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February Program Speaker

Steve Rathbone, AJ6Y

MARS Special Board Meeting January 2, 2001

Rich Carbine, W6UDS, called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. The following newly elected board members were present: Lorraine Karl, K2VGD, Norm Baetz, WA6CLK, Jackson Sauers, W6JRI, Doug Slusher, KF6AKU, John Boyd, KE6ORI, John Iocono, KF6VYH, Herman Weiss, WB4DCM, Kevin Foley, KF6YUF, Bob Webb, WB6QPR and Rich Carbine, W6UDS.

After a spirited discussion led by Rich, the following officers were nominated and approved: John Iacono (pronounced YAW kuh no; accent the first syllable) president, John Boyd, vice-president, Norm Baetz, secretary and Lorraine Karl, treasurer. The remainder of those present, plus Ray Canziani, KF6RXA, comprise the rest of the board. Rich Carbine and Bob Webb remain trustees of W6SG and K6GWE, respectively, and are voting members of the board.

Curtis Thames discussed his roll as education chairman. Bob Webb presented his ideas for getting people involved with Club activities and suggested putting out a Club calendar of future events.

Ed Karl, K0KL, discussed
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The following is condensed from the weekly ARRL letter.

The ARRL Board of Directors, meeting on Jan. 19 & 20, voted to increase annual membership dues from \$34 to \$39 for members under 65 years. For seniors over 65 the change will be from \$28 to \$34. The \$1 greater increase for seniors is to narrow the dues gap as more & more ARRL members fall into that category.

(Several paragraphs detail the reasons for the increases and they appear to be necessary and valid. Space prohibits repeating them here.)

Who's jamming whom on 40m?

It turns out that the 40m "wobble & buzz" jammers heard by many in the US over the past year or so are Iranian stations that are attempting to block Iraqi stations—not the other way 'round as recently reported. Several members of the monitoring community had questioned the earlier ARRL report, which was based on info from typically reliable sources.

SWL reports indicated that the signals typically operate in the range from 7020 to 7090 kc. They are broad and noisy, typically (that's the 3rd time the ARRL has used that word in a single story) land on multiples of 10 kc and occupy some 10 kc of band width.

Apparently the object of the jamming is an Iraqi pirate station, which several SWLs identified as The Voice of The Mojahadin, broadcasting in Persian (Don't call it Farsi.) into Iran on various 40m freqs. as well as in the Aeronautical Band. The pirate station operates on a specific freq, or freqs, until it's spotted by the Iranians, who then attempt to jam the signal.

The Iranian and Iraqi governments are reported to have ignored complaints by the US and the United Kingdom. In light of the strained relations between the US and both Iran and Iraq, there's not much hope that the problem will be resolved anytime soon.

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problems with RACES and his thoughts on improving Club rapport with the community. He challenged the board to improve the Club's relationship with RACES.

Rich Carbine discussed the upcoming year's events, especially Field Day and the picnic.

Ed Karl and Doug Slusher talked about the repairs and maintenance that they performed at the Mt. Tam repeater site.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Baetz, WA6CLK, secretary

VE REPORT

Stu's News

Effective Jan. 1, 2001, the ARRL-VEC test fee for the new year becomes \$10. , up from the \$6.65 last year. This fee will allow the ARRL-VEC to come close to breaking even in 2001, where in past years the fees collected fell well short of operating costs. As of 4/15/2000 there are no longer and free written or code tests. Retests of a failed element are also \$10.

de Stu Dake—AC6GD

MARS General Meeting 5 January 2001

Outgoing president Rich Carbine opened the meeting at 1936 hours by presenting the new officers and board members. (These names were listed in the special board minutes and will not be repeated here.)

Rich gave a short report on the Christmas party and then introduced the new president, John Iacono, who then officially assumed the duties of his office. John then named the events chairmen for the year. They are: Ed Karl and Chet Rice, Field Day. Rich Carbine, picnic. Curtis Thames, education. Stu Dake, Volunteer Examiner. Ben Sawtelle, Christmas party.

John then asked for volunteers to be program chairmen for the year.

Ed Karl and John Boyd discussed the repeater site on Mt. Tam.

There was a discussion regarding a site for Field Day. John Boyd asked that Mt. Tam be considered. It was voted to reserve the Marin Rod & Gun Club site but to consider other locations before a final decision was made. Kids Day is coming up one week prior to Field Day and the Club is looking for a suitable location, one that is under consideration being the Town Center in Corte Madera. It was decided to hold our annual picnic again at Miwok Meadows in China Camp State Park. This will be in August, the exact date to be decided later.

John Iacono and Rich Carbine talked about possibly providing the members with a membership card and badge.

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Ed Karl discussed his concern with how RACES has been operating. He feels the Club should put more effort into its commitment to handle emergency procedures. Ed also feels that there is a general lack of understanding of the capabilities of ham radio by the County EOC.

Curtis Thames brought up the possibility of the Club renting a booth at the Marin County Faire in July. He thinks that this will be good PR for ham radio and the Club. He will investigate the cost.

There was continued discussion on RACES and Steve Rathbone, AJ6Y, will get more information and present it to the Club at the next meeting.

Rich Carbine talked about the W6SG website and invited members to contribute ideas to the new webmasters.

Lorraine Karl's treasurer's report was approved.

Many thanks to Lorraine for providing the food spread for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Baetz, WA6CLK, secretary.

Missing Video Tapes

Some VHS tapes belonging to Ed Russell may have been borrowed from the clubhouse and not returned yet. Ed requests that they be brought back as he will be moving out of the County in the near future.

SK—WA6CBQ

Our dear, fellow ham, Len Spencer, Passed away suddenly on Wednesday, January 24. The Club sends its love, sympathy & condolences to his wife Alnora, WD6HCW. This kind, gentile man will be sorely missed by all.

Ex Ed N6IYU

MARS Regular Board Meeting 9 January 2001

President John Iacono called the meeting to order at 1935 hours. Board members present: John Boyd, Lorraine Karl, Norm Baetz, Jackson Sauers, Rich Carbine and Ray Canziani.

The main topic of the meeting concerned the Club budget for 2001. Field Day and picnic expenses were brought up. It was approved to budget \$1k for each of the two events but the actual cost should be considerably less. Ben Sawtelle, last year's Christmas party chairman, was absent and will present his report on expenses for that event at a later date. Ed Karl discussed the budget for the repeater. There was talk of setting up a CD/s for future operating expenses. Rich Carbine, Ray Canziani, John Boyd, Ed Karl and Curtis Thames each brought up ideas on remodeling the office, kitchen and restroom facilities of the clubhouse. One idea was to bring in a professional designer to set up a long term plan. Ed Karl asked about the monthly Club expenses. Rich and Lorraine spoke on the Club's insurance policy and also mentioned an old ACS policy that had gone into default. Rich said he would look into it.

Jim Lee, KE6VGV, a CPA, was introduced. He said that he and Lorraine would go over the books.

John Boyd reported that the repeater committee is still looking into various projects and would have a better idea of their cost at a future date. Rich brought up the cost of maintaining the building and the Club station.

A vote was taken, and it was approved to get regular garbage collection service for the clubhouse.

The purchase of two CDs, \$1k for a year and \$4k for six months, was

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approved by the members present.

Rich suggested that the treasurer set up a cost analysis of last year's operating expenses and project it into this year's budget. This was approved and Lorraine said it would be ready by the next board meeting.

Curtis Thames said the ARRL would have new, updated study tapes available in February or March and suggested that the next education class be postponed until the tapes have been secured. After another spirited discussion among the members it was decided to delay the February ed class. Curtis will give us a new date when all the training material will be on hand.

Curtis suggested setting up an informal library at the clubhouse and also using the Club's facilities for a workshop in the evening on a monthly basis.

Treasurer Lorraine Karl said she would pay the second installment of the taxes on the clubhouse.

John Boyd offered a 32 inch TV set to the Club and would look into the cost of minor repairs to it. It would be used for educational purposes. The purchase of TV wall mount brackets was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2125 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Baetz, WA6CLK, secretary

From the Pen of Sharon Smalley, KD6YUH

Lately the documentary film maker Ken Burns is getting lots of attention for his new work on Jazz. He's best known for his Civil War series.

I stumbled across a single video of his called Empire of The Air. It was a **spellbinder!** If any of our members have not seen it, they're in for a real treat.

Its cover jacket says, " For fifty years radio dominated the airwaves and the American consciousness as the first "mass media". This film examines the lives of three extraordinary men who shared the primary responsibility for this invention and its early success, and whose genius, friendship, rivalry and enmity interacted in tragic ways. This is the story of

Roster corrections and additions from Pete Wolford, N6IYU

Dues will be delinquent as of March 1, 2001. We implore you to support the Club, now called a Society, and send us a check for \$20.

Chris Wikeen, KF6CAU, who with his wife, Marcia, have lived in Monte Rio for some time now, have decided to resign from our Club. We wish them all the best and have given them the address of the Sonoma Radio group.

Ed Russell, KJ6XB and his dear wife, Helen, will be moving north soon and possibly joining our Sonoma neighbor club. Ed has hardly ever missed a 'bible class' and will leave a big, empty chair behind. We hate to see you go, Ed.

We welcome several new members. If anyone has been left out, or if you spot an error here, kindly contact the Membership Chairman.

Zia S. Ahari	KF6YPM
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From the Marin IJ, Jan. 2001

MARC Awards Banquet to Honor Clients, Staff.

The MARC annual awards banquet for 2001 will be March 9 to celebrate the accomplishments of its clients, honor its staff and recognize the support of community members.

Originally named **Marin Aid to Retarded Children** in 1954, the non-profit agency has expanded its mission to include care for adults with mild to profound development disabilities.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at San Rafael's Embassy Suites Hotel. For info call 472-2373.

Lee de Forest, a clergyman's flamboyant son, who invented the audion tube; Edwin Howard Armstrong, a brilliant withdrawn inventor who pioneered FM technology; and David Sarnoff, a hard-driving Russian immigrant who created the most powerful communications company on earth. Against the backdrop of radio's golden age, this fascinating back-stage drama tells

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the story of radio through archival photos, newsreels of the period, and interviews with radio personalities and broadcast historian Erik Barrow". de KD6YUH

Club Meetings

General Membership Meeting is held on the first Friday of each month at Alto District Clubhouse on Shell Road in Mill Valley, starting at 7:30 PM. Turn right at the first stop light west off hwy 101 at the Mill Valley/Tiburon exit. Bear to right at next stop sign, then turn left at next street, Shell Road. We are in the two story building on the left 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 Clubhouse in Mill Valley starting at roughly at 0800 hours and runs to around 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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