SQUELCH TALES we reported the support by ham radio operators to the California Division of Forestry during potentially hazardous forest fire conditions. The Red Flag Alert sounded again on October 31. For three days we saw classic Santa Ana wind, temperature and low humidity conditions. Art Smith, WalNI, reports that 50 call signs were represented by those who patrolled 16 routes in the county during those tense days. No major conflagrations developed. Channel 8 television's I.J. Hudson, K9ICF, was on the scene with his camera crew and again gave the the public a good snapshot of public service by hams, featuring activities at the Monte Vista Ranger station and Lloyd, WD6CSS and Jan, WA6DTE on patrol.

New Type Style - This month we thank Mike, WASURR, for doing the word processing for SQUELCH TALES. Mike is filling in for Sybil, W6GIC, who is hitting the books for her doctoral degree. Mike has a 64k dual B" CP/M system. The printer is an Epson model MX-80.

Repeater Interference - "Handbook for Local Interference Committee" is a very useful 67 page manual on tracking down and dealing with malicious interference. Edited by KIFN, this book has just been published by the ARRL. We have ordered a copy for club. Contact the editor if you would like to review it.

Solar Panels - Lon, W6SLF, is taking names of parties interested in a very good buy on solar panels. These are ARCO panels as demonstrated by Bill, W6THR, at recent ham events. Fating is 2.03 amps at 16 volts. These panels will keep your battery charged to 13.6 to 13.8 volts. They normally go for \$495, and can be had on the quantity buy which he is setting up for \$330. Call Lon at 278-4284.

SANDARC - October monthly meeting attracted the representatives from 11 of the 15 member clubs. Letters of thanks were read from Westlink (\$500 contribution by SANDARC), and AMSAT (\$1000 contribution). Plans for HAMCOMP 82, the ARRL Southwestern Division and San Diego Computer Society conventions for 1982 were discussed. Put June 4,5 and 6 on your calendar. Club prices for the Radio Amateur Callbook were quoted. We can save 10% to 20% on their publications if we order five or more. Call W6UZL for info.

Behind The Scenes - This month a new roster accompinies SQUELCH TALES. We try to update every six months. man responsible for maintaining membership lists, producing mailing stickers each month for SQUELCH TALES, and generating the roster is SANDRA member Bob Squire, N6AFB. Our hats off to you Bob, for voluntarily shouldering this tedious task. Another we tip our hat to this month is Marge Belliston, wife of our treasure, WB6CDK and mother of our membership chairman. WA6KHA. Marge watches our mail, checks phone calls to our number, mothers the new membership applications, and in general keeps an eve on a lot of details necessary to a club like ours. Thanks to our low profile workers, Bob and Marge!

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club was finally accomplished on May 16th, 1981, with the completion of the site and all 3 repeaters installed and operating. Membership in 1981 is now almost 900.

Throughout the moves between Otay, continuous operation was available on 146.64 Mhz. Between the J53MPY and the Mastr II repeaters, not a minute of coverage was lost. The J53MPY is now back on Lyons Peak on 146.265 Mhz.

The current repeaters on Mt. Otay since they were installed in May are the G.E. Mastr II 2 meter repeater, JBW Electronics 220 Mhz. repeater, and a Motorola C74MSY Mhz. repeater. All repeaters are solid state, each have Phelps Dodge 6 cavity duplexers, and Phelps Dodge Stationmaster antennae, connected with 1/2" 'cuflex' hardline.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October general membership meeting the North Park held at Recreational center on Thursday the 15th.

Vice president Larry, WA6AIL, reminded members that elections for club officers will be next Feburary, and that it is time to start thinking Board of Directors have expressed the desire for a mixture: Fresh blood and a carry-over to pass on the experience of prior officers. A possible consideration for change to our by-laws is to establish staggered terms which would accomplish this automatically.

operating procedures, saying that lots of folks are redundant, all you have to do is: Give your call, punch up the number, have your conversation, punch down and sign not present. President WA6JTB off.

Plans are underway for a Christmas WAGURS, Larry, WAGAIL, and Bruce, N&EBL will be in charge. Feed them event. Mark December 17 on your calandar.

Padre, WA6DBW, raised the question of meeting attendance. He said that the South Bay Amateur Radio Society, with the Amateur Radio club of El Caion 84 members, had 35 show up on the first Thursday in october; El Cajon, with 146 members, had 80 at their meeting on the second Thursday: and here was SANDRA on the third Thursday with 836 members and only 30 present. Considerations raised in the ensuing discussion were:

- . In the the minds of many, the purpose of SANDRA is to provide and maintain repeater service for hams, not a social club.
- · Good technical presentations at meetings would improve the turnout.

- We should find a better facilitiy for meetings
- · We ought to poll the membership on these things.

Vance, WA6KHA, reported for the technical committee, the new Mt. Laguna 2 meter antenna has arrived. Schedule for installation to be determined. Lions Peak, 865/265 is still operating on a test sanction by about candidates. He said that the TASMA. The repeater is currently using a beam antenna pointed toward Chula Vista in the transmit mode to reduce signals toward the Los Angles area, where WR6BDL operates on the same frequency. WR6BDL is the Litton Amateur Radio Club repeater in Van Nuys. We are seeking to keep peace with these folks.

Larry also commented on autopatch Four door prizes were awarded. WA6LAG, KB7QN and WA6KHA were winners. WA6KHA's tickets were drawn three times. The cash award of \$55 was not claimed, as the winner was announced that he will propose to the Board that if not won before, the accumulated cash will be awarded at party and potluck dinner. Barbie, the christmas meeting, drawing until someone present wins.

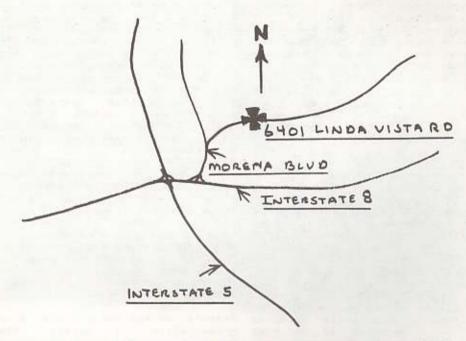
suggestions for the family oriented Feature of the evening was a slide presentation by Wayne, WB6TIQ. Subjects included construction of the SNADRA site on Mt. Otay; a visit to San Felipe, Baja California, with members of the XE2BC radio club and field day site in 1979 and 1981.

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NEW LOCATION FOR SANDRA MEETINGS



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Many thanks to the North Park Recreational Center for the use of their hall in the past. Our next meeting date is Thursday, November 19. Featured will be a presentation by Bill Nelson, WA6FQG. Bill has spent 33 years solving RFI problems, including 16 years with Southern California Edison. He is coming down from Walnut, California to share with us practical solutions of interference to TV and Hi-Fi sets, grounding and safety. He has offered an autographed copy of his new "Interference Handbook" as a door prize. This program will be a winner. Visitors welcome.

THURSDAY NOV 19 7:30 PM

BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 1981 Bonanza Restaurant 2633 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego. Ca.

Board Members present: WA6JTB, WA6AIL, WA6URS, WB6CDK, WA6KHA, N6LY, N6EBL, N6AVR. Board Members absent: N6BSD.
Guests present: K6BWT, W6GIC, K8WEN, W6UZL, WA6OYI, WA6YVX.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by our President John. WA63TB.

Vance, WA6KHA, Membership Chairman, reported our club membership is approaching 900. There will be a roster in the November issue of Squelch Tales.

Walt, WB6CDK, Treasurer, gave his report. It appears elsewhere in this issue.

WB6CDK made a motion to investigate where an investment of the savings account funds could be made to bring more interest. WA6URS seconded the motion. It passed.

Our treasurer was instructed to pay the insurance premium. He is also to pay \$48.78 in property taxes.

Bob, M6AVR, Meeting Chairman, has a new location for our general membership meeting. It is at 6401 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista.

Bruce, N6EBL, made a motion to designate \$100.00 for door prizes at the Christmas program. WA6URS seconded the motion. It passed.

John, WA6JTB, appointed WA6KHA as assistant to the Building Committee Chairman, W6PDA.

Dennis, WA60YI, suggested the Board meet to determine coverage and policies for our club insurance. The Board is to meet on Wed., Nov. 11, 1981, at W6UZL's QTH at 6 pm.

WA6JTB requested WA6KHA to check on the availability of 45D Mhz. equipment. WA6KHA stated he had a Motorola C74MSY repeater with community PL panel available for \$1200.00. Vance is to report on his other findings at the December board meeting.

WAGKHA made a motion that Sybil, WGGIC, reserve a room for SANDRA's Hospitality Room at the Town & Country for the 1982 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention/Sen Diego Computer Fair. Larry, NGLY, seconded the motion. It passed.

The Board will meet for a By-Laws committee meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1981, at 7 pm at the Bonanza Restaurant, 2633 El Cajon Blvd.

Larry, WA6AIL, moved and Bruce, N6EBL, seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully,

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MY CW-DX-ALL NIGHT CONTEST MAN

The sweetest voice on SANDRA repeaters these days is that of Daine Maringer, K6HUT. She has written the first love story to appear in SQUELCH TALES. By the way, the radio club she mentions where she met Rich was the Mike & Key Club, Encento Community Center. The third bowl on the table belonged to their son Paul, who grew up to become WA6EEH. Read and enjoy.

It was in the fall of 1958 that I met WAJVA at the local radio club. was different from the other young men there. He kept his shirt tucked in and his hair wasn't tosseled like theirs. Soon after he found out I he became the club's was a novice. self-appointed code-practice sender It was then that I for the novices. found out that he was a CW man. It had to be over the air, on 40 meters, and all those copying the code were supposed to tune their rigs onto his frequency to "check in" and let him know they were benefiting from his half hour of code practice. Of. course it just happened to be a frequency of one of my xtals. And how was I to know I was the only one listening and "checking in"?

After a few weeks the code session was dropped because no one else was listening and he thought I could increase my code speed up to I3 words per minute just by "checking in" with him and chatting for a while. You might say we had a steady date for every Saturday afternoon on 40 meters.

When I moved from San Diego we still kept our Saturday date over the air. Distance is no longer a barrier to hams. Oh, we wrote letters too, but Out of curiosity nothing romantic. his mother found some of my letters but all she got out of them was "The wx has been fb the past wk", and "I blew a 6146 but got a new one with my allowance". In self-defense my dad got his radio license so he could learn the ham lingo to decipher Rich's letters to me. But Rich's

letters said about the same things as mine. When he came to visit me, we held hands under the dinner table and he would tap out messages in code on my knee.

After my high school graduation we decided that if we got married we could start talking to each other in English instead of code! Somehow we ended up in Wyoming for our honeymoon. It was there that I discovered he was more than just a CW man. He was a DX man too, and Wyoming was a "rare" state. Not only did I find out there was a CD contest but he found out that a ham wife knows how to keep logs and keep quite!

House-hunting was not of the ordinary. The type of neighborhood didn't What really counted seem to matter. was whether or not the lot was on top of a hill for good DX. The lot had to be a long one running north and south, suitable for an 80 meter halfwave antenna strung in a likewise Our house was small but direction. there was still room for the rig on the kitchen table, until we had to a third bowl on the table. Wa decided a whole building devoted ta ham gear would keep things organized and give up more room in So my CW-DX man built a the house. nice ham shack on the back side of That way it would the chicken coop. need only 3 sides and a door.

The years slipped by quickly but I began to notice something unusual in the winters. There seemed to be a lot more contests that time of year. I guess back East there isn't much to do then, except sit in a warm shack and get hung up in a good contest. But here in sunny California we can still paint peeling houses and mend leaking roofs at that time of year. Now I knew he was more than a CW man, more than a DX man. I was married to a CONTEST man, an ALL-NIGHT-CONTEST-MAN!

There had to be something cheerful about the season of winter contests that seemed to make their debut with the sweepstakes contest. Ah yes, our long looked for winter rains always begin on the opening of the sweepstakes contest. I'm not convinced

how the rains knew what day the contest would begin. But over the years it always managed to down-pour on that day so that no one in his right mind would want to be out cleaning up the yard or fixing that leak in the roof.

Another unusual phenomena always managed to occur at contest time too. The OM always seems to come down with a unique kind of headache, a precontest headache. Now I don't mean one of those "lay-me-out-flat" kind, but just a nasty, persistant one that makes one feel too bad to clean up the yard or fix the roof. It also seems to ease up a bit with several cups of hot coffee. And it's still pretty bad when there are only 17 contacts an hour makes it disappear completely'

This year the rains ignored November 21, and refused to make their appearance. But the headache came on schedule. This time I had a headache too. So, while he took the coffee and contest for his cure, I used the coward's way out and took a nap. came in long enough for some supper and more coffee. I reminded him that he had promised to get groceries that day and the stores would soon be closed. Turkeys were on sale and we wanted to get one before the price went back up. Now he might be a CW-DX-ALL NIGHT CONTEST MAN, but he's a husband too, who doesn't go back on So he sacrificed some his word. prime time to go turkey hunting.

Back home again, the night was still young and the bands were still in good shape. He took the key to the kitchen door so that he could get back in but no one else could. We had heard there was a rapist-murderer on the north side of town who had claimed 8 victims and Rich didn't intend to let me be the 9th.

I awoke several times in the night and found I was still alone. Once he came in and got the flashlight out of the kitchen drawer. At two A.M. I remembered that he didn't have a lock on the door of the shack. Anything could happen out there in the middle of the night and I wouldn't even know

it. I got up and turned on the kitchen radio. With his KW, and our sitting right under the beam he splatters all over the commercial broadcast band on our personal radio and it blinks the kitchen lights. I turned the dial, listening for the QRM but my heart sank when all I could hear was a stale sports report. The light were steady too. What had happened to him?

It was very dark and foggy in the chilly night. I didn't want to leave the kitchen door unlocked when I slipped out, but how else could I get back in? Would I find him slumped over his logs in a pool of blood? Or would he be laying across the coils of his KW? I was afraid to open the door to the shack. When I walked in, he removed his earphones. "How come I didn't hear you on the kitchen radio?", I asked. "I was just taking a last listen on the bands before I guit for the night," he said. just got my 300th contact and there aren't any new sections on now any-

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward		\$4,376.46
Income Initiation Dues Squelch Tales Ad. Total Income	\$110.00 802.00 180.00	1,092.00
<u>Disbursements</u> Adm. & Supplies Squelch Tales Utilities & Telephone	21.29 456.34 19.21 553.99	
Maintenance & Repairs Net Refresh & Door Pr Total Disbursements		(1,083.68)
Checking Account Savings Account	\$1,845.28 2,539.50 4,384.78	
Balance Forward Net for October Balance	\$4,376.46 8,32 \$4,384.78	\$4,384.78

OCTOBER ANSWERS

- 1. I sub c (Ic) = 9.9 ma, I sub b (Ib) = 99 uamps.
- 2. 8 = 99 (BETA = 99)
- 3. 9 = .98 (ALPHA = .98)

NOVEMBER PROBLEMS

- 1. A series RLC circuit has a source frequency of 10 KHZ and R = 100 ohms, and C = 0.1 ufd, L = 1 mh.
 - (a) Determine the magnitude and phase of the impedance.
 - (b) At what frequency will the circuit appear resistive?
- 2. A series RLC circuit has a source frequency of 60 hz and L=1 henry and the circuit has a Q of 10. Find the value of R and C.

N6CTX, F.D. Buell

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way" .

"Did I scare you when I opened the shack door?" I asked as he turned off the rig and lights. "No but I got scared pretty bad a few hours ago. I heard this big thump on the shack roof, and sounds like someone walking around up there. I thought maybe someone was coming to chop down my antenna because I was interfering on the their TV. Then the ducks started quacking in the chicken coop like they always do when you bring them

table scraps. I went in and got the flashlight to see if they were ok and they were all asleep."

Shivering in the fog, I said, "How could you stand being all alone out there in the contest? Nobody could pay me to be out in that shed in the middle of the night. All those people on the air couldn't save you even though you felt you were in a room full of them."

"I thought about that and decided if I had any trouble I could give an OM

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Glenn Rattmann K6NA

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To quote from Bartlett's

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CAL'S CORNER

To my fellow Hams, Hammettes, Hamsters, Hammer heads etc....

I wish to express my many thanks to those who volunteered information as to where I could find the 2" by 2" by 50° box so I could ship my solid rubber garden hose to my sister in South Dakota. Special thanks to Walt, WoUZL, who supplied me with the proper size box, primered and with end caps and special thanks to Jack, NoDSD, who used his influence with a local airline to enable me to tie the box to the back of a 727. The hose arrived two days later undamaged.

It seems that Walt had purchased some hose of the correct length with which to insulate his underground openended rhombic antenna and he had the forsight to save the boxes.

Got mighty cold out here in Metropolitan Santee last night. I spotted a chicken crossing the road with a capon.

The theft alert system for Jack's car (N6DSD) arrived, but unfortunately, it was stolen before I had a chance to install it.

Finally got that picture of Carmen, NoBBB on his QSL card and it came in might handy here at the place. Finally found a way to keep the neighbors dogs out of the yard.

Heard that Wayne, W6LNB finally got his house all barred up, so one of these days we'll have to get a bunch together and go down to Chula Vista and break out Lee (WB6JPX).

We were blessed last monday night on the repeater when reverend Smith, W6VCE got his tongue tied up in his eye teeth and couldn't see what he was saying and every one got a little rest!

And finally to Jason, NF6E, I found your frog and you can come and get him as soon as I de-program him.

Happy Easter everyone, Cal

WDáDrink Strong Vodka

KERCHUNK

Submitted by W6IZS

The KERCHUNKERS (San Diego chapter) meet each day when the repeater is not in use. To qualify as a kerchunker one must show his skill by pressing the microphone button long enough to activate the repeater but not long enough to I.D. or be identified. To be a certified kerchunker, one must follow this procedure successively until the mike finger fatigues or someone wants to use the repeater.

Be careful to kerchunk when you know no one is listening, so that legitimate repeater users will not be irritated and put an anti kerchunk device on the repeater.

By being a Certified Kerchunker, one can do the following:

- See if you transmitter can acess the repeater.
- See if the repeater can hear your transmitter.
- Enjoy the excitement of hearing the squelch tail.
- 4) See if the repeater is "up".
- Use the repeater without having to talk to anyone.

It is a real thrill to put your license, your rig, and the repeater to use by kerchunking and be sure to complain when the repeater is "down".

The KERCHUNKERS are not taking any new applications for membership; we have too many members now.

(By I. AM. Dumb, Chief Kerchunker)

FOR SALE

Tempo S-5 with touch tone pad and desk top charger. \$275.00 WA6JOL A1 263-4662

JAMMER LOCATED?

On the regular Sunday nite SANDRA net on 04/64 last October 25, eyebrows and hackles raised when "W6JAM" called in announcing that he was looking for a six meter sideband rig. This callsign gained high notoriety when it was used illegally in Burbank by Scott Lookholder, WB6LHB, in late 1977 and 1978. Scott was stripped of his amateur license by the FCC as a result. More recently, this callsign also has been used maliciously in north San Diego county.

W6JAM on the net was for real, however. This has been the callsign of the SSSS Amateur Radio Organization. Trustee and license holder is Jerry Gastil, who is also K6DYD. And Jerry is really looking for a six meter

rig. Call him at 278-9399. The acronym "SSSS" stands for seven six service", by the secret way, and that is a story all in itself. SQUELCH TALES hopes to tell this story and more to put the history of 2 meter FM repeater operation in sotuhern California in proper perspective someday.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

School 15 High Helix teachers for looking assist Lou to teaches who Leterza. Hours are electric shop. 7 to 9 AM, 5 days a week. The applicant does not necessarily have to have a teaching certificate or even be a licensed ham, must have knowledge hut of basic electronics and a patient personality and can work with people of Phone Mr. ages. all Leterza at 582-2508 for details and a personal interview.

our phone number and tell him to call you long distance so you could rescue me."

"I knew you were an ALL-NIGHT-CONTEST MAN," I said as I locked the kitchen door behind us, "but now I know you're just plain NUTS!"

By the way he got ready for bed I could tell his cups of coffee had worn off finally, and he had his headache. The contest had worn him out. I laid there with his cold feet on my legs and listened to him snoring, agreeing with myself I was glad to have back my CW-DX-ALL NIGHT CONTEST MAN.

Diane Maringer K6HUT

Mark, AG6Y, sends us the following from the Veteran Wireless Operators Association Bulletin.

CODES ON STAMPS

As any seasoned philatelist can tell you, the depicting of simple telegraphic codes on postal stamps issued years ago was not especially a rarity. But one of the most interesting stamps to appear, and which caused some confusion amongst even experienced communicators was the 5 yen stamp reproduced above which was released by the Japanese postal authorities on October 6, 1954. This commemorated the 75th anniversary of Japan's joining the International Telecommunications Union.

Those communicators who had forgotten about the old Japanese telegraph code were puzzled by the top strip of tape from an old telegraphic ink register. in that code it reads "KO-KU-SAI" - the Japanese word for "International".

On the right side, running from top to bottom is a strip of "Wheatstone" perforated transmission tape in the same code, which reads "DENKI" - meaning "Electrical" in Japanese.

On the bottom of the frame there appears a real brain twister for many. It is a strip of 6-unit Japanese leleprinter tape which reads "TSUSHIN" ("communications"), followed by "RENGO" ("union") and "KAME!" ("years"). (The Japanese at that time used a triple-shift teleprinter keyboard which facilitated the transmission of the full set of Roman letters and the Arabic numerals, plus the 48 "iroha" (ABC) extremely simple Japanese phonetic characters. The full Japanese written language includes many Chinese "Kanji!" ideographic characters made up of some 1300



symbols. Modern Japanese teleprinters are capable of transmitting most of these characters over a 50 band telegraphic circuit.)

Finally on the left hand margin of the stamp there appears a strip of conventional radio circuit syphon recorder undulator tape (called "ANDURATA" as spoken by old time Japanese operators) again reproducing the old "KATA-KANA" code-reading "KINEN"meaning, in Japanese "Commemorative".

The two line inscription in Japanese characters in the upper portion of the stamp translates into "International Electrical Communications Union Accession (or affiliation) 75 year commemoration". A very old Japanese Morse telegraph tape inker (with a "key on base") is depicted in the center of the stamp.

This stamp is generally considered to be the most unique ever issued from the standpoint of telecommunication code history.

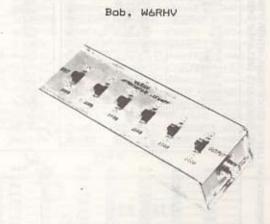
TEKNIKLE TOPIX

"T" hunting is still increasing in popularity. Bob. W6RHV, shares with us this month his version of the indespensable tool: the attenuator.

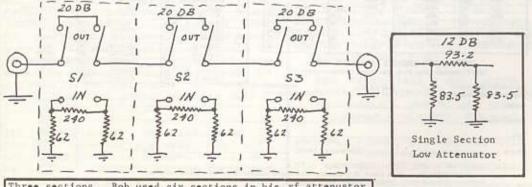
After attending a couple of "T" hunts I found that is was reasonably easy to get in the general vicinity of the hidden transmitter using a small Once arriving however the receiver would saturate and further D F was next to impossible. Discussing this with the experienced hunters I received several Ideas on using attenuators. The one I settled on was one recommended by KF6Z and published in the April 81 QST. While the article showed a five section attenuator there is really no limit. In my case I decided to use six sections. The design values are for 20db per section and my filter measured 17db per section in the lab. The filter may be made of scrap brass or copper or as in mine, 2 sided copper PC board soldered together with a 150 watt soldering gun. Inexpensive Radio Shack slide switches. Do not use toggle switches unless you have some designed for low capacity coupling. Radio Shack connectors were used at each end of the box for RF connection and 1/4 watt carbon 5% resistors were used. The more care you take in keeping the leads short and sheilding between stages and soldering your box together, better the attenuator will work. You may even wish to make one section lower attenuation. Its not going to be a \$350 dollar Hewlet Packard but I have knocked down a 15 watt trans-



mitter down to S9 a hundred It does a respectable job for away. a minimum of dollars. Try one and good DF'ing. By the way, do not transmit into your attenuator!



This is the Attenuator that Bob Built



Three sections. Bob used six sections in his rf attenuator.

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Art Smith, W6INI, our ARRL Section Communications Manager, who contributes each month to SQUELCH TALES, takes a breather this month. Hal Crispell, W6TZV, has been kind enough to write his column for him. Thanks Hal!

Western hospitality was never more abundant than at the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club and the Amateur Radio Clubs of Arizona for the 1600-plus lucky attendees of the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in October.

Highlight of the festival for many was the tour of K7UGA's "shack", which also houses the Air Force MARS gateway station AFC6BG. The latter handles a heavy flow of traffic between armed services personnel and their families in the southwest. Each touring ham received a personally autographed OSL card signed "Barry"! Many who were fortunate to draw tour times that coincided with breaks from senatorial duties received a hearty handshake and warm words of welcome from the Senator.

The ARRL fourm revealed that the long range planning committee has presented their report to the ARRL board of directors. Report recommendations were prioritized with top place going to improving League functioning at section level, secondly at division level and next in increased involvement of individual members through such channels as their clubs. SPAR concept (Society for Protection of Amateur Radio) was well received by President Dannels and will be receiving attention by the Board SPAR is intended to aid ARRL to center the intense lobbying pressure at FCC and legislative levels of telecommunications, industrial and spectrum users groups who seek to expand to the detriment of amateur radio and it's public service functions.

The new energetic youthful image of the ARRL headquarters staff was well projected by David Summer, K1ZZ and Dale Cliff, WA3NLO, at the forum and at the League booth. The FCC forum was canceled at a late hour, ostensibly for lack of travel funds.

Diego hams turned out en mass last month to support the Eighth Annual Bike Ride Against Diabetes. This event is sponsored by McDonalds Resturants, and proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association. cycle riders accept pledges for so much money per mile, and pedal away. Longest distance by a rider was about 70 miles. There were 38 check points on 15 routes in 5 regions of the Hams provided communicacounty. tions for logistics, safety, accident survielance etc. The 82 hams who participated were:

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