

QSA-5

The Marin Amateur Radio Society Monthly Newsletter

June, 2000

Field Day 2000 Begins June 24, 2000 hours

Field Day Coordinators, Chet Rice WA6PAC and Ed Karl K0KL.
Refreshments: Chet Rice WA6PAC Rice WA6PAC and Ed Russell KJ6XB

Again this year we will operate from the Marin Rod and Gun Club grounds, highway 580 at the San Quentin exit (just before the bridge). The Rod and Gun Club entrance is located on the North Side of 580.

Traditionally, MARC (now MARS) has entered either category 3A or 4A. This means either 3 or 5 stations in operation at a time. This keeps us in the moderate size club competition. We may operate phone and cw on the same band but not 2 stations on the same band/mode. Operation of each station will be under the control of the Chief Operator for that station. Changing bands or modes may only be done by securing permission from the Field Day Coordinator.

10 Meters closes down at sunset, 15 meters generally follows. These stations will go off line at this time moving to 80 meters CW and 40 meters CW either with their facilities or separate stations. We anticipate the RACES trailer will be on site which should be used on 76 SSB. The exact configuration of stations and antennae is still under development.



This year, refreshments should be available at all times. Cold Cuts and bread for sandwiches for the duration. Hot food or Saturday dinner is planned to be cook-your-own, with The Club providing the meats and salads. Soda, wine, coffee and other liquid also available full time. Chet again has graciously agreed to cook the Sunday morning "wakeup call" breakfast. We generally are on our way home Sunday noontime at the latest.

Marilyn N6VAW, is going to be our logging coordinator, and will give us all lessons on filling out the dupe sheets. Alan Best KD6FBV and Rich Carbine W6UDS will arrange for power at the site.

Starting Operations are as follows:

1. 10 meter SSB - Don Schroder KF6WSI

2. 15 meter CW - Rich Carbine W5UDS and Marilyn Bagshaw5 meter SSB -
4. 20 meter CW - Ed Karl K0KL and Lorraine Karl, K2VGD
5. 20 meter SSB -
6. 40 meter SSB -
7. 40 meter CW -
8. 75 meter SSB - (RACES trailer, nighttime only)
9. 80 meters CW - (Nighttime only)

The operations at various positions will change as conditions warrant, either availability of operators or band conditions will dictate exact operations at any given moment.

We need help setting up and tearing down and operators for all shifts. See Ed or Chet for an assignment. Layout of equipment on the field will be determined by Memorial Day weekend. Sunday "Bible Class" is the fertile ground for this planning.

Field Day 2000 should be a great time, plan on coming out!

Guest Speaker

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The guest speaker for the June meeting will be:

Mark Noble W6ZXA
who will speak on Flux Gate
(Electronic) Compasses.

Minutes of Membership and Business Meetings

The General Membership meeting May 5, 2000

Vice President Norm Baetz, WA6CLK, called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

Minutes of the last meeting, April 7, were approved.

Dues can be sent to Miss Lesleen La Rocca at Dan Dufficy's address, PO Box 150277, San Rafael, CA 94915.

Hamilton Wireless Association, HWA is headed up by Bill Smith, AB6MT located at our old Hamilton quarters. We still have some gear to retrieve from there and that will be accomplished soon.

Please note our new Name, Marin Amateur Radio Society, (MARS).

Pete Wolford, N6IYU, is our new newsletter editor.

Because of Field Day, the last weekend in June, there will be no general or directors meetings held in July.

On Education, we will continue to have our Ham Radio Classes and Exams at Kaiser.

Ed Karl, K0KL, recommends we put a repeater up on 1070MH, There will be further discussions on this recommendation.

Board meeting Friday at Alto 1930 hours.

The meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

The Board of Directors Meeting May 12, 2000

President Rich Carbine W6UDS, called the meeting to order at 1938 hours. Board members present were:

- Doug Slusher KF6KU, President Sonoma ACS
- Norm Baetz WA6CLK. Vice President
- Donald Schroder KF6WSI, Secretary
- Jackson Sauer KB6JRI, Director
- Leo Bodian K6BAQ, Director.
- Cordon Habermelde KR6DP, Director

The Board of Directors Meeting minutes of April 11, 2000 were approved.

The Treasurer's Account was noted and approved.

Field Day Planning and preparation is on schedule, note www.wsg.net/FIELD DAY.HTM

Christmas party is on for December 10, please see Ben Sawtelle N6PJZ, for details.

Education: Kaiser is to be informed that we wish to keep our Class Schedule there until the end of the year and that all other meetings will be at our Alto, Mill Valley location.

VEC: We had, at this writers count, 18 upgrades on the 27th of April.

Our August picnic is on for sure and members will be canvassed to see how many will attend. We have room for 150 people. Location is the China Canp Meadows, \$200 has been allotted towards the cost of the picnic. It is planned that MARS will provide hot dogs and hamburger parties and pop.

Hamilton Field, with its new station HWA, still has some of our gear, and we will pick it all up before the next Directors meeting.

The Merger is proceeding well: Six new Board Members will be named shortly. The Roster will be

updated. ACS is closing its checking account and the proceeds transferred to MARS. We will then pick up the cost for the repair of the 146.70/443.250 repeater. \$1200 has been allotted for the repair. It may be less. MARS equals our new name; Marin Amateur Radio Society.

Welcome to our new Editor Pete Wolford N6IYU (thank you...Ed)

We plan to negotiate with our Alto Club neighbor to the west for painting the west wall.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Don Schroder KF6WSI, Secretary

Blimey! Those British!
True story from the NY Times (April 29, 1999)

SOMETIMES IT DOES TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST:

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea was to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made and a gun was sent to the British engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurtled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Britons sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the US scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line memo: "Thaw the chicken."

Coming Events

(continued from last month)

Chuck Deatruck WA6SQQ

July - None at this time

August 20th - Holstein 100 mile bike run - Starts at the Tamales High School and circles through Marin County and back to the High School. Ends about 5:00 PM. Need 10 operators.

August 27th - Headlands 50K (32 miles) Starts at 5:30 AM at Rodeo Lagoon, Tennessee Valley and up the side of Mt. Tam, over to Muir Beach and back to Rodeo Lagoon. Ends about 5:00PM. Need 10 operators.

September ?? Century bike run. Starts 7:00 AM and ends about 5 PM. Need 10 operators.

If you know of someone who might be interested in helping and they are not an addressee, please forward this information to them. If they have never worked these events, we'll guide them.

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NARC

by Steve Mosconi

Hello guys and gals:

I am pleased to announce that the Novato Amateur Radio Club has finally succeeded in obtaining the call sign of the late Hank Alvernaz W6ZQK as our club call sign. Our club is a very informal group that exists with the primary purpose of serving the community during times of need with our amateur radio skills.

Many of us got our start in ham radio from Hank. He was a friend

and a mentor to me and to several others. Hank did so much to make the Novato RACES program into the best in the county. The work he did is still evident today, several years after his passing.

His call sign will be used on the RACES packet station at the Novato Police police department Department. Several of Hank's old license plates, bearing his call sign, are already on display in the RACES room at the Department.

Jerry Foster WA6BXV has agreed to become the trustee of the club. Jerry is also the North Marin RACES Unit

Leader, the position Hank once held.

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Who's too old?

You're never too old to upgrade: Volunteer Examiner John Creel WB3GXW, of Maryland's Laurel VEC, reports a heartwarming experience at a VE session Sunday, March 26, at the Greater Baltimore Ham-boree and Computerfest. During the session the team tested 148 applicants who took 205 elements, including several upgrades to Extra. "The highlight was when Charles A. Earp Jr, W3DKT, came through the door," Creel relates. "He had in his possession his 1933-issued license. At 83 years and one month, he upgraded to a grand Extra by passing Elements 4B and 1C. His CSCE was signed by all 23 VEs who worked the session. What a day!" The team's next test date is April 15th.

John Creel, WB3GXW
(This is from the ARRL letter and appeared in the Sonoma "Short Skip)

President's Message

First of all I want to thank Pete Wolford for taking over the duties of QSA5 editor and membership chairman from Gordon who resigned due to his new job responsibilities.

Thanks also to Gordon who has done a great job as editor for the past three years!

We have officially merged with ACS and the new name of the Club is Marin Amateur Radio Society.

We are in the process of appointing Board members from ACS to join with MARS Board members and should have this all in place very soon.

A major item that will be addressed, is the repeaters and how we want to go about maintaining, upgrading them, etc. As you no doubt are aware, the 10/70 machine has been down since a storm dumped a lot of water into the circuit boards and wiped them out; replacements should be installed as soon as the parts arrive.

Curtis KF6KTAO, our education chairman, has reported a lot of interest in the latest class with attendance very good.

Our next major event is Field Day which will again be held at the MR&GC on the weekend of June 24th...contact Ed Karl or Chet Rice for info.

The other big event will be the Club Picnic on Aug. 19th at Miwok Meadows China Camp State Park. The club will take care of much of the food and refreshments so a count of members who wish to come will be mandatory; call any of the officers and let us know if you are coming!

vy 73,

Rich W6UDS

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**Members and Guests are Welcome at all
Meetings.**

General Membership Meeting is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Business Meeting (Board of Directors) Next meeting is Tuesday, June 6, 2000. Members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday morning informal meeting, smilingly called The Bible Class, meets every Sunday morning at roughly at 0800 hours and closes down about 1100 hours.

Directions to our new clubhouse: Take the Mill Valley exit and go west from highway 101. At the first stop light, turn right. You will be directly under huge high-power lines. Go straight ahead and at the end, veer off to the right and the next road on the left is Shell Road. We are the big white building under the power lines.

VE Testing is at Kaiser Hospital complex. As you turn in from Nova Albion, the ground floor of the big building on the left is where you want to go.

Dues structure is: \$20.00 per year for regular or family memberships. No dues are charged for Life or Honorary members.

Coming Events

VE testing at Kaiser on June 3rd.

Field Day, June 24th and 25th. at

Marin Rod & Gun Club

Annual Picnic, 19th of August.

Silent Key N6ZVZ

Niles (Greg) Stacey

Fifty one years old, after a very long battle with diabetes. He was active to the end.

Input anybody?