

# QSA-5

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## President's Message

In this months QSA-5 you will find the list of candidates for the 2003 board of directors. The actual ballot will be mailed separately. Yes, it's that time again. I am not running for the board this year but will be concentrating on putting together a Kids Day Station in June. I am also going to be making some changes regarding public service events next year. Another goal is to have is to have an Amateur Radio Exhibit at the Marin County Fair. This will include operating a special event station. If you would like to help with this event, contact me ASAP. I am also hoping to get a youth oriented amateur radio program off the ground. With all these projects, I will not have a lot of time to spend on other club business.

I would like to mention as a reminder to RACES members, that the "San Pedro PL repeater" is not linked to the Big Rock system and if you use this repeater during nets the hams in West Marin will not hear you. Also hams in parts of Novato using HTs will not hear you.

You will find that we are voting on an amendment to our Bylaws. There is a lot to be done in the next year and we would like to have better attendance at the board meetings.

Lets not forget the Christmas party. Get your reservations in before the deadline of November 15. We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins this year. The grand prize for the Christmas party raffle is a Yaesu FT50 dual band HT.

73, John

See page four for info on board candidates and the proposed addition to the bylaws. There's a list of the top three raffle prizes, too. ed.

## Website at W6SG.NET Phone 415.389.6630

**Code Practice Tuesday Evenings**  
on 146.70 repeater at 8:00pm. Following the regular RACES net on 147.33 swing over to Mt. Tam VHF for help in learning the code. Practice done at 6 wpm, starts with basic sounds and moves through the alphabet. Ed Karl, K0KL.

## The end of the line for Radio Amateur Callbook.

Radio Amateur Callbook is throwing in the towel and will cease publication of its CD-ROM Callbook product effective with its winter 2003 edition, which will come out in November. "Due to accessibility to the FCC database via the Internet, sales have declined to levels that make it unprofitable to publish future editions," publisher Bob Hughes announced in a recent news release. In 1997, citing "rising costs and increasing demand for electronic publishing" the company phased out its larger than telephone-book-size paper North American and international editions in favor of its CD-ROM product. The 1997 Callbook--the 75th edition--was the last hard-copy version available. The Callbook began publishing in 1920.

## 2m Antenna Testing/Field Strength Measuring/Comparing Event October 5

Ever wonder how effective the rubber duck Vs "gain" antenna for HTs is? Wonder how your 2 meter radio works with that new band crusher 1/4 wave antenna you have installed inside the trunk? Well, on Saturday, October 5th at 11 am there will be an antenna measuring exercise at

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**P.O. Box 6423**  
**San Rafael, CA 94903**

## MARS Board Meeting, 10 August 2002

The meeting was called to order by President John Iacono, KF6VYH, at 1930 hours. Other board members present were John Boyd KE6ORI, Lorraine Karl K2VGD, Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Phil Dunlap K6PHD, Kevin Foley KF6YUF and Steve Rathbone AJ6Y. Lorraine Karl presented the Treasurer's report. After some discussion it was approved. Lorraine also requested the club purchase a \$4000.00 CD, this was also approved.

It was decided that any proposed changes to the club's by-laws would first be posted in QSA-5. Any future bids on club construction costs would also be listed.

The San Pedro repeater has been sent out for repairs. Hopefully it will not be down for long.

Lorraine talked about this year's Christmas party. A form will be sent out to the members in the near future giving all the information. There was some discussion about what kind of raffle prizes to purchase and the amount to be spent.

John Boyd gave an update on the club's truck repair and renovation. John said a new exhaust system has been installed. The board asked John to present an itemized list so that the truck modifications can be completed within the club's budget.

John Iacono brought up the idea that the club could give presentations to other local groups to inform them about ham radio. John mentioned the Boy Scouts as one possible source of future hams.

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John also said he was contacted by the No. Ca. DX Club asking about his ideas as to a Marin location to hold some of their meetings. John said he would look into the possible use of the MARS clubhouse for this purpose. More to come on this.

Stu Dake AC6GD was given approval to purchase food items for the upcoming national VE tests at the clubhouse.

Steve Rathbone suggested that the club do an inventory of all its equipment. The board agreed.

John Boyd suggested that the club adopt some sort of dress code for future public events. The board said it would look into this. The meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours.

Submitted by Norm Baetz,  
Secretary.

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### Some Good News

Florida Citizens Band (children's band? ed.) enthusiast William "Rabbit Ears" Flippo will spend a total of 15 months in federal prison--including two months already served--and pay a \$25,000 fine for jamming Amateur Radio communications and transmitting without a license. He'll also spend a year on supervised probation following his release, during which he cannot own radio gear or firearms. Flippo was convicted in federal court earlier this year on eight misdemeanor counts. The sentence is believed to be a record for convictions of this type.

"It's sent a shock wave across the Amateur Radio and CB communities in South Florida," said Ed Petzolt, K1LNC, who was among the amateurs targeted by Flippo and who testified at his trial. "The CB guys are running for cover. You can buy an illegal CB amplifier pretty cheap right now," he quipped. Hams were surprised by the severity of the sentence.

Federal District Court Judge

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Daniel T.K. Hurley imposed the sentence August 29 on Flippo, of Jupiter. He had been found guilty June 19 of four counts of operating without a license and four counts of deliberate and malicious interference. Flippo has remained in custody since the guilty verdict and underwent a psychiatric evaluation prior to sentencing. The judge also said he wants a full financial disclosure from Flippo, who may face other legal actions unrelated to his radio operation convictions.

At the sentencing, Flippo reportedly wept, said he'd turned over a new leaf and claimed he was sole support for his wife and two daughters. None of his family members was in the courtroom for the sentencing, however. The judge was not persuaded, telling Flippo, 60, that he was old enough to have considered the consequences of his actions.

Hurley also alleged numerous incidents of perjury during the course of Flippo's testimony during his June trial, which ran six-and-one-half days. The jury took about a half hour to determine that he was guilty on all counts.

According to trial testimony, Flippo primarily had targeted members of the Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group for jamming and regularly interfered with amateur operations, especially on 10 and 2 meters, over an approximately three-year period. Following up on the amateurs' complaints, personnel from the FCC's Tampa District Office visited the Jupiter area at least twice in 1999 and reported tracking the offending signals to Flippo's residence. Flippo had faced a maximum of eight years in prison--one year on each count--and up to \$80,000 in fines. Available opinions were mixed on whether the sentence Hurley imposed was appropriate. Petzolt, who assisted the FCC in gathering evidence and, at one point, had his car rammed by Flippo's vehicle, said he felt Flippo should have received at least three years.

"I thought it was a slap on the

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wrist," said Petzolt, the 1999 ARRL International Humanitarian Award winner who also testified at the trial. John Criteser Jr, KC4JLY, agreed. "I think he should have gotten more--at least five years," Criteser said outside the courthouse. Other amateurs who attended the sentencing session, including Jupiter-Tequesta club member Bert Moreschi, AG4BV, were satisfied with the penalty, however.

Last year, Flippo was convicted in state court of criminal mischief--also a misdemeanor--after ramming Petzolt's vehicle. He was sentenced to a year's probation and ordered to dispose of his radio equipment. A ban on possessing radio gear also was a condition of his federal bond, which Hurley revoked during the trial.

Federal authorities arrested Flippo in July 2000. The criminal charges of which he now stands convicted covered violations allegedly committed between June 1999 and April of 2000. The defendant already faces a \$20,000 fine levied in 1999 for unlicensed operation, willful and malicious interference to Amateur Radio communications, and failure to let the FCC inspect his radio equipment.

Hurley ordered Flippo immediately back into custody to start serving his sentence. Flippo reportedly was led into and out of the courtroom in shackles and leg irons.

### From the ARRL Letter

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#### Rules of The Air

It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.

The propeller is just a big fan in front of the airplane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually see the pilot start sweating.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

You know you've landed with the gear up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.

The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival=small probability of survival and vice versa.

### Nominating Committee's Picks for 2003 Board

The following members, if elected by the membership, agree to serve for the two-year term specified in the bylaws.

John Boyd KE6ORI +  
Kevin Foley KF6YUF +  
Raine Kinney KG6GII  
Doug Slusher KF6AKU +  
Herman Weiss WP4DCM +  
+ denotes incumbent

### Proposal to Amend the MARS Bylaws

#### Addition to Article 3, Section 17 Vacancies

"A Director failing to participate in Club Activities for a period of 90 days or failing to attend three (3) consecutive Board meetings will be considered as having resigned. A replacement shall be named as provided elsewhere in these bylaws."

### Main Christmas Party Prizes.

Yaesu FT50 dual band HT.  
12 volt 7 amp hour power station.  
MFJ ClearTone speaker.

At this time it is not known what other general prizes may be present.

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Scottsdale Marsh located in the Northeast corner of Hwy. 101 and Rowland Blvd. in Novato. We'll need hams to bring an HT and a gain antenna for the big experiment. Any other lashups will also be quantified. I have a ground plane antenna and a field strength meter to see what we can make of this with pseudo scientific techniques. Talk in on 147.33 (Big Rock). Measurements made on 146.00. Coordination on 446.00 (I have two 440 HTs for co-ord) Bring your radio and self and let's see what happens. 73! Ed K0KL

### From the December 1984 QSA-5

In keeping with long standing tradition, the MARC regular club meeting for December will be our annual Christmas party. It will be held on Saturday Dec. 8. It starts at 4 PM with no-host cocktails and then potluck dinner will be served promptly at 6 PM. All MARC members are invited to attend. The cost this year is \$6.50 each (kids \$3.50) and you should make a reservation, by sending in the coupon found in this issue, before the deadline of Dec. 3 (Monday). This is because the Xmas Party committee has decided to limit the reservations to 100 people! Just indicate what pot luck dish (big enough for 8 servings) you would like to bring—Vegetable, Salad or Dessert. The club is supplying the main course meat dish (Turkey & Ham) plus all the soda pop, beer & wine you can drink. Parking is limited up top near the clubhouse, so contact W6SG on 146.52 simplex for instructions as to where to park and pick up the shuttle. There will be a drawing for a lot of great prizes, so don't miss the fun.

**Chet WA6PAC**

### XMAS PARTY COMMITTEE (1984)

Badges	Bob	WA6VOI
Food coord.	Bobbie	WA6MHB
	and Alnora	WD6HCW
Main Course	Bea	N6EVM
Parking Shuttle	Leo	K6BAQ
	and Chet	WA6PAC
Barkeeper	Bob	KS6V
Coffee	Jim	WB6KEM
After Party Cleanup	Pete	N6IYU and others.
Gordy Fuller	WB6OVH	President
Phil Erdberg	N6EAW	VP
Norm Baetz	WA6CLK	Secretary
Ron Baker	KE6IT	Treasurer
Directors:	Gus Treewater	WA6WBC
	Bob Fajardo	WA6VOI

Stu McDonald W6IFO was the Sunday HF net op.  
Chet WA6PAC was QSA-5 editor.

### California QSO Party

To: California Radio Clubs ---  
Presidents and Newsletter Editors  
California QSO Party (CQP) 2002  
1600Z October 5, 2002 until 2200Z  
October 6, 2002

I'd like to personally invite you, your club (MARIN ARC) and your club members to participate in the California QSO Party (CQP).

I also want your help to encourage each and every HF ham in California to "get on the air for CQP". For just this once each year the entire World is "looking for CA". You might be a small station like me but when you get on the bands and "call CQ" in this contest people from around the World will answer you!

We expect a record-setting year in USA/Canada/DX participation and QSOs due to the new "Top Club, Non-California" plaque that NCCC is offering for the very first time in 2002. We have notified 250 non-CA clubs and contest-gurus around the World about this new award.

Obviously we would appreciate it if you would advertise the CQP in your club newsletter and your club meetings (even if you decide to not enter the CQP contest as a club).

Have some fun in CQP!

You can help out by putting a "rare" California county "on the air" for the contest. \*<http://www.cqp.org/Counties-Plan-2002.html>

All the California QSO Party rules, and free logging software are available at:

\* <http://www.cqp.org/>  
Read all about the 2001 CQP contest results: \* <http://www.cqp.org/Results-2001.html>

This was a very long email so only part of it appears here.

A good landing is one from which you can walk away. A great landing is one after which they can use the airplane again.

**Never let an airplane take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.**

**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 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.

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