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ALL TIME SS RECORD! NEW MANAGEMENT SPEAKS K6SG BASH

FLASH !! THE ARRL BLEW IT IN TOTALLING OUR CLUB SS SCORE FOR PUBLICATION IN MAY '80 QST. GARY HAS JUST RECEIVED A LETTER OF APOLOGY INDICATING SIX LOGS WITH A TOTAL OF OVER 600,000 POINTS WERE INCORRECTLY OMMITED FROM OUR SCORE. THE CORRECTED SCORE IS WELL OVER 15,000,000 PTS.
A NEW ALL TIME SS RECORD

NCCC MAY MEETING

THE SUBJECT OF THE MAY MEETING WILL BE THE PRESENTATION BY THE NEW BOD OF IDEAS FOR CLUB DIRECTION AND CONTEST PARTICIPATION FOR THE 1980/81 YEAR. SOME OF THESE THOUGHTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE JUG. AN OPEN FORUM WILL BE HELD - LET'S HEAR YOUR IDEAS.

COMING EVENTS

MAY 24-25: CQ WPX CONTEST, PH.

JUNE 14-15: ARRL VHF QSO PARTY

MAY 26: NCCC MEETING, 7:30 PM
CWA HALL, HAYWARD
(SEE MAP)

JUNE 21-22: ALL ASIA CONTEST, PH.

JUNE 23: NCCC MEETING, HAYWARD

JUNE 7: NCCC SUMMER PICNIC, NOON
AT K6SG - SEE ANNC. AND MAP

JUNE 28-29: FIELD DAY

LET'S HEAR IT FROM OUR NEW PREXY

THE NCCC HAS CONCLUDED A SUPER YEAR UNDER THE ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP OF GARY, WA6VEF. GARY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB, PERSONALLY RECRUITING AND IMPROVING OUR PR BY CONDUCTING HIS CONTESTING SLIDE SHOW AT MANY LOCAL RADIO CLUBS AND ORGANIZING OUR WINNING SS EFFORT.

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AND NOW, FROM OUR NEW VP/CC

"NCCC #1 IN SS" - THERE SIMPLE WORDS STENCILED ON OUR BRIGHT ORANGE T-SHIRTS WERE ONLY A DREAM IN 1975. TODAY OUR CLUB IS UNQUESTIONABLY ALL-TIME CHAMP OF THE SS, WITH FIVE STRAIGHT VICTORIES UNDER OUR BELTS. LAST YEAR WE HAD OVER DOUBLE THE SCORE OF OUR NEAREST COMPETITOR.

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AND MORE FROM VP/CC
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ALL THIS IN ADDITION TO HIS PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES AND CONTESTING. WE OWE HIM A VOTE OF THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. IT IS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW.

OUR CONTESTING ACTIVITIES LAST YEAR WERE GRATIFYING. WE HAVE TOTALLY ELIMINATED ANY SERIOUS COMPETITION IN THE SS WITH THE OTHER MAJOR CLUBS TURNING IN MUCH LOWER SCORES AND FEWER ENTRIES IN '79 THAN IN PAST YEARS IN SPITE OF GOOD BAND CONDITIONS. WE NOW ESSENTIALLY OWN THE SS. OUR CHALLENGE IS TO IMPROVE OUR YEAR-TO-YEAR SCORES WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF 20 M POINTS BEFORE THE SUNSPOTS DESERT US. OUR CQP WAS A SUPER SUCCESS WITH INCREASED PARTICIPATION AND HIGHER SCORES. THIS IS CERTAINLY THE OUTSTANDING QSO PARTY OF THE YEAR, AND OUR CHALLENGE IS TO MAKE IT EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER WITH ALL 58 COUNTIES ON THE AIR IN 1980. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW COUNTY RECORDS, SO PICK YOURS AND GO TO IT!

OUR ARRL EFFORT GOT OFF TO A BAD START WITH TERRIBLE WEATHER AND POOR BAND COND. BUT IT IS A FUN CONTEST WITH WR6ADM GIVING AN ADDED DIMENSION. A MAJOR QUESTION FOR OUR CLUB CONCERNS OUR PARTICIPATION IN DX CONTESTS. THE OPINION OF ALL MEMBERS WILL BE SOLICITED ON THIS QUESTION.

THE FIRST MEETING OF YOUR NEW BOD WAS HELD ON MAY 8 WITH THE MAIN TASK BEING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED AND HOPEFULLY APPROVED AT THE JUNE MEETING. THE BOARD ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CONTEST ACTIVITIES AND SOME IDEAS FOR INTRA-CLUB COMPETITION. THE BOD URGENTLY NEEDS TO KNOW YOUR WISHES AND THE MAY 26 MEETING WILL BE AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF YOUR IDEAS. BE SURE TO ATTEND AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. ALSO, A NEW QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE SENT WITH JUNE JUG TO COLLECT THE VIEWS OF EACH MEMBER REGARDING NCCC ACTIVITIES.

THE COMING YEAR SHOULD BE A GOOD ONE FOR NCCC. LET'S GET OUR CONTESTING PRIORITIES DEFINED AND THE DO WHAT WE DO BEST - KB!

73,

KEN, K6HNZ

BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS YEAR? SHOULD WE TRY TO BREAK OUR OWN RECORD WITH AN ALL OUT EFFORT - HUNDREDS OF ENTRIES, PHONE CALLS TO EVERY MEMBER, TWISTING THE ARM OF THE CW OPS TO GET THEM FOR PHONE? OR SHOULD WE EMPHASIZE ANOTHER CONTEST, SUCH AS THE ARRL DX OR WPX?

AT THE MAY MEETING, I HOPE THAT THESE TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED. I FEEL THAT OUR CLUB CAN EASILY WIN THE SS THIS YEAR, WITHOUT A MAJOR ORGANIZED EFFORT. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO WIN THE ARRL DX, IF INDEED THIS IS POSSIBLE FROM THE WEST COAST, WE WOULD HAVE TO MUSTER ALL OF OUR TALENT. ALMOST EVERY STATION WOULD HAVE TO BE FULL BORE; ALMOST EVERY OPERATOR WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A STATION.

BUT, IS THIS WHAT WE REALLY WANT? AFTER ALL, THE MAIN REASON PEOPLE GET ON THE AIR IN A CONTEST IS TO HAVE FUN, AND IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A SMALL STATION TO HAVE MUCH FUN IN A DX CONTEST. AT THE MAY MEETING I INTEND TO PRESENT AN IDEA WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY GARY. THE PLAN IS TO DIVIDE THE NCCC INTO TEAMS, WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE, CONSIST OF A M/M; 10 M/S; AND 6 SB'S (NO, THAT'S SINGLE BAND-ED), AND SO ON. THE TEAMS WOULD BE CHOSEN BY A DRAFT, CAPTAINS TO ORGANIZE THE EFFORTS OF HIS TEAM. EVERY MEMBER WHO WANTS TO JOIN IN THE CONTEST WOULD BE ASSURED OF A SPOT ON A TEAM. SMALL STATIONS ON ONE TEAM WOULD BE COMPETING AGAINST SIMILAR STATIONS ON THE OPPOSING TEAMS, AND THE WINNER OF THIS HEAD-TO-HEAR COMPETITION WOULD GENERATE 5 POINTS FOR HIS TEAM. THE TEAM ACCUMULATING THE MOST POINTS IN THIS MANNER WOULD BE DECLARED THE OVERALL WINNER. REMEMBER, THIS IS JUST A PROPOSAL, AND I HOPE TO PRESENT MORE DETAILS AT THE MAY MEETING. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE AN INTERESTING WAY TO PROMOTE CLUB ACTIVITY, AND IT WOULD ALSO MAKE THE CONTEST A LOT MORE FUN FOR BOTH BIG AND LITTLE GUNS. LET ME KNOW HOW YOU FEEL AT THE MAY 26 MEETING.

73,

BOB, N6TV

NCCC SUMMER PICNIC - THE K6SG BASH

TRIBUTE TO WA6GJH

HIS YEAR'S PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7 FROM NOON UNTIL DARK AT K6SG'S HOME IN CARMICHAEL (NEAR SACRAMENTO).

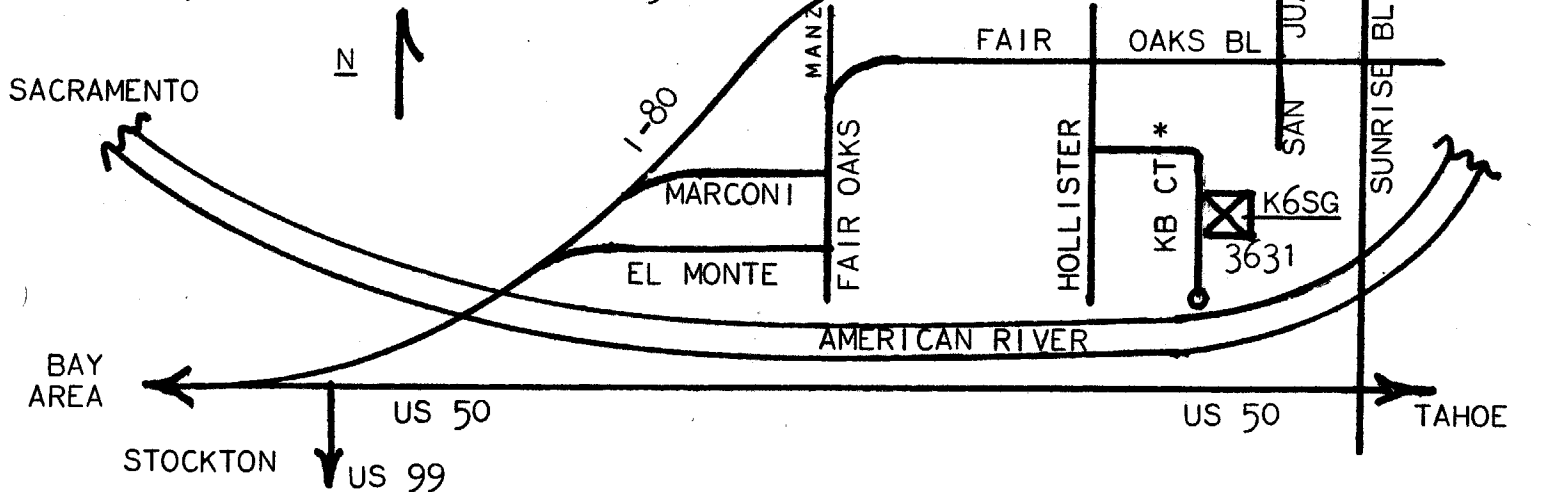
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SWIMMING, AT W8KZH'S QTH JUST TWO DOORS DOWN THE STREET, FRISBEE AND HORSESHOES (YOU BRING THE GEAR), BEER GUZZLING, RAFTING, AND OTHER SPORTS. RAFTING! YES, RAFTS ARE FOR RENT NEARBY FOR CRUISING DOWN THE AMERICAN RIVER. GEORGE SUGGESTS THAT THOSE INTERESTED ARRIVE EARLY (9:30-11:00) AND HE WILL GET YOU STARTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE RAFT TRIP TAKES ABOUT 4 HOURS AND ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO PICK YOU UP AT THE END OF THE TRIP.

THE FOOD AND DRINK FORMAT WILL BE THE SAME AS IN THE PAST. HOT DOGS, CHUCK WAGON BEANS (COURTESY K6SG AND W8KZH), BEER (COURTESY K6HNZ) AND POTLUCK DISHES. EACH COUPLE OR MARRIED PERSON ATTENDING WITHOUT SPOUSE BRING A POTLUCK DISH SUCH AS SPAGHETTI AND MEAT BALLS, POTATO OR OTHER COLD SALADS, CASSEROLE OR OTHER HO. DISHES, BUT NO BEANS. THESE DISHES TO SERVE 10-12 PEOPLE. SINGLE PERSONS BRING SNACKS SUCH AS CHIPS AND DIP, CHEESE, CAKE, SOFT DRINKS OR OTHER GOODIES. VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE PICNIC. LOOKING FORWARD SEEING YOU THERE ENJOYING THE FUN.

OUR HOSTS: GEORGE K6SG AND ROMELLE, KA6KKA
BILL, W8KZH AND CAROLYN, K8TSR

HOW TO GET THERE

GEORGE LEONE, K6SG, PH: 916-944-3838
3136 KIEKEBUSCH * CT., *DUTCH FOR KB!
CARMICHAEL, CA TALK-IN: 146.52-S



IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT NCCC NOTE THE PASSING OF FELLOW MEMBER ED SMITH, WA6GJH. ALTHOUGH ED WAS NOT AN ACTIVE CONTESTER, HIS STATION WAS ON THE AIR UNDER VARIOUS CALLSIGNS FOR NCCC IN EVERY SS SINCE 1975. THE STATION WAS ALSO USED FOR SEVERAL CD PARTIES, NA SPRINTS, AND IARU RADIOSPORT CONTESTS. ED'S CONTRIBUTION TO NCCC SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

ED'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE WAS TO HELP OTHERS. IF NOT FOR HIM, I WOULD NOT HAVE AN AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE. WHEN I WAS 13 YEARS OLD ED TOOK ME UNDER HIS WING AND TAUGHT ME THE THEORY AND THE CODE, AND WHEN I RECEIVED MY TICKET AND COULDN'T AFFORD TO BUY RADIO GEAR, HE LET ME USE HIS STATION TO GET ON THE AIR. WHEN I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO AFFORD A SWAN 500-C AND IT NEEDED FACTORY REPAIR, HE LOANED ME HIS RADIO GEAR SO I COULD STAY ON THE AIR. HE WAS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP-- TO ALIGN MY RECEIVER, TO TROUBLESHOOT A BLOWN POWER SUPPLY. TO HELP TRANSPORT ANTENNAS. WHEN I ENTERED COLLEGE HE AND HIS WIFE INSISTED ON BUYING MY TEXT BOOKS FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE TWO WEEKENDS BEFORE THE 1975 SS WHEN HE AND I WORKED FEVERENTLY TO PUT UP HIS TH6DXX AND 402BA SO THAT I COULD KB FOR NCCC IN ITS FIRST MAJOR SS ATTEMPT. ED SMITH WAS A TRUE FRIEND. THOSE OF YOU WHO KNEW ED WELL WILL NEVER FORGET HIM. I KNOW I NEVER WILL.

- GARY CALDWELL, WA6VEF

ARRL DX CONTEST RULE CHANGE SURVEY

THE NEW RULES FOR THE 1980 ARRL DX CONTEST EVOKED LOUD PROTESTS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS. AS A RESULT, A BROAD SURVEY PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED AND THE RESULTS ARE NOW IN. OUR DISTINGUISHED CAC MEMBER, ALAN, K6XO, HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO THE CAC CHAIRMAN:

1980 DX CONTEST SURVEY: FRESNO DX CONVENTION FORUM AND NCCC MEETINGS.

1. MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THE PREVIOUS FORMAT OF NO DX-DX QSO'S BY A 3:1 MARGIN. IF THE NEW FORMAT IS RETAINED, THE VALUES FOR DX-DX QSO'S SHOULD BE ONE POINT, AND THE DX-W/VE QSO'S THREE POINTS EACH.

2. MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THE PREVIOUS MULTIPLIER STRUCTURE OF DXCC COUNTRIES FOR W/VE; PROVINCES AND CONTINENTAL STATES FOR DX STATIONS.

3. MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THE NEW SINGLE BAND ENTRY CATEGORY FOR SINGLE OPS.

4. MAJORITY AGAINST USE OF SPOTTING NETS BY SINGLE OP STATIONS.

5. MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF RETAINING THE CURRENT EXCHANGE. I.E. 599CA - 599020

6. MAJORITY AGAINST EXPANSION OF CERTIFICATE AWARDS AND FEES.

7. MAJORITY FELT THAT THE RULE CHANGES MADE THE CONTEST POORER.

THE SURVEY BROUGHT OUT OTHER COMMENTS:

1. ESTABLISH A SENIOR CITIZEN CATEGORY. (YEA! RIGHT ON-ED.)

2. ELIMINATE 10 MINUTE RULE FOR MULTI-SINGLE ENTRIES.

3. ELIMINATE MULTI-SINGLE CATEGORY.

4. DO NOT USE 30 METER BAND IN FUTURE DX CONTESTS. TOO NARROW.

5. ESTABLISH HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS.

6. ALLOW DX CONTACTS ON VHF/UHF.

OTHER SUBJECTS: MOVE 10 METER CONTEST TO LATE JAN. SPONSOR A QRP CONTEST.

73, ALAN, K6XO

NATIONAL CONTEST JOURNAL
CAC QUESTIONNAIRE REPORT

THE NCJ RECEIVED ANSWERS FROM 227 PEOPLE IN RESPONSE TO THE CAC QUESTIONNAIRE AS OF APRIL 13, 1980. THE ANSWERS CORRESPONDED VERY CLOSELY WITH THOSE RECEIVED BY ALAN, K6XO.

THE SINGLE OPERATOR CATEGORY HAD THE MOST INTERESTING RESPONSE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. ALL- AND SINGLE BAND 40% IN FAVOR
- 2. ALL-, HIGH-, LOW-, SINGLE 33% " "
- 3. ALL-, HIGH-, LOW- 20% " "
- 4. OTHER 7% " "

MAYBE THERE SHOULD BE A RUN-OFF SINCE NO OPINION HAS A MAJORITY!

HOW ONE DX COUNTRY SEES
THE CAC QUESTIONNAIRE

THE AVID CONTESTERS OF FINLAND HAVE THEIR OPINIONS OF THE NEW ARRL DX RULES. IN A RECENT LETTER TO W1RU OF ARRL, MARTTI LAINE, OH2BH SPOKE FOR THE OH CONTESTERS REGARDING THE CAC SURVEY. THE DIFFERENCES IN OPINION FROM THE USA RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. IN FAVOR OF DX-DX QSO'S WITH THREE POINTS FOR W/VE-DX CONTACTS, AND TWO POINTS FOR DX-DX CONTACTS.

2. IN FAVOR OF DX MULTIPLIER OF DXCC COUNTRIES PER BAND.

3. IN FAVOR OF REPLACING SIGNAL REPORT WITH QSO SERIAL NUMBER IN THE EXCHANGE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE BOTH W/VE AND DX. MARTTI'S COMMENT, "SERIAL NUMBER MUST BE USED TO ALLOW CONTEST EXCHANGE CHECKING AND CREATE BETTER OPERATING SKILLS". INTERESTING-

MARTTI OPERATED HIS CT3BZ STATION IN THE 1980 ARRL DX CONTEST. HIS FINAL COMMENT, "NO WAY TO WIN CARIBINS IN THIS CONTEST ! CONSIDERING MOVING TO MEXICO!!! " - ANY VOLUNTEERS ?

NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT-FEB.1980
HIGHLIGHTS

NEW WR6ADM REPEATER HAS CLASS

THE LATEST NCJ REPORTS THE RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY, 1980 NA SPRINT COMPETITION. SEVENTEEN CLUBS PARTICIPATED AND THE TOP SCORING CLUB WAS WA6VEF'S PAPER CLUB-90,575 POINTS. THE INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADER IN THE CLUB WAS N6RO WITH A TOTAL OF 10,716 POINTS. OTHER NCCC MEMBERS OF THIS WINNING TEAM WERE W6TI (REALLY WA6VEF), N6TV, AA6UO, AND AA6G. CONGRATULATIONS TO GARY, KEN AND THE GANG.

THE ALL SOLID STATE WR6ADM REPEATER IS ON THE AIR! EARLY REPORTS INDICATE BETTER SHADOW AREA COVERAGE PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTH EAST BAY AREA. THE ON-THE-AIR SIGNAL IS GREAT AND THE NEW NCCC IDENTIFIER HAS REAL CLASS. EQUALLY CLASSY IS THE EQUIPMENT ITSELF AS SHOWN AT THE APRIL MEETING.

THE NEXT NA SPRING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7, 1980 (GMT)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

NEW MEMBER

WE ARE PLEASED TO GREET OUR NEWEST MEMBER INTO NCCC. HE IS,

WB600L - WHO BUILT THE MACHINE AND MADE IT WORK.

WA6ITV - WHO DONATED THE IDENTIFIER.

AA6G - WHO BUILT THE POWER SUPPLIES.

N6AMG - WHO BUILT THE POWER SUPPLY CHASSIES.

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NET SCHEDULES

WELCOME TO THE CLUB, CHUCK. WILL HAVE YOUR BACKGROUND IN THE JUNE JUG. KB!

THE 75 METER NET MEETS TUESDAYS AT 8:00 PM PDT ON 3815 KHZ. IT WILL FEATURE MINI-CONTESTS WITH RECOGNITION.

ROSTER CHANGES

THE 2 METER NET MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 8:00 PM PDT ON WR6ADM (.84 - .24).

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THE COMING YEAR'S CLUB DUES COME UP JULY 1, 1980. ADVANCED PAYMENT WILL NOT BE REFUSED.

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PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO BOB VALLIO, N6KB, SECT/TREAS. OR SEE HIM AT THE NEXT MEETING(S).

FOR SALE

QUIP OF THE MONTH

TEN TEC POWER SUPPLY,
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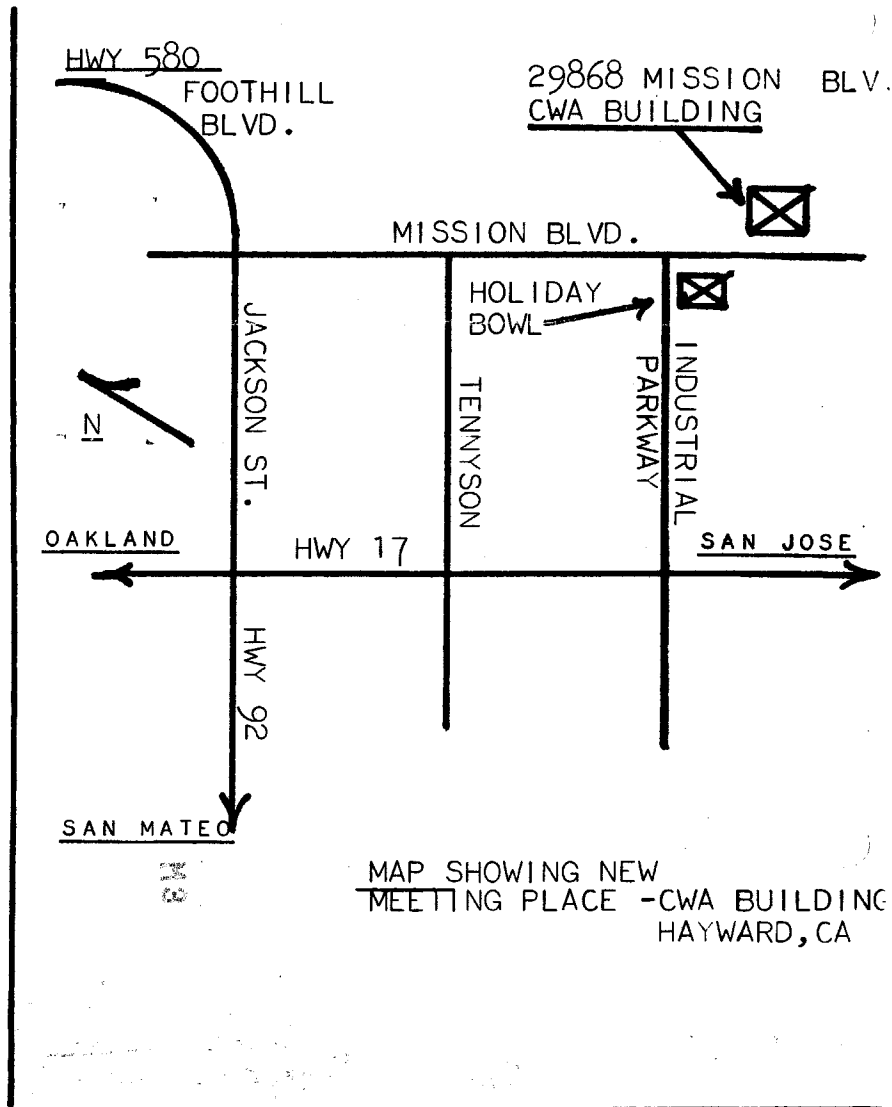
DURING A GATHERING ON THE ADM WED. NIGHT NET, YOUR EDITOR MENTIONED TO N6KB THAT HE'D BEEN WORKING ON THE JUG FOR NINE HOURS THAT DAY- BOB QUICKLY CAME BACK AND EXPLAINED TO ALL THE FAITHFUL, " CAM MEANS THE NEWSLETTER NOT THE XXXX ". THANKS BOB- RU.

JUG DEADLINE

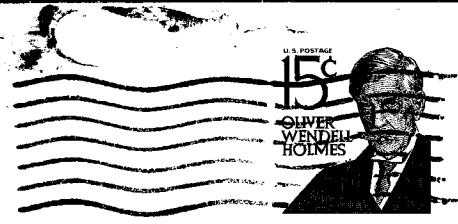
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