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### W6KW SILENT KEY !!

The following messages were sent to me via one of the local Packet BBS's.....ed:

Hi Mark,

Someone said you were doing the paper for the club for the next few months. Something you may want to include is the notification of the passing away of John Griggs, W6KW. He's been to the club on numerous occasions and was a past director of the ARRL. Many of our old timers know him. I remember a dinner we had with him some years ago. For more information read msgs 2725 and 2727 here on YMH-2. See you soon

Bob, AF6C

#2725, 15 lines from W2KVA 1/09/90 2:01 am  
To: ALL @ ALLSWD Re: (B) W6KW Silent Key

Former Southwestern Division Director and ARRL Honorary Vice President John Griggs, W6KW, became a Silent Key on Saturday morning, January 6, 1990. John was a much beloved amateur in Santa Barbara Section and SW Div. He is survived by his wife Roxanna, K6ELO, and sons Art, KA6UEW, and Bruce.

Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 13, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Los Osos. Talk-in assistance can be found on the San Luis Obispo 2 meter repeater on 146.20/.80.

The family requests that donations be sent to the ARRL Foundation in lieu of flowers.

#2727, 12 lines from W2KVA 1/09/90 2:03 am  
To: ALL @ ALLUS Re: (B) W6KW Silent Key

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The family requests that donations be sent to the ARRL Foundation in lieu of flowers.

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|                       |                     |              |          |
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**CLUB FUNCTIONS**

**MONTHLY MEETING:** 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30PM at:  
 MERCURY SAVINGS & LOAN TUSTIN, CA.  
 Jan 19th 1095 Irvine Blvd. (4th St. becomes Irvine)  
 Feb 16th Talk-in on 146.55 MHz  
 Mar 17th (Take the 4th St. exit of the 55 FREEWAY  
 and head east. Continue about two blocks  
 past Newport Blvd. It's on the left.)

**CLUB BREAKFAST:** 1st. Saturday of each month, 8:00AM at:  
 DENNY'S RESTURANT  
 Jan 6th 2314 E. 17TH Street  
 Santa Ana, CA. (714) 543-0872  
 Feb 3rd (Second building west of the Newport (55) Freeway)

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**CLUB NETS**

| BAND      | MODE | DAY | LOCAL TIME | FREQ MHz | SPLIT | PL | OPERATOR |
|-----------|------|-----|------------|----------|-------|----|----------|
| 2 Meters  | FM   | Wed | 2100 hrs.  | 146.550  | splx  | na | WB6IXN   |
| 15 Meters | SSB  | Wed | 2000 hrs.  | 21.375*  | splx  | na | KD6XD    |
| 15 Meters | CW   | Thu | 2000 hrs.  | 21.175*  | splx  | na | WB6IXN   |

(Listen for W6ZE, net control) \*Plus or minus QRM

**ARES DISTRICT NETS**

|          |    |     |            |         |      |    |        |   |
|----------|----|-----|------------|---------|------|----|--------|---|
| 2 Meters | FM | Mon | 1900 hrs.  | 146.220 | -600 | 1A | N6HQI  | 1 |
| 2 Meters | FM | Mon | ~1915 hrs. | 145.340 | -600 | 4Z | WA6VKZ | 2 |
| 2 Meters | FM | Mon | 1930 hrs.  | noted   | splx | na | noted  | 3 |

1 - ARES Info net. 2 - ARES District 3 net starts after info net is completed (Usually about 1915 hrs).  
 3 - City nets; Orange: 146.565, N6DWF; Tustin: 146.505, WA6VKZ; Santa Ana: 147.585, W6HHC

## N\*I\*S\*T INTRODUCES NEW METHOD OF FREQUENCY MEASUREMENT

Earlier this month, the National Institute for Scientific Tomfoolery released their new system of measurement for use in the Amateur Radio Service, and is modeled after the basic frequency measurement - Hertz.

For you old-timers, Megahertz (MHz), Kiloherzt (kHz) and Gigahertz (GHz) are still being used, so there's absolutely no need to recalibrate those dials and displays.

Here are the newly released measurements, as issued by the Institute on form BS.285574.IT --

AUROHERTZ (AHz) - frequency of earaches suffered from wearing ill-fitting headphones.

BOTMHERTZ (BHz) - frequency of interruptions made by small, noisy children during ARRL sponsored contests.

DIGIHERTZ (DHz) - frequency of pain encountered after countless hours on packet. Can be converted for use on RTTY and AMTOR.

ERGAHERTZ (EHZ) - frequency of nagging received from XYL for neglecting household chores on Field Day week.

FIDOHERTZ (FHz) - frequency of times the dog is kicked out of frustration after your 100th DXCC QRP contact sends you a card stating "Cannot confirm our QSO".

HUNIHERTZ (HHz) - frequency of missed opportunities to enjoy quality time with the XYL simply because the bands were open.

TUMIHERTZ (THz) - frequency of meals missed while working rare DX.

VISAHERTZ (VHz) - frequency of times wallet is opened during hamfests.

YAGIHERTZ (YHz) - frequency of hours spent repairing your antenna array after your neighbor backs into one of your guy wires with his pick-up truck.

These new frequency standards have been passed on to you as a public service. Use them often, and enjoy the benefits derived from being on the forefront of modern technology. And remember, since you heard about it on Packet, it MUST be true!

\*\*\* ON THE NETS \*\*\*

12/6 15m phone net - NG7D & IXN move to landline. John works Uruguay on 'auction' 10m handheld after installation of new crystals! 12/6 2m phone net- W6ZE/IXN checks in BPX, ZH, RE, VPP, DLA, YZG, LAB, & XO. BPX trims a rubber shield on the bottom of the garage door, & Blanche visits the chiropractor wid a hip problem! RE works 3 bloodmobiles in the past 2 wks, & reads ARRL bulletins: #87: USIGB commemorative QSL card fer Soviet/US meeting in Malta...#88:PR Docket 89552..FCC goes ahead wid service rules for commercial use of 220 MHz...& Alex plays 'Newsline' tapes..Un-attended xmtr HF bands packet operation is prohibited unless authorized by FCC. ZH hears all OPs FB, & Chris amazes himself wid a new game 'Geotile'! VPP is still in the 'lumber' business as he chops up fallen trees & entertains guests frm IL. DLA explains 'white noise' to VPP, & YZG informs all abt the 'leap second' added to 1989, as Lu prepares the Xmas tree. LAB 'flies in & flies out', & XO gives IXN name & landline # of OM in the horse-shipping business, & Bob also gives OPs a quick run-down on surveillance duties wid the SAPD. 12/13 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in BPX, SDU, VPP, JSV, AF6C, DLA, XO, LAB, RE, & ZH. BPX beseeches the 'rain gods' fer some rain as Blanche & grand-harmonic decorate the Xmas tree. SDU looks fer name of OP who gave spark-gap demo to Club, & VPP is looking fer a piece of 1 3/4" OD mast pipe. JSV watches a new 'flag' attached to the beam..a 'Target' plastic sack blowint to & fro in the SA winds! DLA & IXN are deluged wid dirt as roofers re-roof their QTHs. LAB & XO return home after surveillance duties wid the SAPD, & RE plays interesting 'Newsline' (#641) tapes, & reads current ARRL bulletins. ZH is mobile near the 91 & 10 freeways, & LAB relays Chris's remarks to NC. ZH & none are returning home frm dining & dancing! AF6C 'flies in & flies out'!

12/20 15m phone net - IXN continues to be 'unheard' at NG7D's QTH, & YZG still has TV troubles..a wandering vertical oscillator, no doubt? 12/20 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in AF6C, BPX, VPP, DLA, YZG, ZH, RE, NG7D, PFA, UJD. AF6C attempts to find a belt fer the dish-drive in the 'microwave' at the QTH, as he 'spars' wid a 'bout' of the flu! BPX must do exercises fer his back, as he ponders who to call to top his avocado trees. VPP gets the oscilloscope running, works on the 2 & 10m beams, & marvels at Santa's present of a new Kenwood 440! ZH & none stack a 'chord' of wood in the backyard, & now back in the QTH, Jane munches on chocolate as she makes ZH's moth water wid an array of Xmas cookies on the table! RE airs vy interesting 'Newsline' tapes, gets the auto repaired, & IXN recommends the John Doms-lai Chevron station, Mc Fadden & Grand in SA, fer fair prices on auto repairs. Alex also tells IXN about W6IXN, Harry, over in Anaheim! NG7D recommends that YZG put his TV 'out of its misery' (& Gen. Noriega along wid it!)- Hi! PFA tunes in on news frm Panama & hears a warning fer all aircraft to stay away! Tom also picks up another KC6 DXer...KC6CCC ATV frm Santiago Peak! UJD, operating mobile, tells OPs that he has approval fer his roof-top beam antenna, & DLA is waiting fer rain to test out the new roof! 12/17 15m phone net- ULU & IXN meet informally. IXN will ask 2m net members to inform KJ6JC to send Floyd a receipt for the HAMCON check. 12/28 2m phone net - W6ZE/IXN checks in JSV, PFA, RE, VPP, YZG, DLA, & AF6C. JSV & EZS blew 'retreat' on the bugle after 13 grand-harmonics over Xmas! And PFA & JSV both work Scott frm HongKong, Xmas week! PFA also works XV2A in Vietnam! And PFA gets a new toy!...a double-play' device fer his ATV frm the 'Drew Alan Kaplan' catalogue. RE plays 'Newsline' tapes & tells OPs that he & the XYL had the kids, & 1 grand-harmonic, home fer the holidays! VPP has Santa's TS-440 on line wid a Cushcraft 3-element yagi, & PFA also gives operating freqs. fer the Rose Parade on New Years Day.

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Packeteers -

I'd like to take this opportunity to announce a new contest. Yes, I know you're probably saying that there are enough contests, but what makes this one special is that it recognizes a select group here on packet radio. It's entitled, "Packet Profligate of the Month". It's for that packeteer who has been striving lately for recognition, but may not have thought they had achieved it yet.

The premise of this award is to recognize that packeteer out there who can meet the demanding rigors of the award. Be warned that this award is not for most of us since it does require some special qualities.

The contest rules are as follows:

- 1) Packeteer with valid ham license who has access to a BBS allowing access to the world-wide packet network.
- 2) Desire to see your callsign on as many packet BBSes in the world as frequently as possible.
- 3) Ability to type large quantities of textual material onto your local BBS for world-wide dissemination. A PC will probably be very helpful in this area.
- 4) A conviction to copy and transcribe previously published material from all sources without adding any of one's own thoughts, ideas, or opinions. This area is the most important and will be considered the most heavily. It is also the most difficult since you have to be able to copy word for word from magazines, newspapers, newsletters, etc. Anything that is publicly available that may have already been read and is in libraries.

Extra Bonus Given for:

- 1) "LACK OF ORIGINALITY" by never adding any of your own thoughts or ideas.
- 2) Sending more than 2 messages to ALLUS every day.
- 3) Sending messages larger than 5K in size.
- 4) Keeping message headers/titles non-descript or the same name for each message.
- 5) Accuracy in copying word for word from published material.

As you can see this contest is probably not for you or me, but there are those out there that are deserving of recognition.

I now know how many seconds the 2nd stage booster will fire. HI HI. KB6DRN was a close second with the San Francisco Chronicle brought to packet.

I would hope that packet groups around the country will establish their own award structure for their area as I'm sure you have someone in your area worthy of this illustrious award.

Remember the motto of the "Profligate Packeteer of the Month" award:

"Ham radio is for broadcasting and ego boosting and not for communicating personal ideas and opinions."

(On The Nets, contd:) DLA operates handheld & is content to listen to the OPs after check-in, & AF6C will surprise OPs in the future wid some new wheels! 'No comment' says Bob, when IXN asks him abt the supposed 'Hughes defective chips' scandal...ask a Hughes man! YZG rests up after Xmas, & IXN finds LU's book on siesmology invaluable!!

LATE BREAKING NEWS FLASH !!!  
JANUARY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED !

Tim Goeppinger, WB6OWD, will be presenting a program on earthquake prediction. Tim recently joined the OCARC, and is quite active on the local Packet BBS's, posting information on earthquakes both in the United States and worldwide. Be there on Friday the 19th and find out all you need to know about earthquake predicting.

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