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President's Message? Maybe Next Year.

Board Meeting, 10 November '03

President Doug Slusher KF6AKU called the meeting to order at 1940 hours. Other board members present were John Boyd KE6ORI, Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Lorraine Karl K2VGD, Al Weisman W5ALW, Kevin Foley KF6YUF and Phil Dunlap K6PHD.

Phil talked about his work on QSA-5 and some of the requirements of the job.

Lorraine Karl gave an update on the forthcoming Christmas party. She said she would send an E-mail reminder to members about sending in their money if they're interested in attending.

Ed Karl KØKL said there would be VE testing this weekend. He also gave an update on building repairs and improvements.

John Boyd told about recent repairs to the club's truck and discussed the sale of T-shirts. If there is enough interest he will inquire as to the cost of club hats and coffee mugs. Let John know if you're interested in any of these items. The more we order the less expensive they'll be.

Technical committee: Doug Slusher spoke on the status of our local repeaters, particularly the one on San Pedro Ridge.

As to the elections for next year's officers, Ed Karl said a ballot vote count will be made on Nov. 23 at the clubhouse and the results will be announced at the Christmas party.

Al Weisman brought up the subject of getting the club involved in introducing ham radio to other organizations other than just the local high schools.

Kevin Foley talked about the latest news on organizing high school ham clubs, a slow process partly because of the lack of electronic courses.

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When we ran the members' calls through QRZ.COM for verification, there were several mismatches with our club roster.

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There are two ways of filing an application to change the address on your license:

Using the Universal Licensing System.

Manually Filing Using Paper Form 605.

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Mailing Address
P.O. Box 6423
San Rafael, CA 94903

Monthly MARS Breakfast.
Third Sunday, starting about 08:00
At The Flatiron Sports Bar & Grill,
2nd @ B, San Rafael.

General Meeting, 7 November '03

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Slusher KF6AKU at 1940 hours. Other board members present were John Boyd KE6ORI, Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Lorraine Karl K2VGD, Raine Strom KG6II, and Kevin Foley KF6YUF. A total of 25 members and visitors were in attendance.

Ed Karl KØKL passed out the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

In correspondence it was reported that The Dolphin Club and the County of Marin sent the club donations for services provided.

John Iacono KF6VYH said there would be a VE test this coming Saturday and asked for volunteers. He also asked for a volunteer to take over his duties as Public Service Chairman starting next year.

John also told about his recent trip to Hawaii and operating ham radio on the battleship USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor.

John Boyd said that customized club vests were available and asked those interested to contact him.

Ed Karl and Doug Slusher talked about repeater usage and about problems with the San Pedro repeater. New Kenwood equipment is being installed so it should cure that problem. The Mt. Tam repeater will also get an update.

John Boyd said the club's van will be getting new vhf-uhf

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Board Meeting, cont.

A nomination was made that Rem Calvin K6BBQ would take over the job of WAS Local Rep with the ARRL. This was approved. There was further discussion of the club's sponsoring Rem's use of his three-wheeler, equipped with ham radio, to promote the hobby.

Kevin Foley suggested the club donate a year's subscription of CQ magazine to the Mill Valley library to help spread the word of Ham radio. This was approved.

A reminder: There is a club breakfast at the Flatiron Café in San Rafael on the 3rd Sunday of every month. All are invited. Easy parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours. Submitted by Norm Baetz, WA6CLK, Secretary.

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General Meeting

antennas, video equipment and a center console.

A request was made by Lorraine Karl for members who are interested to send in their checks if they want to attend this year's Christmas party. Connie Sawtelle KG6RAW will take over Lorraine's duties next year Thank you Connie.

There was a report on the club's building maintenance. The repairs on the roof should be completed soon.

Kevin Foley said he would give an update on the progress of high school ham clubs and the help they are getting. He also suggested a donation by the club of CQ Magazine to a local library would help to put ham radio more in the public eye.

Doug Slusher asked for a volunteer to head next year's Field Day. Never too early to ask.

John Boyd told about the latest RACES news.

Rem Calvin K6BBQ, who is requesting club help with ham equipment for his trike, suggested several sites he could use to demonstrate ham radio to the public.

Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, who is the new ARRL Section Mgr, talked about
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Pacifcon and upcoming ham events.

The official meeting adjourned at 2035 hours. It was followed by a demonstration of radio controlled model airplanes by Howard Harker KG6JHW. (Short of actual powered flying. Radio control freqs are in the 27mc CB and 72mc band. ed.)

Submitted by Norm Baetz WA6CLK secretary.

Congratulations to Frank Strom and Raine Kinney who were joined at the hip on October 12, 2003 in a beautiful ceremony attended by many members of MARS. We all wish you the best of health and happiness in your new life together.

**Connie
KG6RAW**

**Fifty-four Mail-in Ballots For 2004
Board of Directors Election.**

That's not bad for non-pre-stamped return envelopes. Forty-six voted the straight party ticket and there were eight write-in votes. Topping the list with a count of 52 was Norm WA6CLK Baetz, followed by Phil K6PHD Dunlap at 50, with Al W5ALW Weisman and John KF6VYH Iacono—that's pronounced Yaw' cuh no—both at 49.

Uncle Leo K6BAQ Bodian picked up 2 votes. Connie KG6RAW Sawtelle got 3. Rem K6BBQ Calvin, Ben N6PJZ Sawtelle and Ed KØKL Karl each came in with one vote each. We don't know for sure but would wager a few bucks on reciprocal votes by Ben and Connie.

These newly elected, or reelected, positions are for, we think, two-year terms on the board. Officers for 2004 will be selected by a quorum of the whole motley bunch, from all board members including those starting the second year of their terms. With luck, Norm will continue as secretary; he's good at it.

Come on down to the board meetings, every second Tuesday and watch this band of bunglers operate. We could use more input from the members. As usual, cold bellywash, diet and regular, resides in the reefer.

For Sale

Kenwood TS-430S-\$400
Astron RS-20A-\$70
Astron RS-7A-\$40

All in working order. I am the original owner of all.

73 Brian KI6HT 415-454-9462
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Editor's Rambling Space Filler.

Vernier Drives

All reduction drive panel dial knobs are not vernier type. In fact, the vernier knob does not have to be a reduction type at all. The vernier scale was invented by Pierre Vernier, 1584-1638. His most famous invention has TWO graduated scales. When applied to panel knobs, the main scale is on the movable part and the parallel vernier scale resides on the fixed part. This enables readings to be made to a fraction of a division of the main scale. One of the better known applications of a vernier dial, to those familiar with WW2 surplus equipment, was the BC-221 freq. meter, also known as the Navy's model LM.

No scales=no vernier. So the next time someone afflicted with ignorance—we didn't say stupidity; there's a big difference, although the two MAY be found together—on this subject calls a simple reduction drive knob a vernier, you can tell him he's as full of it as a Christmas goose. If he's got a sense of humor, he'll probably thank you for the info. If not—you'll have to judge by his reaction—he may be one of those in which ignorance AND stupidity reside, in which case you'd be better off maintaining a few feet minimum distance between you. (GRIN) ed.

A Kid's Test Answer.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

(And sometimes Y? ed.)

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Using the Universal Licensing System

To change an address associated with a license, go to the Universal Licensing System,

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

Select **ONLINE FILING** and do the following:

1. Login with your FRN and Password.

2. Choose **Administrative Update** for the **Purpose of your Application**. (If you have other pending applications, first choose the **New Filing button**.)

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4. At the bottom of the page, enter the Name of the licensee. The Signature field will be completed automatically. Click the **Continue** button.

5. On the next screen, make your address change and click **Continue** to submit your changes.

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You can request forms by calling (800) 418-FORM (3676), download the form or call our Fax-on-demand system at (202) 418-0177 from the handset of a facsimile machine.

Member Input.

Member participation in the recent election is a sign of interest. With about 50% participation in an essentially uncontested election, this is a good sign of involvement in the club.

Sunday "babble class" is growing larger and larger, also a good sign. What is needed is for members to tell the board of their interests and favorite activities for meeting programs and community involvement. Participation in one of the 14 outside public service events the club is involved in every year is a good way to meet other members, use the radio and have a fun day outside.

Antenna restrictions prevent many of us from having effective HF antennae. At the clubhouse, W6SG—that's us—has 2 operational HF stations. We also have a computer donated by KB6HOH that could be used for PSK31 operation. Any club member may use either station at any time. Just let the trustee know what you want to do, e.g., operate in a contest this weekend, and have at it. (provided your license covers HF or, if not, someone with you has a license to operate on HF and can be the control op.

It's your club, it's up to you....

Ed Karl KØKL

When I was six months pregnant with my third child, my three-year-old came into the room while I was getting ready to get into the shower. She said, "Mommy, you are getting fat!"

I replied, "Yes, honey, remember Mommy has a baby growing in her tummy."

"I know," she replied, "but what's growing in your butt?"

A doctor examined a woman, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all."

"Me neither doc," said the husband. "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

Two old-timers were sitting on a bench waiting for their bus. The buses were running late, and a lot of time passed. Finally, one turned to the other and said, "You know, I've been sitting here so long, my butt fell asleep!"

The other turned to him and said, "I know! I heard it snoring!"

From The ARRL Letter.

The FCC is reviewing a response from a California licensee. On October 15, Riley Hollingsworth wrote Angel Carballo, KG6QKR, of Fremont enclosing a complaint alleging interference on 2 meters during a two-hour period. The complainant told the FCC that two repeaters in the south San Francisco Bay area "were being kerchunked." The amateur who complained said he was able to track the source of the interfering signal to an unoccupied vehicle sitting in a corporate parking lot. He said the transceiver appeared to be in cross-band mode, and he was able to spot the transceiver's display blinking momentarily each time the repeaters were accessed.

After the complaining amateur approached corporate security and threatened to report the incident to the FCC, security personnel asked him to hold off while they tried to "solve the problem internally." The complainant, whom the FCC did not identify, said security subsequently brought out a man who went to the vehicle and shut down the transceiver. The FCC apparently was able to locate Carballo through the license plate and vehicle description the complainant provided.

In an October 25 reply to the Commission, Carballo told the FCC he believes he "made a mistake" setting up his radios and did not intend to maliciously interfere. He indicated that he had set up his mobile transceiver as a cross-band repeater on VHF and UHF frequencies--one of them 146.94 MHz--and monitored both frequencies from a handheld transceiver in his office.

Carballo said his transceiver is not capable of transmitting on two frequencies within the same band, so he could not explain the interference to the 145.23 machine. He also offered his apologies and asked the FCC to extend them to the complainant as well.

People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.

Dave Barry.

There's a place for all God's creatures. Right next to the mashed potatoes.

Unknown.

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.

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

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