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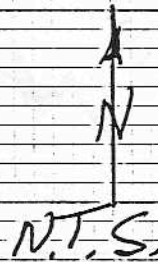
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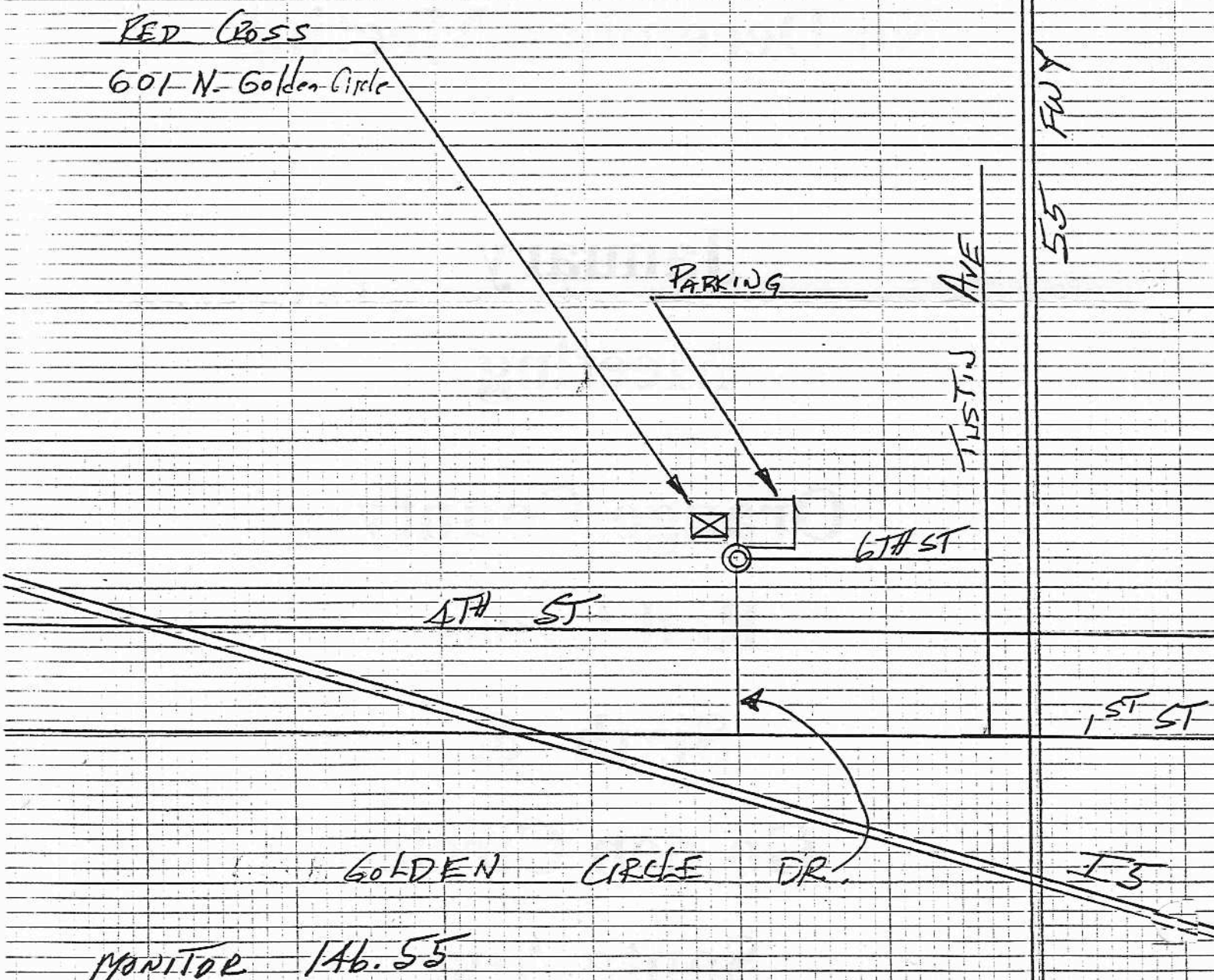
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NETNEWS

11/2 15m phone net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in VDP, VFC, COJ, & IXN. IXN gets a landline frm CTI, Ben, in Placerville, and arrives on the net a little late. VDP, suffering frm sum unknown ailment, is slowly improving after an antibiotic regimen! AF6C, off work Mon. & Tues. wid a virus, tells OPs he had a vertical ant. sum yrs back. He, VDP & COJ will try to get to the Club Bfast Sat. morn. VFC's leg surgery is successful and Dennis picks up a new KWD 690! VFC 73s to get up & stretch the mending leg! IXN tells VFC the audio on the new rig is excellent! COJ talks wid NGO after his arrival frm JA land yesterday. And Dave also talked wid K6ZP abt a possible Club presentation in the near future!

11/2 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in ZH & TAM, XTJ, EMQ, VDP, RE, BWH, & TWA. ZH says he will be guest editor fer Nov. RF! And TAM says we still need Pub. Rel. & Activities Chmn., plus a Treasurer. fer next year's Board of Directors! TAM has sum minor surgery in the near future, and ZH wrks the CQ WW SSB Contest, single OP, gamering 315 QSOs, 82 zones, 151 countries, & 191,000 points! XTJ, working the day shift fer sum advanced training, gets a rare chance to be wid us on the net! XTJ congrats. FD OPs fer the fine job in June! Besides building a new computer, Jim busied himself wid the Gorman off-road Rally fer professional & amateur drivers of small 4-wheel drive off-road vehicles. Jim helped wid communications fer the Event. As fer Halloween events at BWH's QTH, "The sun came up & the sun went dwn", which Bob followed wid Newsline (OSCAR 21 has ceased operations!). Tnx, Bob! EMQ gives sched fer the PAL ham auction in LB on Nov. 5. Victor will be at the Club Bfast Sat. VDP has less of the stomach & back pains now, & Larry hasn't felt like doing much hamming the past week! RE contemplates building a fire in the fireplace, but the QTH remains warm enuf widout it! Alex picks up a new interface fer the RTTY at Navy/Marine Corps MARS in San Diego. However, the Radio Shack digital signal processor fails to perform as expected! Alex reads ARRL bulletins, telling us that Pres. Clinton has signed the Amateur Radio Support Bill into law! ONZ is a late check-in. Don tells us Cindy, OPI, is fine & still working wid the RC wid the Texas Floods! TWA tells us that the EMA has stopped concreting the SA River Channel at the Golf Course!

11/3 40m CW net - W6ZE/RND checks in IXN, NG7D, & NT. IXN says there shud be a gud turnout of OPs fer the Club Bfast Sat. NT just gets in...Ray is back working agn! IXN is glad it's NT & not him! And NG7D works XF4M on Socorro off the Mexican coast on 30m! And John has worked 33 states, leaving 17 to go, on the RS-12 satellite. This brings congrats frm RND! NT is 'out of touch' wid things on 'the back 40'! Ray is bk working at one of the harmonic's business!...Now to find time to check up on the livestock! RND has been busy programming the memory keyer, which he has on line tonite! Now fer the 'SS

Test' this weekend!

11/9 15m phone net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in NGO, IXN & NG7D. NGO is on the 440 wid the other rig in the shop. IXN almost wipes out the C drive on the computer wid DOS RECOVER command. Norton's Utilities saves the day! NG7D says he'd like to see CTCSS on Radio Shacks's new 1,000 channel scanner. AF6C thinks CTCSS would make it scan too slowly! Meantime, AF6C wonders abt the shack looking fer a small watch battery he misplaced! NGO 73s to watch ice skating competition & IXN leaves Bob & John discussing scanners as he gets ready fer the 2m net.

11/9 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in BPX, NG7D, ARU, EMQ, RE, BWH, ZPT, QW, VDP, & VFC. BPX forecasts a gud rainstorm coming our way! And Wyatt & Blanche get the 1st coat of pain on the fence just in time! BWH will not get his QTH painted before the rain! But Bob airs an interesting Newsline...Pres. Clinton signs PL 103-408, supporting amateur radio, into law! NG7D finds the HF bands uncooperative, but the RS-12 still operational! John has worked 35 states on the RS-12 satellite, & he prays for all to send him back QSL cards! And John tells OPs to look at their renewal licenses...no STATION license now! ARU is busy wid unpacking & getting the amateur station bk in operation. Wid an inverted V up, and a vertical in Chuck's future, he'll be all set fer low band openings! Chuck already has 45W up 50 ft. using the dual band AR-270! EMQ 'flies in & flies out'! And RE says N6JII, Paul, is looking fer communications OPs fer the BSA Food Drive on Nov. 19 frm 10 am to 4 pm, wid a need fer OPs at 27 locations! Alex also tells OPs the League has filed comments on Docket 94-59, concerning digital xmissions on the HF bands. ZPT, wid a break in nite school, joins us. Andy has installed 220 in the truck, to be followed by 2m soon! QW runs into a snag in the taxing structure in Spokane. His land is appraised fer Ag usel...Become a farmer, Rolf! And fer county hunters, Rolf says try the County Hunter's Net on 14.336 MHz.! And no moving furniture fer QW this weekend, wid a cold front & possible snow! VDP joins net late as he was taping a 'funny commercials' program. HF bands are bad, but Larry still wants to work the 160 contest nxt month, working fer a WAS. And VDP still has a 10-10 numbers WAS ahead of him, too! VFC is done fer the present wid the knee surgery. Now Dennis uses therapy to heal the remaining surgical wounds! VFC also hears VA & AL on 75m!

11/16 15m phone net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in NGO, IXN, & COJ. NGO & AF6C discuss patching radial tires. And Kei says 20m was open this afternoon. NGO gets the cars lowered, and works on the shower. AF6C & IXN discuss the new MD-90 passenger plane soon to be flying QUIETLY over our heads! COJ, checking in late, asks us to put he & the XYL on the list fer steak at the Christmas dinner.

11/16 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in RE, BPX, AF6C,

BWH, PZF, FUZ, QW, ARU, ZH, EMQ, & VDP. BPX & Blanche remain inside during the rains & cold SA winds! RE builds a fire in the fireplace earlier, & now goes over ARRL Bull.# 90 concerning 24 MHz band action by FCC. Wid TAM in the hospital recovering from abdominal surgery, ZH is a late check-in! Cindy, OPI, landlines BWH!...Seems that Cindy could not raise us on 15m tonite! Cindy expects to be transferred from the Georgia floods to the Fla. hurricane disaster! AF6C says NGO's new rig is still undergoing diagnosis for an intermittent at the factory! PZF says the XYL's potted plants, all lined up on the front porch, had their positions shifted 90 deg. by the SA winds! FUZ puts out a plea for OPs to help with the Tournament of Roses! If interested, call 213-257-3293, Cliff, KB6IA, for further info., or, tune in Thurs. eves. on 147.27+ net, and volunteer there! QW has cold SA winds blowing thru the shack after said winds remove the plastic coax entry from the shack window frame! Some quick patching with old circuit boards and newspaper solved the problem temporarily! Rolf expects escrow to close on the Spokane property in Dec. And Rolf is down to 7 counties for the WAC! ARU enjoys the History of Newsline aired by BWH tonite! Part II comes next week, Chuck! We can't thank Bob, BWH, enough for the effort he makes on the Club's behalf, recording & re-broadcasting Newsline for us each week! And that goes for Alex, RE, too, for his past performance doing the same task! Jane is in Western Med. Center, Rm 714. IXN just finished talking with TAM! She is doing fine & expects to be home in 2 days! TAM says IBR & IBP are doing well. BWH says Steve, KE6NAH, is being recruited for Activities Chmn. next year! EMQ, glad that his ants. survived the SA winds, is stuck on a plateau in code practice. Try copying at a lil' faster speed, Victor! VDP, with remnants of the stomach problem still hanging on, will make another visit to the Doc! And Larry says guy ant. masts above the joints, not below them! VDP has been listening to good 40m CW DX quite a bit! Mike, CGR, & VDP might attend an old radio swapmeet this weekend.

11/17 40m CW net - W6ZE/RND checks in IXN, UVC, NT, & NG7D/QRP. NT gives UVC a 559, IXN a 589, RND a 579, and NG7D/QRP a 599! RND says we should all go QRP! UVC can't hear other OPs too well, either!..Bob will see us at Meeting tomorrow nite. IXN alerts all to the lunar eclipse tonite. And NG7D has 32 states confirmed out of 35 worked on the RS-12! RND & XYL fly up to Salt Lake City over last weekend to visit family...They end up in a foot of snow!...But the harmonics made a snowman! Anyway, John got Christmas pictures for the Christmas cards!

11/23 15m phone net - No net! NGO, VDP, & IXN appear, but no AF6C!

11/23 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in RE, XTJ, BPX, VDP, QW, BWH, TWA/AA, EMQ & BRD. BPX & family will TG dinner at a local restaurant. Wyatt got the sniffles after his flu shot! RE wishes IXN's father a quick recovery from his minor stroke. Alex reads ARRL bulletins, telling us that WZO is

once more ARRL Director, and XD, Vice Director, of the Southwestern Div. Alex & the XYL may also visit a local restaurant for the traditional TG dinner. BWH airs Newsline, then its off to Yucca Valley with the entire family for TG festivities! BWH plays hookey with the TN, leaving Alex to pass the traffic tonite! XTJ gets off work early today allowing him to join us on the net. Jim has been doing some interesting ballistics research tracking bullets at the Army Proving Grounds in Ariz. VDP will TG with his Mom & friends, then it's off to the TRW Swap meet this weekend. XTJ will TG with his Mom in Laguna Hills & likewise visit the TRW Swap Meet this weekend. QW will TG at his wife's sisters' house with a large family get-together. Rolf has 5 Counties left for WAC, 1 in MO, 1 in VA, & 3 in KY! TWA & XYL will AMTRACK to Oceanside, and then to the Brother-in-law's QTH in Carlsbad for TG. EMQ has two turkeys!...But one will be saved for Christmas or New Years! In the meantime, it's back to code practice for Victor! BRD 'flew in & flew out'!

11/30 15m phone net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in NGO, IXN, and VDP. AF6C suffers from narrowed esophagus over TG. But that doesn't keep Bob from trying to pick up a voltmeter in for repair at the Radio Shack doctors! NGO gets his rig back from the radio doctors at Yaesu...It was a cold solder joint! In the meantime, Kei installs a new kitchen sink, and now, to wash down the wall & cabinets in the kitchen! VDP buys a new Mazda van. IXN says he's had good luck with his Mazdas so far! AF6C says HHC bought himself a new IBM clone. That'll keep Ken busy between entertaining VIPs at the QTH, and going over to AF6C's for a little FB on the TV on weekends!

11/30 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in BPX, RE, ZH & TAM, QW, VDP, & BWH/m. BPX & Blanche have a nice TG with the family. RE checks in, reads propagation bulletin, and speeds off to the traffic net with 4 messages! TAM, up & about after recent surgery, tells OPs to CALL NOW to make reservations for the Christmas dinner! Chris plays with the 440 all-mode, solving a transmission problem. And Chris says IBR & IBP are in good health! QW, with 5 more Counties to go, thinks about sneaking home from work to catch these 'illusory lil' devils' if necessary! With 40 deg. WX, some snow, & strong winds in Spokane, Rolf will try his luck at Big Bear this weekend. VDP, visions of working the 160m contest this weekend, tries a matching loop to resonate the ant. better. IXN & VDP discuss the ups & downs of diverticulosis!

Who is N6XTJ?

It has occurred to me that many of our members, both old and new, know me from club meetings but in no other way. Frank, this month's editor, suggested that I write something to introduce myself. Jim Roberts was born in Redlands, California and grew up in Beaumont, Ca. I graduated from Beaumont High School and received my B. S. Degree in Criminalistics From CSU Long Beach just over 20 Years ago.

Many are now scratching their heads and asking what on earth is Criminalistics? The term is synonymous with Forensic Science. I worked for over 14 years for the Illinois State Police Laboratory and now work for the LA County Sheriff's Laboratory. My position is as a Firearm and Toolmark examiner. To simplify it, I am the fellow in the lab that looks through a microscope to tell if the bullet (from the scene of the crime) came from the gun the suspect had. My days consist of laboratory work, field investigation (crime scenes) and court.

I originally became interested in Amateur Radio when I was about 13. A family friend who was a Ham gave me his spare receiver. He had just bought a new contraption called a transceiver so did not need two backups. It was an old Helicopter S20R with a BFO added (even then a boat anchor). Learning to tune that old beast, change tubes and listen to the world on an antenna that I built myself was quite a thrill.

My code came along poorly and it would be almost 25 years before I finally got the 5 WPM behind me, and another year to get to 13. I must admit that there were years of not trying in there, with high school, college and the start of a career. Every

time I did try I was quite frustrated, probably due to a poor start the first time. Red, the family friend, was poor at and didn't like code much, so didn't really know how to teach it. I can't say I've ever grown fond of it myself. It would be nice, however, to see some of the club's better code operators consider offering a class. Elmering is one of Ham Radio's finest traditions and if more people do not get involved with code it may begin to loose spectrum to other modes.

My license class is Advanced, with HF, VHF and UHF equipment in the shack. My primary interests are packet, Amtor-Pactor, HF Mobile and T-hunting. I still find it a thrill to work through an antenna that I've built myself so like to experiment a bit with antennas as well.

Now most of you know much more about me than you wanted to. I'd like to get to know each of you better this year. Please come up and chat with me at the meetings and breakfasts. If you wish to you can drop me an note on packet, my home BBS is K6VE. I usually have a TNC on 441.5 or 145.05.

I enjoy this club a great deal because of the people that make it up and their common interest in enjoying our fine hobby. We can look forward to a good year for the club. I hope all of you will take an interest in the clubs activities. Your involvement is what will make it a good year. For example: we have been close the last three years; maybe we could top our class on field day with everyone's help. I'm sure that I speak for each of the board members when I say, please feel free to contact any one of us if you think we can be of help to you.

Club Nets

Band	Mode	Day	Local Time	Freq mhz	Net Control
15 Meters	SSB	Wed.	8:00pm	21.375*	AF6C
2 Meters	FM	Wed.	8:30pm	146.550 S	WB6IXN
40 Meters	CW	Thurs	7:30pm	7.135*	WA6RND

(Listen for W6ZE, Net Control). * Plus or minus QRM

General Meeting: 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 pm.
Jan 20, 95 601 N Golden Circle, Santa Ana
Feb 17, 95
Mar 17, 95

Board Breakfast: Board meeting is the 1st Saturday @ 8:00am
Jan 07, 95 The Wildflower Restaurant - Members and
Feb 04, 95 visitors welcome. East side of Grand just
Mar 04, 95 south of the 22 freeway.

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