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SK

John Larson N6YNF

I hate to be the bearer of sad news, but our member, John Larson took his last cruise today. (9-20-00)

He went sailing/fishing with a crew from Sausalito Yacht Club.

On returning to the dock, John collapsed on his way up the gangplank and could not be revived.

John will be sorely missed. He was ever cheerful, friendly and helpful to us all. He leaves a big hole in the membership of the Tuesday Chowder and Cruising Society, as well as at the Sunday Morning Bible Class, that will be felt for a long time.

I will keep you posted on arrangements for a memorial, etc.

My best to you all,
Ed Bodington N6BNJ

The Service was held at the Sausalito Yacht Club Wednesday September 27.
Ed.....

Special Treat

Our October the 6th Meeting will feature Ed Karl K0KLL, as speaker. In addition, his lovely wife Lorraine K2VDG, will be serving goodies like snacks and libations, courtesy of MARS.

When did my wild oats turn into Shredded Wheat? Asks our sage member Herman Weiss.

President's Message

DE RICH W6UDS

Thanks to our VP and program chairman Norm WA6CLK, our guest speaker last month was Jim Maxwell W6CF, Pacific Director ARRL; Jim's talk, as usual was excellent! The turnout exceeded thirty.

Marilyn and I just returned from KH6 land where we visited the Isle of Molokai.

We did not have the opportunity to operate but made up for it by extensive exploring of the island; one of the highlights of the trip was a mule ride down a 1700 foot cliff, negotiating 26 switchbacks to Fr Damien's valley far below...we decided not to ask if the mules ever made miscalculations on the narrow 3 ft trail!

There have been two volunteers for the position of Webmaster ...I will be talking to them before the meeting and will hopefully have either one or both as Webmasters.

By the time you read this, most of you will probably know that John Larsen N6YNF, became a SK! John was always on hand at the Sunday morning coffee club, donated his famous smoked salmon for our Xmas party and was always willing to lend a hand when needed ...our condolences to his XYL Vickie

CUL es vy 73, Rich.

From Marilyn N6VAW

Rich and I visited one of Father Damien's churches on Molokai last week and picked up a bulletin which had these points to ponder. If you ever need a filler for QSA-5, maybe you want to use it. Don't feel that you must!

Manna from Heaven, Marilyn ...Ed.
See opposite column >>>>>>>>>>

Equipment Checkouts Give Participants Special Education

Ed Karl K0KLL and Doug Slusser KF6KU, put sophisticated test equipment through its paces to evaluate the specifications of transceivers and filters at the Mill Valley clubhouse, Saturday, September 16.

The measurements of frequency tolerance, modulation deviation, receiver sensitivity, transmitter power output, and filter attenuation, were checked and proved to be within tolerances as specified in manuals.

Following the equipment checks, an interesting discussion of what makes antennas work, took place. Similar sessions will be scheduled periodically. Don't miss them.

Ed Karl K0KLL

"The Paradox of Our Age:

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more education, but less common sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We have learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, but not life to years.

Author unknown"

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The General Membership Meeting 9-1-00

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Rich Carbine (W6UDS) at 7:30 PM. He mentioned that Don Schroder (KF6WSI) is leaving town--moving to Oklahoma to a new job, so V.P. Norm (WA6CLK) and Chet (WA6PAC) are sharing secretarial duties until a substitute can be found.

Leo (K6BAQ) and Jackson (W6JRI) were the only Directors in attendance. Rich (W6UDS) then got approval of the minutes of the last Regular Mtg. and last Board Mtg, as appearing in the September QSA-5.

Lorraine (K2VDG) handed out a written detailed treasurer's report--and verbally mentioned our net worth is approx. \$25K. Not too bad for a radio club having its own clubhouse.

Rich (W6UDS) sadly announced that Carlton Cherry, one of our club founders, has died at age 92.....

The next VE Test will take place Sat. Sept. 8. Stu Dake (AC6GD) is conducting this test at Kaiser Hospital.

The Chairman of Education, Curtis (KF6TAO) mentioned that the next Technician Class will take place Nov. 4 and 18.

Ed (K0KL) announced that the club now has a new small copying machine (for VE Tests) and reminded us that the 2M handheld (or any radio) tune-up is coming up Sat. Sep.16 from 9 AM until noon.

Rich (W6UDS) has asked Doug (KC6UNF) to come up with a proposal for fixing up the clubhouse's office and kitchen.

Rich (W6UDS) thanked Don (KF6WSL) for all the good work he has done for the club and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a card from the membership.

Rich (W6UDS) introduced our speaker, Jim Maxwell (W6CF), who is director of the Pac.Div. of ARRL and an avid DX operator. Jim (W6CX), gave an illustrated

talk about Eric Palmer, Jr. (W2ATZ), a young ham who was so enthusiastic about 40M CW back in the 1930's, that he flunked out of his school in Brooklyn twice. His dad, knew the head of the FCC and had him suspend his son's Ham

license for a lengthy period so Eric (W2ATZ) would straighten out his life.

So Jim (W6CF) told us the story of what finally happened to Eric (W2ATZ).

Dick (KD6RUP) has an old XT computer (which works) which he wants to give away (to someone interested in packet radio). Roger (WB6HZO) wants some help with some GE and Motorola 2M gear.

Ben (N6PJZ), reminded us to set aside Sun. Dec. 10th for the Club's annual Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted by Chet (WA6PAC).

Minutes of Board Meeting September 5, 2000

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

Officers present: Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Vice-president; Lorraine Karl K2VDG,

Treasurer; Leo Bodian K6BAQ, Director; Doug Slusser KF6KU, Director; John Boyd KE6ORI, Director.

Minutes were approved of the previous board meeting. Lorraine gave the treasurer's report which was approved.

Ed Karl K0KL, discussed ham classes for the October/November session. Curtis Thames KF6TAO, will give more information at the next meeting.

Ben Sawtelle, N6PJZ, reported that the preparations for the Christmas party were all arranged.

Rich said that PG&E found a small gas leak in the heating system which will be repaired in the immediate future.

Alan Best, KD6FBV, bought and installed a new window shade for the side window in the club house. Thank you, Alan.

The website is down. We are looking for a new Webmaster and hopefully it will be reopened soon.

Chet Rice, WA6PAC, hopefully will fill in for the remainder of Don Schroeder's term as secretary.

Don Slusser, KF6KU, (head of the repeater-tech committee) discussed different facets of repeater-tech insurance, etc.

There was a discussion about the new P. O. box and the problems encountered getting mail from the old P. O. box.

Lorraine Karl K2VDG, asked if food should be provided for the general meetings.

Ed Karl K0KL, talked about getting a PA system for guest speakers. He also was concerned about the finances for the club in the future.

A-440 A true story

One night last week, I had to get up in the early hours of the morning to visit the bathroom. I looked at the clock on the microwave oven and it read 4:40. "That's nice," I said to myself, "my old friend of some fifty four years of tuning pianos to that exact frequency standard, is saying hello to me."

The next night was a repeat trip, this time the hour was 4:48

The third night, once again, the clock read 4:40

The fourth night, I arose and glanced at the clock, and it changed from 4:40 to 4:41 as I was looking at it.

The fifth night and thence, back to haphazard times.

What do you suppose the odds are of this happening?

Countless pianos have been inscribed on their metal frames by me over the years: "Wolford A-440," with the date of my tuning under it.

A dear friend, gave me a license plate years ago as a gift, with "A CDXL" on it. Some other Tuner had already taken the Arabic numerals.

In Roman numerals, "C" is one hundred, and is subtracted from "D" which is five hundred. "X" is ten, and subtracted from "L" which is fifty. Ergo: A - 440 The license plates are still on my auto.

Peter Wolford 9-16-00

How about an unusual experience from some of you readers? Ed.....

The Bible Class

There must be many of our new members who are not in on our little secret about the Bible Class.

There are no bibles there!

Some wag, in the dim past, thought it would be amusing to give the Sunday morning informal meeting this moniker and it has stuck.

So if you are staying away because you do not desire getting preached at, have no fear. Only good camaraderie exists there.

Come down to the Club and meet the nicest group or guys and gals you will ever find.

Ed.....

Membership

Our good friend Jackson Sauers has changed his call to W6JRI

Successful Candidates at the April 27 VE Session

Chuck Deatrick WA6SQQ
General

Edward Essick K6ELE	General
Beatrice Heim N6EVM	General
Edward Russell KJ6XB	Extra
Steve Toquinto KB6HOH	General
Len Spencer WA6CBQ	Extra
Mary Fuller KB6DSN	General
Kevin Barton N6NUH	General
John Robinson WD6EJA	General
Don Shroder KF6WSI	General
Chet Rice WA6PAC	Extra
Doug Marklinger KC6UNF	General
Alan Best KD6FBV	Extra
Dick Fasi KM6PA	Extra
Dick Fay KB6JJI	General

Thanks to the VE's for donating their time:

Stu Dake, Chairman	AC6GD
Mel Nunes	AB6QM
Cliff Simonsen	AD6BS
Rich Carbine	W6UDS
Ed Karl	K0KL

*Heartiest Congratulations
to All of the above.*

A new-former member:

Charles W. (Bill) Story N6RXQ, is back from travels and back to the fold to stay. 6912 Fairfield Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409, 707-539-9513, spouse Marilyn. Call him if interested in the following:

For Sale: Ham Station:

KWD TS 440 with mic and CW filter. Astron RS 35M power supply. R5 vertical antenna with 5 ft aluminum mast and heavy duty chimney clamps. MFJ model 422B keyer. KWD mo 85 desk mic. Delta 4 coax switch with surge protector. Lots of RG 8 Coax cable. Call: 707-549-9513

SK Carlton Cherry A Founding Father of MARC

Dad died on August 27, 2000 in Roseville at the age of 92. He was in relatively good health (and enjoyed receiving your newsletter) until he suffered a serious stroke the end of June. I believe he was in on the founding of your club back in 1933.

Eunice Cherry Stewart.

Our Website

We might just have a new Webmaster! Philip Dunlap, whose call was WA6PKX when it expired in the 60s and was also a member of MARC, has volunteered to take over from Dan Dufficy KH8AF.

Now Dan is a very private person, and dislikes the spotlight shining on him but we simply can't let him depart from the great job he did, designing and maintaining the *W6SG.net Websight* so efficiently for many years, without publicly acknowledging and thanking him. We know Dan, enuf is enuf. Bless you!

Back to Phil. He has a considerable background in computers with, I think, IBM Corp. Your Editor will interview him and have more to say later.

Name Snafu

Your Editor deciphered incorrectly a new member's name in the Roster. Here it is properly given:

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*It's not the outlook but the
uplook that counts!*

*Life is a grindstone. But whether
it grinds us down or polishes us
up depends on us.*

L. Thomas Holdcroft

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

Pacificon 2000. Dates: October 20, 21, & 22. Hotline: 925-932-6125 Internet: www.pacificon.org
E-mail: paccon00@pacbell.net. Produced by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club and Sanctioned by the ARRL. Events include David Summer - Keynote; All Friday antenna Seminar; Half Day Friday Legal; Seminar; Friday Exhibitor "Shootout;" Outstanding Technical Forums; Riley Hollingsworth - Banquet Speaker; Exhibitors - Saturday and Sunday; V.E. Exams - Satur-day and Sunday; Internet and Ham Radio; Transmitter Hunt; Swap Meet.

Annual Christmas Party: Sunday, December 10th.

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