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The Marin Amateur Radio Club Monthly Newsletter

September 2000

Jim Maxwell W6CF September Meeting's Guest Speaker

Jim is Pacific Division Director of ARRL will be doing the honors. His topic will be a human interest story on an old-time Ham. (or maybe several!) In any event, it will be a treat for us as Jim is a great narrator!

Eureka!

Results from a request for input, has yielded the following from our Ed Karl KOKL, who would like to see more students in his code class.

September 16th Saturday at the Mill Valley Clubhouse a VHF/ UHF tune-up clinic will be held. Time 9am-12 noon. There will be equipment for measuring frequency, modulation deviation, receiver sensitivity, and power output of the transmitter. Bring your radio down. Make certain you have either an operating manual or service manual to find appropriate controls.

You will be able to get advice on how to adjust your radio. No repairs will be made on site, but minor adjustments to tweak frequency or modulation are OK. You make the adjustments. This should be a learning as well as doing opportunity for all club members.

Amen!

Another suggestion is to thank Don KF6WSI for the superb picnic this past Saturday. The Tri-Tip was done to perfection, more than enough food and drink was on hand for all members who attended. Don has set a high standard for the next picnic, and for Field Day catering. Any chance of him coming back from Oklahoma for

Field Day ???!

We all join Ed in his Thanks to Don.

Several club members participated in bicycle races and a foot race this past month. We get great practice setting up in the field and establishing communication links. Safety and welfare messages are relayed. We also got to meet some nice volunteers who provided refreshments. Crenshaw melons, salads and cookies are my favorites. Bottom line, it's great practice and we get a chance to practice communications for the next emerg-ency. Think about it for next year, it's a lot of fun and HF activity is down in the summer anyway. Again, thanks to Ed Karl KOKL.

New Morse Code Test

de Margie Bourgoin, KB1DCO, ARRL

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has voted to set up revised standards for the administration of Morse code examinations in the US:

Under the revised standards, examinees would have to show 25 character-count solid copy on test sheets or successfully answer seven out of ten questions of a fill-in-the-blank quiz on the sent test. The plan would bar multiple choice tests for Morse code testing.

Morse examinations would specify use of a Farnsworth "character speed" in the range of 13 to 15 WPM. Morse code audio pitch would have to be between 700 and 1000 Hz. Standard 5 WPM tests with 5 WPM character speed could be administered only as a special accommodation.

The new Morse testing standards are to be in effect by next July 1, but VECs may implement them sooner.

The NCVEC vote came July 21 during a meeting of VECs in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

DE RICH W6UDS

Thanks to all who helped make our annual picnic at China Camp a great success! I would like to especially thank Don Schroder KF6WSI, who helped in a big way putting it together, Ray Canziani KF6RXA, who did a superb job of barbecuing the steak, Curtis Thames KF6TAO, Ed Karl KOKL, and Ben Sawtelle N6PJX, who assisted in delivering supplies to the site.

As some of you know, Don Schroder is moving to Oklahoma to take on a new job. Don is not only our Secretary, but one of our members who is always there to assist when needed. Many thanks for all the help and support, Don. We will miss you!

If anyone is interested in taking over Don's job as Secretary until the end of the year, please let me know. Norm Baetz WA6CLK, our VP, has been doing a terrific job in the interim.

If you have tried to access the W6SG website in the past few days you will find it is not available! Unfortunately, our webmaster has resigned and we are in need of someone who can take over keeping it up to date. The site is on the County of Marin's server and would only require occasional editing. Let me know if you are interested.

Don't miss the next general membership meeting at the clubhouse! Jim Maxwell W6CF, ARRL Pacific Division Director, will be the guest speaker. Jim's talk promises to be both informative and humorous!

Vy 73 DE Rich W6UDS

The General Membership Meeting 8-4-2000

President Rich Carbine W6UDS called the meeting to order at 1932 hours.

Because there was no quorum, no official action could be taken on any business discussed.

Lorraine Karl K2VDG, was not present, but left a treasurer's report.

Rich Carbine talked about our neighbor who has commented on the décor (or lack thereof) of our building. He has also asked if we would sell or lease part of our back property. It was decided that this was not in the best interest of our club.

Ed Karl K0KL, discussed our upcoming picnic at Miwok Meadows. Ed will also run a radio clinic in the near future. Times and dates will be posted in QSA-5.

It was announced that Dan Dufficy KH8AF, was resigning as Webmaster of the W6SG website and we are looking for a volunteer to take over.

Marylin Bagshaw N6VAW, gave a field day report. She said the club did very well and the results will be in an upcoming issue of QSA-5.

Don Schroder KF6WSI, is in the process of moving to Oklahoma and the club will be looking for a new secretary to finish Don's year. He will be missed. We wish him well!

Ben Sawtelle N6PJZ, gave a report on the future Christmas Party.

Curtis Thames KF6TAO, will re-schedule new classes. Watch for dates in QSA-5.

Bill Stewart KF6RMK, gave a very informative presentation on QRP activities. Hopefully, we will have more on this subject at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2120.

Respectfully submitted, Norman Baetz, acting Secretary.

Minutes of Board Meeting August 8, 2000

President Rich Carbine W6UDS, called the meeting to order at 1932 hours.

Officers present were: Norm Baetz WA6CLK, vice president; Jackson Sauers KB6JRI, Director; Leo Bodian K6BAQ, Director; Doug Slusser KF6KU, Director; Gordon Haberfelde KR6DP, director; Pete Wolford N6IYU, QSA-5 Editor.

Rich Carbine gave our treasurer's report. He stated moneys from an ACS donor may be returned to him.

Pete Wolford gave a membership report. We have 152 members.

Webmaster Dan Dufficy KH6AF, resigned. The club is looking for a replacement. volunteers should contact Rich Carbine. Thank you Dan for your fine work.

Rich Carbine gave a report on the Alto clubhouse. There will be some possible renovations in the future.

We are looking for a screen for our Projector.

Norm Baetz WA6CLK, said the September speaker for our general meeting will be Jim Maxwell W6CF. He is the Pacific Division Director for ARRL.

We have a buyer for the Club's Kenwood TS940. It was also announced that all pertinent equipment has been removed from the old Hamilton club site.

Doug Slusser KF6KU, will be chairperson for the technical group in charge of the VHF-UHF repeater sites.

The new address for MARS is P.O. Box 6423, San Rafael, CA 94903.

Rich Carbine said that Lorraine Karl K2VDG, will be taking over full duties as treasurer as of now.

Some discussion was brought up regarding the club picnic at Miwok Park. John Boyd KE6ORI, asked about the possibility of a new site for the 2001 Field Day. This was tabled at this time.

The next Board Meeting will be September 12, 2000 at 1730 hrs.

Meeting was adjourned at 2022 hours.

Respectfully submitted: Norm Baetz

The Hurricane Net

Courtesy of Ed Karl K0KL

For those interested in brushing up on emergency net procedure. The Hurricane Net has been around for years. Fall brings these storms on, so you will no doubt have an opportunity to listen in to the action...

NEWINGTON, CT, Aug 22, 2000-- Amateurs checking into the Hurricane Watch Net today continued to update the National Hurricane Center on local conditions as Tropical Storm Debby was upgraded to a Category 1 hurricane.

Reports filed with the net are relayed to the Center via W4EHW. The net activates on 14.325 MHz whenever severe weather threatens Caribbean or Atlantic islands or the US East or Gulf coasts.

Computer Humor

Backup: Opposite of go forward

Batch Processing: Making a lot of cookies at once

Binary: Possessing: The ability to have friends of both sexes

Bit: 12-1/2 cents

Buffer: Programmer who works in the nude.

Bug: 1. Programmer's term for a feature.

2. An elusive creature living in a program which makes it incorrect. Note: The activity of "debugging" or removing bugs from a program ends when a programmer gets tired of doing it, not when all the bugs are removed.

Character Density: The number of very weird people in the office, divided by the floor space.

Computer Club: Used to strike computer forcefully upon receiving error messages.

Compile: A heap of decomposing vegetable matter.

Compiler: Noah Webster (1758-1843)

Cursor: An expert in 4-letter words.

Hardware: The parts of a computer which can get kicked.

Is Might Right

This is believed to be the transcript of an actual radio conversation of a U. S. Naval Ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland on October 1995. The Chief of Naval Operations released the radio communication. Americans:

"Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision."

Canadians:

"Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision."

Americans:

"This is the Captain of a U. S. Navy Ship. I say again, divert YOUR course."

Canadians:

"No. I say again, divert YOUR course."

Americans:

"This is the Aircraft Carrier USS Lincoln, The second largest ship in the United States Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three Destroyers, three Cruisers and Numerous support vessels. I demand that you change your course 15 degrees north."

Canadians:

This is a Lighthouse. Your call."

Submitted by our friend Herman Weiss WP4DCM answering your Editors request for input. Thank you very much Herman!

Pending is a fine article by Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD

More Roster Additions

A reminder that anyone taking an exam at our VE sessions is automatically given a free membership to the end of the year.

Patrick Fitzgerald and Sue Griffin, 1535 Buena Vista, Alameda, 510-522-2337.

Paul R. Dye and Susanne Reed, 3933 Sacramento Ave., Santa Rosa, 707-523-0402. (sorry, no postal zones were given)

And a charming gal: Daren M Engel KB4PMW, 1 Madrone Ave., Belvedere,

SK

Ernie Cavestri WA6FTY
An Old Timer and former member of our club.

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Don Batten W6RMM

Don died peacefully in his sleep Monday, August 7.

Don, who often referred to himself as Radio Mickey Mouse, was a collector of Mickey Mouse and Betty Boop memorabilia.

No one is certain how long Don was a ham, but it is believed he has been licensed since before World War II. Don was a long-time member of M.A.R.S. and mentored many hams over the years.

He served with R.A.C.E.S. at least 15 years and held the position of community R.A.C.E.S. Officer for Tiburon. Although the position was eliminated during the recent reorganization, Don continued to provide that service until his death.

Don was a giving and caring person. He will be missed.

An anonymous mentored-by-Don Ham.

Thank you! Ed.....

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Club Meetings

General Membership Meeting is held on the first Friday of each month at the Alto District Clubhouse in Mill Valley on Shell Road , starting at 7:30 PM.

Business Meeting meets at the Alto District Clubhouse in Mill Valley. Next meeting is Tuesday, Aug 8th 2000. Members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday morning informal meeting, smilingly called The Bible Class, meets every Sunday morning at the Alto District Clubhouse in Mill Valley starting at roughly at 0800 hours and closes down about 1100 hours.

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

Coming Events

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