

# QSA-5

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The Marin Amateur Radio Society Monthly Newsletter

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## November's Guest Speaker

John Boyd KE6ORI, Chief of Security at Lucas Films, will speak to us on — but that would be giving away the mystery!

Once again, a buffet will be served at the meeting for your enjoyment. It was well received at last month's meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### DE RICH W6UDS

Good to see quite a few of our members turnout for Pacificon 2000...judging from the crowd, it appeared to be a success!

It is time to start thinking about serving the club in an official capacity. The nominating committee, headed by Ed Karl KOKL, is looking for members who would be willing to serve on the BOD for the next year. If you are interested, give Ed a call and let him know that you would like to run. 479-8928

From my observations this past year, we have a lot of interested and talented members who want to keep the momentum of our club! I have heard some members say, that because they are new to ham radio, they might not have enough knowledge to give input in an official capacity. The only way to gain knowledge

is to be involved, so give it a try!

We have not one, but two members who have volunteered to be webmasters! I have talked to Mark Bruvry, KF6BNT, and Glen Needer, N1ZKW. Details will be worked out in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully, our page will be back up and running soon!

Thanks to the efforts of Chuck Deatrack WA6SQQ, who heads up all of the events in the County requiring communication, i.e., major bike races, running races, etc., we have received a check for \$150 from West Marin Senior Services for supplying communications to the Holstein Hundred Bike Race.

For you DXers, propagation has been fair to good, with openings to areas such as ET3, 4W6 and 5R8 usually LP around 1430 KHZ.

Vy 73 Rich W6UDS

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## For your Consideration

### HAM RADIO

Let's keep it HAM radio. Amateur radio procedures differ from Citizen's Band, CB, in several very distinct ways. The most important of these is the ability to tinker, design, modify equipment and just plain enjoy personal radio. The protocol for these two forms of communication via radio is also quite different.

Let's quit using CB language and other habits on the CB and

use HAM radio procedures when on amateur radio. CB has its peculiar phrases that can be quite descriptive and pro words that have been borrowed from amateur radio and modified for use in CB. Cbers and so-called HFers are quick to use Q signals, such as QSL, QTH, QRT etc., for communications. They also use law enforcement 10 codes, with ten-four being the most popular, and handles (names) that are peculiar to a trade or personality. *In amateur radio, Q-signals are used on CW.* We have time and space to say complete words on HF or VHF. Amateur radio communication rules are specific about using plain words such as where are you, yes, OK, 73 instead of 73s and so on.

Amateur radio has been around for a long time, let's not turn it into another form of CB, or worse yet, into a system similar to the ones in the Los Angeles or San Diego areas. If you have ever travelled to those two areas and listened to some of their repeaters, you know what I am talking about.

...by Clem Cantu WA6TVQ,  
Editor of RAIN, the newsletter of the Amateur Radio Club of Humboldt County.

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### The General Membership Meeting October 6, 2000

President Rich Carbine W6UDS, called the meeting to order at 1935.

Other officers present were: Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Lorraine Karl K2VGD, Leo Bodian K6BAQ, and Jackson Sauers W6JRI.

After introductions were made, the minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Lorraine Karl gave the treasurer's report, which was approved.

Ben Sawtelle N6PJZ, gave an update on the Christmas party.

Curtis Thames KF6TAO, gave a report on the educational committee, and Ed Karl KOKL, talked about the KIDS day exhibit for ham radio.

VEC Stu Dake AC6GD, announced an upgrading test for October 8, 2000.

Thanks were given to Alan Best KD6FBV, for buying and installing the new window shades in our main clubroom.

Rich Carbine said a decision would soon be made to fill the vacancy of webmaster on the W6SG website.

John Boyd KE6ORI, talked about future work on the repeater sites. John also passed out maps on his new 6-meter repeater coverage. He will also be our guest speaker for the November meeting.

Rich Carbine said he would contact someone to fix the furnace. The estimated cost is between \$250.00 and \$350.00.

Rich is also looking into getting a new slate of candidates to run for club office for next year.

Ed Karl was our guest speaker and gave a very informative and amusing talk on the Sutro Tower.

The meeting adjourned at 2040  
Respectfully submitted, Acting  
Secretary, Norm Baetz WA6CLK

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### Minutes of Board Meeting October 10, 2000

President: Rich Carbine W6UDS, called the meeting to order at 1940.

Officers present were Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Lorraine Karl K2VGD, Leo Bodian K6BAQ, and Doug Slusher KF6KU.

Lorraine Karl gave the treasurer's report.

Doug Slusher gave a report on repeater usage.

Ed Russell, KJ6XB, discussed options of the monetary assets of the club. Use of club monies pertaining to the upkeep of the repeaters was discussed. Additional information will be forthcoming after the repeater technical meetings take place.

Rich Carbine said the furnace repair will cost approximately \$300.00 and will be done as soon as possible.

There was also talk of further club remodeling.

Rich recommended that the new officers for the next year set up a club budget as soon as possible.

There was discussion about future ham classes and club memorabilia, i.e. badges and personalized coffee mugs.

Ben Sawtelle N6PJZ, discussed the Christmas party. It was decided to keep the cost at \$22.00 a person and the club will use the same caterers that were used last year.

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### Member Vignettes

Member Hugh Cassidy K6RIM, who together with his wife Virginia, wrote, printed, folded and mailed the WCDXB (nearly 30,000 sheets every week) to a growing list of enthusiastic subscribers, without a miss, for over eleven years.

First licensed in 1958, Cass has served as Section Communications Manager and Vice Director of the ARRL. In Addition to the nearly full time of publishing the bulletin, he has been active for many years in the NCDXC and the NCDXF. In 1980, he was elected to the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

In real life, Cass is retired from a 38 year career in management with the U. S. Postal Service, supervising the administration of 31 post offices. He also served as a labor official for 15 years.

His other hobbies include backpacking, flying and sailing his 27-foot sloop, "The Long Path."

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### Editors Note

The most important thing we can do as Hams, is to assist in emergencies. How better to practice for this, than by using proper phonetics *all the time*, so that it becomes automatic? This will help to avoid any possibility of confusion. They are: Alfa, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Fox-trot, Golf, Hotel, India, Juliet, Kilo, Lima, Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu.

Because there is room on the page, the above words are spoken as: AL-fah, BRAH-voh, CHAR-lee, DEL-tah, ECK-oh, FOX-trot, GOLF, HOH-tell, IN-DEE-AH, JEW-lee-ett, KEE-loh, MIKE, no-VEM-ber, OSS-cah, pah-PAH, keh-BECK, ROW-me-oh, SEE-air-rah, TANG-go, YOU-NEE-FORM, VIC-tah, WISS-key, ECKS-ray, YANK-key, ZOO-loo.

WUN, TOO, THREE, FOW-er, FIFE, SIX, SEV-en, AIT, NIN-er, ZEE-roh.

Thank you in advance for cooperating!  
November Six India Yankee  
Uniform

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**SK - Selkis G.Sekhmet**

KF6YHL, Died 9-28-2000 at her home in Mill Valley after a long struggle with Multiple Sclerosis.

She was a member of Marin Friends Meeting (Quakers) and served on various Boards and Committees in Marin pertaining to disability issues and Human Rights.

Selkis was born in Philadelphia in 1952. She is survived by her Parents and two Brothers in Philadelphia. A Memorial Service was held at Whistlestop in San Rafael 10-15-00.

Selkis came to several Bible Class meetings under her own power, in her motorized wheelchair, this summer as she lived only a half mile away from the Club.

We salute this brave woman and Ham and wish she could have been with us longer. Ed.....

**The New Monk**

A new monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to help the other monks in copying the old texts by hand. He notices that they are copying copies and not originals.

So.. The new monk goes to the Abbott to ask about this. He points out that, if there is an error in the first copy, then that error would be in every single subsequent copy.

The abbott said: "we have been copying from these copies for cen-

**Membership**

Richard Fay AD6TL, announces his new call, after passing the Extra exam.

Former member of ACS, Douglas L. Slusher KF6KU, is a regular attendee of the Bible Class. I think he is on the Board of Directors. Your Editor hopes not to have to eat crow.

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**For Sale**

Kenwood TS 440, side band & CW Filters with power supply. \$725.

Alfa 77 Linear Amplifier \$1650. Contact Rich Carbine W6UDS at 479-3136

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turies. But, you have a point. I will go down and compare this copy with the original down in the vault"

The old Abbott disappears into the cellar, and some time later the monks begin to wonder what has happened to him. The new monk goes down into the cellar to find the Abbott. He finds him hunched over a large book, his head in his hands, and sobbing. The new monk asks what is wrong, and the old man replies, in a choked voice: "The word is celebrate"

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All contributions, from readers of this delightful publication, are gratefully accepted. We have a great portable antenna from Master antenna designer Ed Fenn W6EYU coming up.

### Club Meetings

**General Membership Meeting** is held on the first Friday of each month at the Alto District Clubhouse on Shell Road in Mill Valley, starting at 7:30 PM. Turn right at 1st stoplight west off of 101 at Mill Valley/Tiburon exit. Keep to right at next stopsign then turn left at next Street. We are in the big white building under the power lines..

**Business Meeting** meets at the Alto District Clubhouse in Mill Valley on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Members are encouraged to attend.

**Sunday morning informal meeting**, smilingly called The Bible Class, meets every Sunday morning at the Alto District Club house in Mill Valley starting at roughly at 8:00 AM and closes down about 11:00 AM.

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

### Coming Events

**Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th.**

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