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The Marin Amateur Radio Society Monthly Newsletter

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2001 Dues are due.

Notices have gone out. The rub is \$20.00 for all categories: single member, student or family. Be sure to send in any changes to call signs, addresses, etc.

Membership Meeting

Assuming that this publication is delivered prior to Jan. 5, the next meeting will be on that date. If, however, QSA-5 arrives after 1/5 The next meeting will be on 2/2.

DE RICH W6UDS

As the outgoing president for the year 2000, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped me build the enthusiasm which brought in new members and activities.

The Christmas party proved that MARS is alive and well! We had sixty-six attendees at the party. Along with great food and entertainment, it was a total success!

Congratulations to **Alan Best**, K6AJB, who was presented with our "Ham of The Year" award by our nominating committee led by **Chet Rice**, WA6PAC. Alan is well deserving, having put in many, many hours of volunteer work at the clubhouse, including the assembly and placement of a steel storage shed in which the generator now resides.

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Editor's Ramblings

First, since I have received the responsibility of putting together this publication, I will have to get used to using the editorial "we" for "I". Also, I realize that there is usually a picture/graphic in this spot but I (Oops. Screwed up twice, already.) have not sufficiently mastered this new, to "us", software to be able to handle that detail. Things could look better next month. And the narrow lines that are supposed to go on either side of the columns? We (Hey! Got it that time!) have no idea how to make them appear. Will have to ask Pete at the Sunday morning "babble" class. Another error we have made here is in using too small a font in this column. Could have used up much more space with a twelve or fourteen point instead of this eleven. Spelling out numbers doesn't help that much. Of course, it's bad form to change fonts part way through. If we had the time, this could be done over but prior commitments of the season preclude that. We will have no access to a PC after 25 December until after the first of the new year. And new century and millennium by the way, for real this time. One more thing before we end this. There are no guarantees of proper grammar, sentence structure, spelling or new paragraphs in the proper places here. We will try to do it right. (Should have used "correctly" here, and it also uses up more space.) Sorry for the blank space in this issue. There will probably be some in future issues, also. We will PLAGIARIZE

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We have a very capable slate of Directors for 2001. By the first meeting of the year the newly elected Directors will have selected the officer positions. With the momentum we have, there is no doubt that 2001 will be one of the best years ever!

Much thanks to the outgoing Board of Directors, Officers and Committee chairs. Special thanks to **Norm Baetz** WA6CLK, who not only served as Vice Pres., but took on the duties of Secretary when Don Schroder was transferred out of state.

Pete Wolford, N6IYU, who is retiring as editor of QSA-5 after three plus years, is to be commended and applauded for his faithful service.

vy 73, Rich W6UDS

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(had a helluva time with that one, but that's to be expected from one who had to take Bonehead English at College of Marin many years ago.) as much as possible to fill the space. You'll find some of that on page three.

It's 0800 on 12/24 and time to get ready to go to babble class at the clubhouse. If we've offended anyone, please just grin and bear it.

We won't say MERRY CHRISTMAS here since y'all won't read this until after the fact but HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Affably and 73, Phil, K6PHD, the half-breed Swede from Seattle.

**The General Membership
Meeting
December 10, 2000**

Was the

Christmas Party.

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**MARS GROUP VE TEST
DATES 2001
From Stu Dake AC6GD**

Mar. 3, June 16, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15. Time is 0900 hours. Tentative location is at Kaiser Permanente Med. Center MOB2 in San Rafael, the lower building where testing has been held before. The location is not confirmed at this writing.

Considering taking the 5 wpm code test? As of July 1, 2001, code tests will be of the "fill in the blank" type—no longer will multiple choice tests be given.

73 de Stu

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**Board of Directors
Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 19:32 by Pres. Rich Carbine.

Officers present: Norm Baetz, WA6CLK, Lorraine Karl, K2VDG, Jackson Sauers, W6JRI, and Doug Slusher, KF6KU.

Corrections to the November board meeting minutes are as follows: re education classes, **any donated material will be made available free of charge to the students. The education officer is responsible for the purchase and use of all other materials. The board has approved up to \$75 for professional help in restoring our elderly educational tapes.**

Curtis Thames, KF6TAO, is looking for the next classes to start in Feb. 2001. He is also looking into advertising in the Marin IJ., World Radio and the Marin area yacht club news letters. He also asked for the new board to confirm the chairs of existing committees.

Rich Carbine confirmed that we have new webmasters for W6SG.net. They are Glenn Meader, N1ZKW as primary and Marc Bruvry, KF6VNT, deputy webmaster.

Comments? Just click on the red-lettered name, Glenn Meader.

Ben Sawtell, N6PJZ, gave a report on the Christmas party. He said that approx. sixty had made reservations.

Phil Dunlap, K6PHD, has agreed to take over as QSA-5 editor as of January. **You have been warned.** Many thanks to Pete Wolford, N6IYU, who did a great job these past several years.

Pres. Rich talked about the new furnace being installed at the clubhouse and said that it will be ready for the party.

Lorraine Karl presented the treasury report which was approved by the board.

Ed Russell, KJ6XB, talked about future events that the club might participate in, such as the Boy

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Scout Jamboree On the Air and the Senior Faire at the Civic Center.

Doug Slusher talked about the repeater committee and also discussed the repairs to be done before the rainy season gets well underway.

Chet Rice will present the "Ham of The Year" award at the Christmas party.

Pres. Rich said that the club has rec'd. a check from the Dolphin Club for participation in its racing events and the County of Marin has requested the use of the Alto clubhouse as a voting site in future elections.

Rich also asked for a special board meeting to be held on Jan. 2, for the newly elected board members to nominate the new pres., vice pres., treas. and secretary.

Finally, Ed Russell suggested the possibility of getting interest restarted in amateur radio in the high schools.

Meeting adjourned at 2025 hours.

Submitted by acting secretary,

Norm Baetz.

New board of directors

Norm Baetz	WA6CLK
John Boyd	KE6ORI
Ray Canziani	KF6RXA
Kevin Foley	KF6YUF
John Jacono	KF6VYH
Lorraine Karl	K2VGD
Jackson Sauers	W6JRI
Doug Slusher	KF6YUF
Herm Weiss	WP4DCM

Plus two additional voting members:

Rich Carbine, W6UDS and Bob Webb, WB6QPR, trustees of W6SG and K6GWE, respectively.

There were three write-ins: Len Spencer WA6CBQ, Leo Bodian K6BAQ and John Keane, W6CCV, who isn't even on our roster. Only 68 ballots were returned.

Excerpts from The ARRL Letter, a weekly feature of the American Radio Relay League.

San Francisco Ham Loses All But CW Privileges For Two Years

San Francisco amateur Danny Kenwood, WA6CNQ, has again come in for FCC enforcement action. In an unusual enforcement twist, the FCC has modified Kenwood's General ticket to prohibit all amateur operation but HF Morse for a period of two years.

Kenwood lost his VHF and UHF privileges for 90 days in October 1999 following allegations of profanity, obscenity and deliberate interference directed at users of the K7IJ Grizzly Peak repeater and failure to properly identify. Last spring, the FCC issued a Warning Notice to Kenwood on the basis of reports from the K7IJ repeater system control op that the repeater had to be shut down due to Kenwood's alleged "interference and harassment to other ops on the repeater system."

According to a December 5 letter to Kenwood from FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, Kenwood voluntarily agreed to the HF CW-only modification, which begins November 30 and continues through November 2002. The prohibition extends to Kenwood's operation of any other amateur station as well as to operation of his own station by himself or anyone else.

Hollingsworth told Kenwood that if he violates FCC rules or the terms of the agreement, the FCC will initiate revocation and suspension proceedings against Kenwood and could also levy a fine.

FCC ADOPTS CONSENT DECREE IN AMATEUR INTERFERENCE CASE

The second amateur cited by the FCC in a 1999 malicious interference case in Pennsylvania has cut a deal with the FCC to avoid paying a \$7500. Fine. In exchange for not having to pay the fine, Michael E. Gallagher, KB1DTA (ex-KB3DHX), of West Concord, Mass, agreed to turn in his ham ticket and not reapply for five years. He must also stay

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out of further trouble with the FCC. The Commission said Gallagher had provided financial statements supporting his claim that paying the \$7500. Fine would cause him financial hardship.

In March 1999, Gallagher and Kornwell H. Chan, W3CI, of Dresher, PA, who worked his own deal with the FCC last year in which he agreed to give up his ham ticket until 2003, were fined in connection with malicious interference to the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club of VHF and UHF repeaters on two occasions the previous month. FCC personnel had monitored interfering signals that included transmissions of classical music and a person talking with a disguised voice. Using direction finding gear, FCC agents tracked the signal to a vehicle in Willow Grove, PA, occupied by Chan and Gallagher and equipped with amateur gear.

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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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