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Meeting: Monday, September 9, 1974
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: Red Cross Building, 333 McKendrie Street, San Jose

As this bulletin goes to press, the September program has not been finalized. Even an organization specializing in communication techniques sometimes experiences problems in communicating. Vacations, holidays, etc. have caused interference in this instance. Come, anyway, on September 9.

In August our Pacific Division Director Jean A. Gmelin, W6ZRJ, gave us an entertaining evening as he filled us in on the happenings at the A.R.R.L. Convention at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Jean and Al Gaetano, W6VZT, took their wives, and the girls had a delightful time on the East Coast. Also, Sam Teresi, W6EOA, was there for the convention. All in all, we had an enjoyable evening as we learned of all the interesting events. For the highlights of the Board Meeting see your September QST, page 74.

Greg Estep, WA6BBV, Chico, Curtis Behrans, WA6JQC, Sunnyvale, Marc Goldman, WB6DCE, Cupertino, and Ralph Hinshaw, W7APK, from the state of Washington were guests at our meeting.

Flea Market - September 14 - at the Velvet Coach Restaurant's parking lot. This is the same location we had last year for our first flea market. It is on Coleman Avenue near Taylor Street across from the Southern Pacific R.R. piggy back yard. Refreshments and food will be available at reasonable prices at the bar and restaurant of our host, the Velvet Coach. Spaces will be available at 9:00 A.M. at \$3.00 per space or \$5.00 for two spaces. Bargaining will begin at 10:00 A.M. Good weather is anticipated. Come with your stock electronic-hobby-related goodies. Have a good day of trading!

West Valley Amateur Radio Association is again conducting courses in Code and Theory for both novice and general license aspirants at the Los Gatos High School. For date and time contact West Valley A.R.A.

On Monday nights beginning September 16, Frank Glass, K6RQ, is conducting a class at Leigh High School Center under the auspices of the San Jose Metropolitan Adult Education Program. It is to prepare candidates for commercial and amateur licenses. There is a \$2.00 fee. Registration starts September 3.

On October 14 we shall have the pleasure of a presentation by Stan Benson, K6CBK, assisted by his most efficient XYL, Rella. Stan always has the most interesting talks and demonstrations related to antennas and specific antenna problems. Be on time to enjoy the entire program.

In October we shall also have nominations for next year's officers.

The Pacific Division Convention is coming up October 25 - 27 at the Royal Coach in San Mateo. Watch for particulars in the next bulletin. Promises to be fun.

In November we shall have Chuck Towns, K6LFH, president of the OSCAR program tell us about his recent African safari. Remembering his presentation at previous meetings, we know this will be another interesting evening. You will want to read Chuck's article, "The Oaxaca Experience", in the September QST.

The election of officers will also take place in November.

December 5 has been chosen as the date for our Christmas dinner. It will be held at the Velvet Coach. Watch for details in coming bulletins.

The ARRL announced that membership dues will go up to \$9.00 in the U.S. effective next January! In QST they give us ample warning and plenty of time to renew at the old rates before the end of the year. You may sign up for any number of years in advance at the current rate of \$7.50 per year. QST mentions that the best bargain of all is a Life Membership at twenty times the current annual rate. It can be paid either in a lump sum or in quarterly installments without interest over a two year period. See our treasurer Bill Walters, W6MKE, if you want to take advantage of the lower rate.

Incidentally, it has been suggested that S.C.C.A.R.A. and W.V.A.R.A. have a contest to see which organization can sign up the greater number of Life Members.

Did you see the picture of Richard D. Joy of Santa Rosa in the August 20 issue of the San Jose Mercury? Joy is a blind and deaf ham radio operator and also an electronics assembler with Hewlett-Packard Micro Wave Division. He broadcasts in Morse Code. Joy has designed a vibrator that allows him to sense radio signals through his fingers. He has also constructed a sounding board through which he perceives music by vibration through his hands and feet. Richard Joy was named California Rehabilitant of the Year by a special state committee.

In the August 31 copy of Business Week it states that Charles B. Tandy, chairman of the Tandy Corporation, is planning to establish Radio Shack outlets in Europe. Those fellow hams who occasionally patronize Radio Shack may visit European outlets in case they happen to be overseas in the foreseeable future.

Returning to the local scene, our president Bill Vette, K6TXR, wrote an interesting article for the "Solid State News" column of 73 Magazine. It appears on page 14 of the August issue. Wayne Green, W2NSD/1, editor, is asking readers to write and tell him which of the several contributors they like best. His office will tally the results and accept the contributor who receives the most favorable reader response. Let us give our president the support he deserves for his fine article. Send your comment to Editor, 73 Magazine, Peterborough, New Hampshire, 03458.

Hope to see you on September 9.

"73" de Jeannette, WN6VKB

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