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The Marin Amateur Radio Society Monthly Newsletter

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President's Message

We had another great Christmas Party in December at the clubhouse. Great food and music and a lot of fun stuff with the raffle. Congratulations to Ed Karl who was named Ham of The Year, and to top things off he also won the grand prize, an Elecraft K-1. (see page 159, Jan. QST) He tells me that Lorraine will be assembling the kit.

The 2 meter and 440 repeaters on Mt. Tam have been replaced. The 2 meter machine will be getting autopatch soon.

Well, we are into another year and started it out with a combination Dec/Jan board meeting on 4 January at 17:30 at the clubhouse prior to the regular meeting. Our first task was to select the new officers for 2002. Actually, this was made easy for the board since all of the officers for 2001 agreed to serve their second year in the same jobs.

Our scheduled events for 2002 include Kids' Day and Field Day on two successive weekends in June. The picnic will again be in August if all goes well. There is talk of entering a VHF contest, also. The date of the 2002 Christmas Party has probably already been set.

We are in need of someone to take over the job of Public Service Coordinator for the club. Chuck Deatruck WA6SQQ will not be available to continue as our PSC. Many thanks, Chuck for your years of dedication to this very necessary task.

vy 73, John KF6VYH

Website at W6SG.NET

Election Results

Those elected or reelected to the MARS Board of Directors for 2002 are: Lorraine Kark K2VGD and Norm Baetz WA6CLK who tied for top vote getter.

Jackson Sauers W6SRI was #3 and Phil Dunlap K6PHD squeaked by into the #4 spot. Steve Rathbone AJ6Y and Raine Kinney KG6GII were close behind and, within one vote of a tie, came in fifth and sixth.

Uncle Leo K6BAQ over in expensive Tiburon was #7, a write in. Nobody knows for sure whether it was his own vote or that of an admirer.

Maybe next year we can have the candidates say a little about themselves for publication in QSA-5.

Lorraine Karl knows more about the Treasurer's job than most and has volunteered to continue in that capacity for another year.

At the 12/2 bible/babble class Norm Baetz stated that he would continue as Secretary if asked. This was said in front of witnesses in case he later tried to weasel out.

At the Board of Directors meeting in 12/11 absolutely nothing of importance took place. Only three board members showed up. Some others went to a RACES meeting set for the same evening. Strange that this same scheduling conflict would occur for a second time this year.

John Boyd KE6ORI, our 2001 VP, has consented to remain in that position for another year since the payments on his new monster diesel truck will keep him pretty close to home.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO MARS

The following is a list of eight graduates of the club's Technician class who made the grade at the VE Test session held 15 December. They automatically receive a free one year's introductory membership in MARS. All members should welcome these new Hams into the club and help them to get their 2 meter handy talkies set up to work on our repeaters.

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KG6JHU Marisa Hoke
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Petaluma
KG6JHZ Richard Rabin
Mill Valley
KG6JIA Jerome Bassler
Greenbrae
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Agamemnon Andrianos, brother of club member Anthony KC6KIM, while not a graduate of the club's Tech class, also passed his Tech exam at the same VE session and is now KG6JHX.

MARS General Meeting

was the Christmas Party.

ARRL Study Panel Recommends Eliminating Novice Bands

The ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee has recommended that the ARRL petition the FCC to eliminate the Novice CW subbands and allow Novice and Technician with Element 1 credit licenses to operate CW on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations at up to 200 W output. The panel suggested setting aside portions of those bands for "slow CW operation" to aid new CW operators in enhancing their skills. The committee recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands in part to allow expansion of the phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The committee's complete report will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors for consideration during its annual meeting in January. The committee's determinations were based on opinions expressed by 4744 respondents to an ARRL Novice Spectrum Study survey launched in June. Those expressing their opinions included ARRL members and nonmembers. Nearly 61% of those responding were Extra class licensees.

The committee, chaired by ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has been studying the status and usage of the Novice/Technician Plus HF bands with an eye toward determining what changes to usage of that spectrum might be needed now that the FCC no longer issues new Novice licenses.

A guiding principle was that no class of licensees would lose any privileges as a result of refarming.

The committee recommended expanding the phone bands in accordance with the most popular of the survey choices offered--three for 80, 40 and 15 meters and two for 10 meters. Here's a summary:

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On 80 meters, nearly 40% of those responding opted for a plan that would extend the US phone allocation to 3700 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire subband, and with Advanced and General class subbands starting at 3725 and 3800 kHz respectively.

On 40 meters, nearly half of the respondents picked the plan to extend the primary US phone allocation to 7125 kHz, with Extra and Advanced licensees allowed on the entire segment and Generals from 7175 kHz and up. (The committee's report suggested no changes to the special allocations for amateurs on certain Pacific or Caribbean islands and in Alaska.)

On 15 meters, again, nearly half of those responding wanted the US phone allocation extended to 21,175 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire allocation, and Advanced and General subbands beginning at 21,200 and 21,250 kHz respectively.

On 10 meters--where Novice and Tech Plus licensees already may operate CW, RTTY and data from 28,100 to 28,300 kHz, nearly 55% of the respondents favored a plan to retain the US phone allocation from 28,300 to 29,700 kHz and to extend CW access to Novice/Tech Plus operators to 28,000 kHz--an additional 100 kHz. The current Tech Plus 28,300 to 28,500 kHz phone segment would be retained.

The committee's report says that if the ARRL Board adopts the plan, the League should include any request to the FCC to implement the changes within an omnibus filing encompassing other issues, rather than as a separate petition. Consideration of any necessary ARRL Band Plan changes would follow ultimate FCC approval.

From the ARRL Letter

The mind is like a television in that when it goes blank, it's a good idea to turn off the sound.

Volunteered by Herm WP4DCM

More From The ARRL LETTER

Ohio ham sentenced in police radio jamming case: Kenneth Kelly, WT2FBI, has been sentenced to five years probation after pleading guilty of attempted disrupting public service--a fifth-degree felony in Ohio. FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth says Kelly did not appear by October 30 for requested retesting, and his license will be canceled. Kelly had been indicted on a felony charge of disrupting public service by allegedly jamming and talking on the Middletown, Ohio, police radio system in July. He had been held in the Butler County jail pending sentencing. The assistance of members of the Dial Radio Club--who did some direction finding and also taped Kelly's legal transmissions on 2 meters for comparison with the voice showing up on the police frequencies--was instrumental in solving this case.--Ernie Howard, W8EH

Odds & Ends

Nobody invented the wheel. Round shapes have always been around in nature. It's the axle that made the whole thing work.

"Music hath charms to sooth the savage breast." NOT 'beast'. William Congreve (1670-1729)

'Whence' doesn't mean when nor does it mean where. It means 'from where'. So 'from whence' means 'from from where', literally.

'Wherefore' doesn't mean where. It means 'why'.

Lizzie Borden was not convicted of taking an axe to her parents. She was acquitted after only 69 minutes of deliberation.

Edison didn't invent the light bulb, but only improved upon a principle others had discovered and worked on for years. In 1878, Sir Joseph William Swan showed a successful carbon filament lamp, some ten months before Edison managed to come up with his "original".

Steam is water at or above its boiling point, 212 degrees F. at sea level. It is also invisible, like most other gases. You only see it when it condenses back to minute water droplets, like fog. 'Troop' is plural, not singular.

From the ARRL letter, 7 Dec. 2001

Anyone filing an Amateur Radio application now will be asked to supply a 10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) issued by the FCC's new Commission Registration System, or CORES. The requirement applies to FCC applications filed on-line or on paper. The FCC also has supplanted Universal Licensing System (ULS) registration with "CORES/Call Sign" registration, so applicants no longer need to register separately in both systems.

Most, if not all, hams who registered previously with the ULS already have an FRN, although they may not know it yet. The FCC just completed another cross-registration to include those already on the ULS books within the CORES "entity registration" database, and another is scheduled. Amateurs can learn their FRNs by doing a license search on the FCC's Universal Licensing System page <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>>. FRNs also are displayed via the ARRL call sign server on ARRLWeb <<http://www.arrl.org>>. **(The easiest way is to go to QRZ.COM, enter your call and select "detailed info." If you have an FRN, it'll be there.)**

The FCC has updated its ULS page <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>> to reflect the new reality and to make the page a bit less confusing. Amateurs not yet registered in CORES who click "CORES/Call Sign" registration will be redirected to the CORES site to complete that process. Amateurs who click "Online Filing" are advised to proceed to CORES to register if they do not already have an FRN, then return to ULS for filing.

Those filing on-line applications now are asked to supply either an FRN or a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN--a Social Security Number for an individual) plus a password, typically the same for both CORES and ULS.

The process is a bit more daunting for new club station applicants, who now will be asked to register in CORES as business entities.

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Such applicants also may file with a Club Station Call Sign Administrator using Form NCVFC 605 and simply leave the FRN field blank. ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says that in those cases, the Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA), such as ARRL, will register the club station entity in CORES on the applicant's behalf.

The FCC also now only accepts FCC Form 159 (Remittance Advice) dated February 2000 or later, which requires providing an FRN. A copy of the acceptable version is available on the FCC Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov/fees>>. At the left side of the page, click on "Form 159".

For more information about the Commission Registration System or on obtaining an FRN, contact the CORES Help Desk, 877-480-3201, cores@fcc.gov

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**Sixth District QSL Bureau
Changing manager & address.**

The ARRL Sixth District QSL Bureau has changed management and has a new address. Taking over effective December 1, 2001, are Arlette and Chuck Marshall, KO6IS and KD6WP, ARRL Sixth District QSL Bureau, POBox 530, Weed, CA 96094-0530. For more information, visit the ARRL Sixth District Web site <www.kqlz.com/qsibureau6.html>.

From the ARRL Letter

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Further News of KS6F

A couple of issues ago we ran a short piece on the only available 2x1 call in CA six land with a K prefix, KS6F, which expired in 1995. We were curious as to why this call had not been picked up. Two more applications had been made by 11/14 for this vanity call, the 4th choice on one and the 12th choice on another. So the listing has again gone from black to red type. By 12/5 four Extras had applied for this call. It's the second choice of one ham and, by 12/14, the first choice of another so it could finally disappear from the listing. That would be too bad as we wouldn't have it to write about anymore to fill up space in this column.

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Errors, additions or deletions?

Let us know, preferably by email, PacBell or in writing. If we're in eyeball mode, make sure we write it down. ed.

(Poor grammar is n.a.)

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. The upper floor is a private residence.

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 (or babble)Class, meets every Sunday morning at the Alto District Clubhouse in Mill Valley starting at roughly 0800 hours and runs to around 1100 hours. This weekly event is hosted by **Ben Sawtelle N6PJZ**, our Ham of The Year in 1996, whose absence would be the result of serious disease or dismemberment, only.

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

Coming events

The usual breaking of New Year's resolutions.

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