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# **Barbecue July 17 For Radio 'Hams'**

A barbecue for amateur radio operators in the bay area will be held under the auspices of the Santa Clara Radio Association at San Jose July 17.

In addition several other attractions are planned for the "hams."

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**Eastbay Radio Hams  
Plan to Hold Barbecue**

SAN JOSE, July 5.—There'll be a lot of Oakland and Eastbay hams at a barbecue here July 17, but none of them will be on the menu.

The hams in question are amateur radio operators, and they'll join others from San Francisco and the Santa Clara Valley in a hamfest and barbecue at Wieland's Gardens here.

The Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association is the host organization. President Roy Couzin points out that while steak will be the main feature of the menu, the scene of the affair is a brewery. Couzin says there will be special features in addition to the food and refreshments. The party starts at 7 p.m.

The hams are welcome to bring their girl friends (also known as YLs), or their wives (also known as XYLs or OW).

## 'Hams' will gather for San Jose barbecue

Peninsula amateur radio operators will join those of San Francisco and the East Bay for a "hamfest" and barbecue July 17 at Wieland's Gardens, San Jose.

The occasion will be the first trisection event sponsored by the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association since the

war. A large group of members from the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association is expected.

President Roy Couzin says there will be some special features in addition to the steak dinner. Wives and women friends are invited. Reservations may be made by writing the SCCARA at Post Office Box 6, San Jose.

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*San Jose Sentinel*  
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# Amateur Radio Operators To Meet In San Jose

San Jose, July 7—Amateur radio operators from the whole Monterey Bay area are being invited to join those of San Francisco, the east bay and Santa Clara Valley at a barbecue and "hamfest" here Monday evening, July 17, at Wieland's Gardens.

Santa Clara County Amateur Radio association is sponsoring the event. Wives and women friends of the hams are invited. President Roy Couzin says there will be some special features in addition to the steak dinner.

Reservations may be made by writing the SCCARA, P. O. Box 6, San Jose.

# Hams to Attend Big Barbecue July 17

SAN JOSE, July 7.—“Ham” radio operators of the Peninsula area are expected to lay aside their microphones and keys Monday evening, July 17, to join those of San Francisco and the east bay for a barbecue at Wieland's gardens.

The affair will be sponsored by the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio association and will be open to wives and women friends as well as to amateur radio operators.

There will be a steak dinner and other features of special interest to radio “hams,” according to President Roy Couzin. *S. M. Jones*

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July 7*

# 'Hams' Slate Big Barbecue

With Gus (Goldy) Goldstone presiding over the barbecue pit, members of the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association will entertain "ham" operators of San Francisco, Oakland, the Santa Clara Valley and Monterey Bay areas the evening of July 17.

Several hundred amateurs are expected to trek into San Jose for the affair, which will be held at Wieland's Gardens.

The menu will include steak—but no ham.

A full report on arrangements for the barbecue will be presented tomorrow night at a meeting of the SCCARA at 43 S. Third St. President Roy Couzin reports there will be some interesting features in addition to the dinner.

All radio amateurs, their YLs, XYLs (or OWs) are welcome, Couzin says. Reservations may be made by writing the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association at P.O. Box 6, San Jose.

# Los Gatos Ham Operators to Join In Area Barbecue

Amateur radio operators of Los Gatos and Saratoga will join those of the San Francisco, East Bay, Monterey bay, and Santa Clara valley areas in a barbecue and "hamfest" next Monday evening, July 17, at Wieland's Gardens in San Jose.

It will be a case of the hams eating steak, according to Roy Couzin of Los Gatos, president of the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio association, the sponsoring organization.

The amateurs are invited to bring their ladies, but Couzin urges that any who plan to attend drop the SCCARA a post card at P.O. Box 6, San Jose, so that the committee will know how many to plan for.

Gus "Goldy" Goldstone will preside at the barbecue pit.

# San Jose Plans Barbecue for *July 10* 'Hams' of Area

SAN JOSE—Amateur radio operators of the Salinas valley and Monterey bay area are being invited to join those from San Francisco, Oakland and the Santa Clara Valley at a barbecue and "ham-fest" here Monday evening, July 17.

The steak dinner will be served at Wieland's Gardens at 7 p.m. Hams who wish to make reservations should mail a post card to the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio association, P.O. Box 6, San Jose, Calif. Wives and women friends will be welcome, according to Roy Couzin, president of the SCCARA. *Salinas Californian*

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# *Radio 'Hams' Will Convene July 17 in San Jose for Picnic*

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SAN JOSE, July 11—All roads lead to San Jose next Monday evening, July 17, for amateur radio operators of San Francisco, East Bay, Monterey Bay and the Santa Clara valley.

The "hams" will converge on Wieland's Gardens for a barbecue and hamfest sponsored by the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association. The steak (no ham) dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Roy Couzin, president of the SCCARA, says the ladies will be welcome. Prospective participants should mail reservations to the SCCARA at P. O. Box 6, San Jose.

*Monterey Valley*

# Radio "Hams" Meet At San Jose

Monterey Bay area radio "hams" are expected to lay aside their microphones and keys Monday evening, July 17, to attend a barbecue and "hamfest" at Wieland's Gardens in San Jose. The event will be a tri-section affair with amateur operators from San Francisco and the east bay joining those of the Santa Clara Valley in the festivities.

The event is being sponsored by the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association, which also invites the wives and friends of the "hams" to accompany them. There will be some special features in addition to the steak dinner, according to President Roy Couzin.

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Peninsula  
Herald  
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# Radio And TV

## The Bay Area's Hams Will Meet And Unmask

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

The air is filled these summer nights, with the short wave call "CQ." To the average listener, it is meaningless, but to 120,000 radio amateurs across the world it is the plaintive code call of the lonely ham looking for a mate.

Tonight in San Jose most of the calls will go unanswered while several hundred ham (amateur) operators from San Francisco, the Peninsula, Monterey, and the East Bay get together for a barbecue at Wieland's Gardens to see what the other guy looks like.

"In some cases two chaps in the same area will have talked to each other for years before they finally meet face to face. When it comes to station call letters, they're old friends, but when it comes to names and faces, they're often strangers," said operator W6CFK, otherwise known as Dick Barrett of San Jose.

### THE UNMASKING

Tonight at Wielands they'll remove their call-letter masks and show their faces. (When I recall the beautiful radio voice of Edna Mae Oliver, I'm thinking some of the gang may be in for a terrible shock.)

The story of the "ham" radio operator is the story of one of the most closely knit "underground" activities in the world. The ham network reaches out into places where the big entertainment networks fear to tread. It joins the most improbable types of people in their common devotion to amateur radio. Princes, bus drivers, interior decorators and grocerymen sit by their "rigs" at night and talk endlessly with their friends all over the world.

Herbert Hoover Jr., Prince Abdel Moneim of Egypt, Amos of Amos 'n Andy, and, quite likely, someone in your neighborhood, are all ardent hams. (If you want to talk to Amos, just call amateur station W6QUT.) They have a language of their own and they speak it in code, in voice, and recently on television.

### VOICE PREFERRED

A knowledge of Morse or International Code is necessary to obtain one of the coveted licenses, but most of the new hams use voice. "A few of us old-timers, still prefer to work in code, but we're in the minority," said W6CFK, sadly. A ham speaks of his girl friend as his YL (young lady), his wife as an XYL (ex-young lady) or more often the OW (old woman). The general listening radio public is rejected as just a bunch of BCLs (broadcast listeners).

Occasionally Arthur Godfrey or Fred Allen may straddle the center line of impropriety. Sometimes, too, an unrehearsed quiz contestant comes up with some nice rich phrases. But things are different on the amateur network which has an unusual record of discipline. An operator using obscene or off color language is in danger of being removed from his license. If the FCC doesn't catch him, his brother operators will. And apparently there's been many a fratricide over this problem in the short wave family. The Hams want to keep their air clean.

### EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Ham groups throughout the Bay Area are completely organized in case of an emergency. They can send and receive messages on emergency power and with a minimum of equipment. During hurricanes, floods and other disasters, when telephone connections are broken and power failure forces the big networks off the air, it's often a volunteer ham, shivering in his basement radio "shack," who gets the calls through.

One story told recently is about the ham in South Africa who told another ham in Oakland that his wife was locked out of the house. The locked-out wife, worried over a cake in her oven, walked across the street to the home of another amateur who was talking to South Africa at the time, and had the message relayed thousands of miles to her husband who was 100 yards away. Yeah—he let her in.

# Radio 'Hams' Hold Barbecue Tonight

Several hundred amateur radio operators of the San Francisco Bay Area, Santa Clara Valley and Monterey Bay area are expected to gather at Wieland's gardens at 7 o'clock this evening for barbecue.

The Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association will be entertaining the "ham" operators at a tri-section hamfest. A steak dinner will be served by Gus (Goldy) Goldstone.

There will be a number of features in addition to the steak, beans, green salad, corn on the cob and beverages to interest the hams, according to Roy Couzin, president of the SCCARA.

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