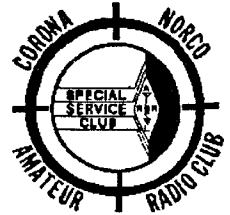




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President's Soapbox.

The Season is upon us and it looks like we will have a great Christmas Meeting. Good food, Good company and door prizes. We will have our regular Lotto drawing as well as the drawing for the equipment fund prize... a Tourmaline and Diamond ring. Marcie tells me at this time there about forty (40) signed up. If you are planning to attend, get your reservation to Marcie or give her a call. Also we will be setting the room up about 6:30 p.m. A few warm bodies to assist would be appreciated. Our new officers for 1994 are:

President:	Mike, KN6KH
Vice President:	Marcie, KD6QFA
Secretary:	Allen, KD6OKT
Treasurer:	Roy, KB6OWJ
Public Service:	Norm, KN6CV
Editor:	Dick, N6XUC

As outgoing President I feel we have had a good and productive year and I know the future under the new Board will be even better. See you at the Christmas meeting.

HAPPY HAMMING and 73....

Dick, N6XUC

Packet is a grand experiment in digital communications that began in the 1980's, but may grind to a halt due to infighting among sysops.

from November 1993 ARNS
from the August '91 Red River Radio
Flyer (Fargo, ND) via the June '93
Milford ARC "Collector & Emitter" -
N8SMD, Editor

CNARC Meeting December 1993

Topic: Christmas Party

Date/Time: 7:30 pm Monday
December 6, 1993

Hope you're all geared up for our **Christmas Meeting and Party!** Our D.J., Larry, KB6GQE, would like to know what kind of music we want. Suggestions so far are a combination of big band, '50's & '60's, and country western. As for food, the club is buying turkey and ham with our membership rounding out the potluck with other dishes. Admission for the party is \$2.00 per person. The money will be used for drawing prizes. Each paid admission is good for one ticket for the drawing.

Tickets for the special equipment fund drawing will be sold separately at the meeting. Dick, N6XUC, has donated a beautiful ring for the special drawing.

Please complete the reservation form on page 4 and mail it to me by November 29th. Please keep in mind that the Senior Citizens Center does not allow alcoholic beverages on the premises. We look forward to seeing you on December 6th for a special evening of fun with fellow hams and their families.

'73 de KD6QFA

Attention CNARC Members

It's time to renew your CNARC membership for 1994. An application form is included on Page 6 of this issue.

CNARC General Meeting November 1, 1993

President N6XUC called the meeting to order at 07:30 PM followed by introductions.

KC6YRH presented the Treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$710.30 in the General Fund and \$418.65 in the Equipment Fund for a total of \$1128.95. The new price for badges is \$6.30. Please see Art if you want a badge.

The slate of candidates for 1994 was presented by the Election Committee. There were no additional nominees from the floor. The slate was: President, KN6KH; Vice-President, KD6QFA; Secretary, KD6OKT and KD6KRK; Treasurer, KB6OWJ; Public Service Coordinator, KN6CV and KD6QCS; Editor, N6XUC. KD67QCO moved and KD6TPS seconded a motion to accept the nominees with no opponents and to vote for the two contested offices. The motion was accepted unanimously. The vote results are: Secretary: KD6OKT and Public Service Coordinator: KN6CV.

Larry, KB6GQE, will provide the music for the Christmas Party. Contact (Cont'd next column).....

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Marcie, KD6QFA, to sign up for the party. There will be a \$2.00 charge per person. Please let Marcie know what type of food you will bring. The club is providing turkey, ham and drinks.

Dan, KD6QCO, read an amusing story he got from packet radio about a ham's encounter with a barrel of tools on his 80 foot tower.

The Lotto tickets were won by KD6OKT and KC6NZV. The belt buckle and bolo set was won by KD6OWJ.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by AF6F.



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Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing that we see too late the one that is open.

Alexander Graham Bell

CODE KEEPING YOU FROM UPGRADING?

by Alan Welch, KD6OKT

Is the fear of the morse code keeping you from upgrading to a higher class license? Do you want to work DX on HF and wonder if you will ever make it because of the code? There may be a way to reach that goal.

In October of 1992 I received my no-code tech license and decided I didn't need anything more. I was happy talking to new found friends on 2 meters and 440.

However, in July of 1993 I got the bug to get on HF. I knew that I would need to pass the 13 wpm code test to upgrade to a General license that would give me the privileges I would want on the low bands.

I read an article in the "Accent" section of the *Orange County Register* newspaper that said there was an "EASY" way to learn the code. I thought if it was "EASY" maybe even I could do it. It described the CODE QUICK system from Dr. Jerry Wheeler in Fullerton, CA. I drove to Fullerton and paid my \$40 and picked up a set of tapes.

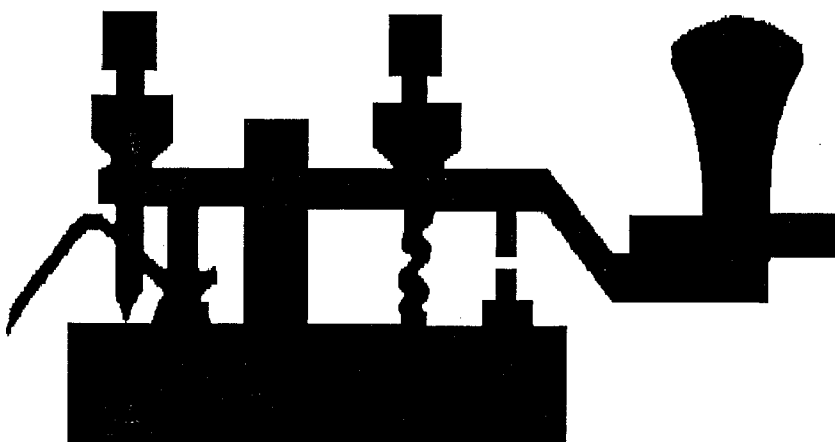
This system teaches you the code by hearing the letters as language. Each symbol is heard as simple English words or phrases. The code is given sound alike English patterns which easily associate with past learning and with the letter in question. For instance, the letter "M" is remembered by the pattern "Ma Ma." You will soon remember the letter "L" by the words, "A light is lit."

Some of the visual symbols used in the system may seem foolish, disgusting, or crude. They may even make you embarrassed! The letter "D" is represented by a picture of a dog that has just left a "deposit" on the carpet. The phrase associated with the letter "D" is "Dog did it." Once you see the picture and hear the phrase you never forget it.

This system worked for me quickly. My 20 year old son learned half of the morse code in about 5 sessions in two weeks. A good friend and co-worker, KD6YWM Anthony, used the tapes and passed the 13 wpm with a 100% after one month of study sessions. I took my 5 wpm test on August 14, 1993 and passed with 100%. I took my 13 wpm test on Sept. 8 and passed with 100%. I took my General test on Sept. 12 and passed. I also took my Advanced test on October 2, and passed. I'm currently waiting for my new advanced call. And all this thanks to a dog and a carpet!!!

If you want any more information,
you can contact:

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Wheeler Applied Research
508 Blue Water
Fullerton, CA 92631
1-800-782-4869



de KN6KH.....

I would like to thank all of you for the show of confidence in selecting me to be the president of CNARC for next year. I will do my best to make next year as productive for the club, for each member, and for the community as the past board has done. I think we should all warmly thank the outgoing board for the great job they did in 1993.

We have several new, and some familiar faces on the board for 1994 and I'm looking forward to working with them and all of you over the next year. We start the year as a club in tremendous shape. Lots of active members, money in the bank, and a comfortable meeting room at the senior center. We need to continue to build on the strong base we have so that CNARC can become an asset to the communities of Corona AND Norco.

As a club, I would like to see us focus on bringing new members into the organization. This can be accomplished in two ways. First, by the continuation of the Technician training classes that have been so successful and second, by seeking out licensed HAMS already living in the community. When I checked the last update of the database, there were over 400 licensed hams in Corona and Norco.

We should also be working on our own personal growth in the hobby. I would like to see everyone upgrade one class of license during the year. This goes for me too. If you are already an Extra Class, how about becoming a VE, or getting your WAS/QRP. Maybe a class on general theory, or code would be helpful. Let me know what you think and what you're willing to help us do.

Finally, I think the greatest service that amateur radio has to offer to the community is emergency service. I think our number one goal for the year should be to upgrade our skills, our procedures, and our capabilities in emergency preparedness. When disaster strikes, we won't have time to learn what to do, we will have to respond automatically. In the next few months, the board will be asking for help from all of you in this effort.

Again, thank you for your faith in me and in the those you have chosen to serve you. If at any time you have any questions, comments, or even complaints, please feel free to contact me or any member of the board.

1993 CNARC Christmas Meeting Reservation

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Number Attending: Adults _____ Children: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Specific Music Requests: _____

Please check one of the following to indicate food you are bringing:

Salad _____ Vegetables _____ Dessert _____ Bread/Butter _____

Mail reservation form by November 29, 1993 to:

Marcie Fitzwater, KD6QFA
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Norco, California 91760

Digital Digest
by Mike Frasier, KN6KH
KN6KH @W6TJ.#SOCA.CA.USA.NA

For those of you who only like to work HF and DX there is even a use of VHF packet for you. A network of packet bulletin boards has been linked together across southern California and is known as the PacketCluster. Each of the local PacketCluster boards is a full service BBS, but their main function is to provide DX information to all interested amateurs. Our local entry station to the network is N7QQ found on 145.660 Mhz. This station is located in Chino Hills, so it is easy to reach from anywhere in this area. Tune to 145.660 and monitor the activity on the network. Next, connect to N7QQ and you will see something like the following:

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*** CONNECTED to N7QQ [11/14/93 19:46:51]
Hi Mike! Welcome to the Inland Empire DX PacketCluster System
Cluster: 13 nodes, 17 local / 108 total users Max users 610 Uptime 2 07:57
KN6KH de N7QQ 15-Nov-1993 0412Z Type H or ? for help >
```

The commands for the PacketCluster are different than the standard BBS, so we will only look at a few of the more useful commands for DX work. Enter the following command:

sh/dx

This is short for Show/DX. It will list the last 5 DX "spots" reported to the system. The output looks like this:

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3505.4 A25/OH7XM 15-Nov-1993 0325Z <K6FG>
14031.0 V73C 15-Nov-1993 0221Z .. <KK6XN>
10105.0 3B9FR 15-Nov-1993 0148Z <WA6ZJC>
14226.0 3X0DEX 15-Nov-1993 0051Z qsb on noisey band <N6TD>
28353.0 ZK1AT 15-Nov-1993 0043Z NORTH COOK <KD6LNY>
KN6KH de N7QQ 15-Nov 0413Z >
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Listed in order are the frequency, call-sign and time of the DX spot. This is followed by any comments the spotting station wants to insert and the call-sign of the spotter. This is a quick check on the status of the bands and of current propagation. There are lots of SHOW commands and a brief list is shown below.

Command: SHOW The SHOW command is used to display certain information on the PacketCluster.

Syntax: SHow/qualifier

Additional help available for the following SHOW qualifiers:

/ANNOUNCE	/ARCHIVE	/BULLADDR	/BULLETINS
/CLUSTER	/COMMANDS	/CONFIGURATION	/DISTRO
/DX	/EXCLUDE	/FILES	/FILTER
/FORWARD	/HEADING	/INACTIVITY	/LOCATION
/LOG	/LOGON_MESSAGES	/MUF	/NEED
/NOTICE	/PREFIX	/STATE	/STATION
/SUN	/TIME	/USERS	/VERSION
/WWV	/WX		

The PacketCluster can also be used to send and receive E-Mail, but that is not its first priority. Next time you turn on your packet station, tune over to 145.660, connect to the PacketCluster and, do some exploring.

Keyboard Player

Our program, which art in memory,
 Hello be thy name.
 The O/S come.
 Thy command be done,
 On the printer as it is on-screen.
 Forgive us this day our I/O errors,
 As we forgive those
 Whose software offends us.
 Lead us not unto frustration
 And deliver us from power surges,
 For thine is the Algorhytham,
 The application,
 And the solution-
 Looping forever and ever.
 Return.

from the November ARNS
 from the May '93 Indiana County RC
 "The Sine of the Times" -
 W3FVU Editor

Bits & Pieces

- * Knowledge is thin stuff - until you mix it with experience.
 - * You don't get any taller by cutting off another person's leg.
 - * The speed of the leader sets the pace of the pack.
 - * There are no shortcuts to anyplace worth going.
 - * Show me a good loser, and I'll show you someone playing golf with the boss.
- from the June '93 "Salisbury Kiwanian"
- * Diplomacy is saying "nice doggy" until you find a rock.

from the November 1993 ARNS, from the June '93 "CARS Newsletter." All the above are via the Sept. '93 Rowan (North Carolina) ARS "Harmonics" - Ralph Brown, WB4AQK, Editor

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CALL: _____ CLASS: _____
 NAME: _____ BIRTHDAY: _____
 (Month/Day)
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY/STATE: _____
 PHONE: HOME: _____ BUSINESS: _____
 CLUB BADGES: If you want one, name on badge? _____

LIST ANY HAM RADIO ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH YOU HOLD MEMBERSHIP


_____ ARRL _____ RACES _____ ARES _____ OTHER

Areas for Ham interest, operation bands, etc.: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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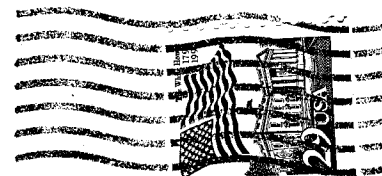
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Monday, Dec. 6, 1993, 7:30 pm	General Club Meeting Senior Citizens Center Tenth & Belle, Corona
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1993, 8:00 am	Monthly CNARC Breakfast Location to be announced. Check-in on local frequency.
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1993, 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Senior Citizens Center Tenth & Belle, Corona
Thursdays, 11:30 am	Weekly Cnarc Lunch Grinders Restaurant South Main Street, Corona

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