

QSA-5

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President's Message

Nope.

General Meeting, 3 June

President John Boyd KE6ORI called the meeting to order at 1935 hours. Board members present were Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Dave Hodgson KG6TCJ, Doug Slusher KF6AQU and Raine Strom KG6GII. There were 20 members present including several visitors who were introduced.

Connie Sawtelle AE6PA presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

A new battery has been installed in the comm van. There will be estimates sought for body repair and repainting of the van.

Randy Jenkins KA6BQF gave an update on Public Service events coming up and again asked for hams to step up and help out.

Doug Slusher said repeater repairs will be done on June 19th.

Connie said all arrangements have been made for the club's picnic on Sept. 17th and the Christmas party in December.

Ben Sawtelle said there will be a Tech test on the 11th of June.

Dave Hodgson gave a run-down of the events leading up to Field Day. He asked that whoever wishes to help set up the site the Friday afternoon before Field Day let him know so he can get enough food for dinner. Were hoping for a good turnout for the weekend of the 25th and the 26th for Field Day. There was a discussion on any new rules as far as operating on Field Day.

There was a RACES meeting at the Civic Center on June 4th.

The board approved the sum of \$1500.00 to be used for the purchase of ATV equipment.

George Klein said there is a meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the QCWA, the Quarter Century Wireless Assn. at Day's Inn in northern

Column two.

Website at W6SG.NET

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Special Events for 2005.

Most of these events are on a Saturday. The DIPSEA is on Sunday as is the Escape From Alcatraz. The Saturn Relay runs on both days. The figure in parens is the number of volunteers required for each event. Last year the Double Century crew supplied food and drink along the route and at the finish. Others may do the same. See Randy KA6BQF for further info.

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5 August **Marin Century/Mt. Tam**
 Novato **Double Century (15+)**
 04:00-23:30

19 August **Holstein Hundred (15+)**
 Tomales 06:00-20:00

26 August **Headlands 50K (9)**
 Rodeo Beach 07:00-17:00

2 October **Escape from Alcatraz (5)**
 Mill Valley 10:00-17:00

15/16 October **Saturn Relay (9)**
 Petaluma—Sausalito 18:00-04:00

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You found it!

Novato. They are looking for new people. George said the luncheon meeting starts at 12 noon. Cost is very reasonable. Quas for membership are: licensed at least 25 years ago and licensed now. Continuously not required.

The meeting was adjourned at 2006 hours.

Submitted by Norm Baetz, Secretary.

Field Day Coverage in August
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Board Meeting, 14 June

The meeting was called to order by President John Boyd KE6ORI at 1940 hours. Other board members present were John Iacono KF6VYH, Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Doug Slusher KF6AKU, Phil Dunlap K6PHD, Augie Koehler KØCQL, Raine Strom KG6GII, Dave Hodgson, KG6TCJ and Kevin Foley KF6YUF.

There was a discussion about the equipment in the radio room and what pieces we may want to sell. Norm Baetz passed out a list of some of the rigs considered and possible sale prices. A final decision on this may be made by the next meeting.

A new battery has been installed in the club's truck and Dave Hodgson and John Boyd have gone over the electrical system. A guideline for care of the truck and inventory of its contents will be drawn up. Dollar estimates for body and painting work will be sought in September.

Doug and John Boyd looked over ATV equipment in Dayton at the Hamvention and came back with some ideas the club could make use of. Dave Hodgson brought in some ATV equipment from the county to check out.

Randy Jenkins, KF6BQF, gave a rundown on the recent Dipsea race and said the club's participation went very well. He told about upcoming public service events such as the Double Dipsea, Breast Cancer Walk and the Century. Volunteer radio operators are always needed. Call Randy if you are available.

Dave talked about Field Day and said everyone was welcome. Setting up the equipment will start late Friday afternoon with a free meal to all who show up.

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In October of 1987, Peter Wolford, N6IYU, looked up from his desk at the Hamilton Field Marin ARC Club-house site, building 549, and said to me, "You passed!" I didn't even realize I was taking the CW portion of the Novice test. I was enrolled in the Novice class under the direction of Peter and Mike Edwards, W6FCQ, two fine teachers. Peter said we would be taking a practice test, after which we took a break. Then we returned for the technical portion of the class. In those days, classes went on for several weeks, at night for several hours. Peter passed us all on the practice test thereby avoiding our test anxiety. He was a man generous with his time, generous with his humor. When we passed our General class test out at Two Rock Coast Guard Station, he made us epaulets to wear on our shoulders.

Peter was a long time friend of Ron Panton, W6VG, who many of you may know. He is a lifetime member and on the Board of the NCDXC. With a long friendship between Peter and Ron, I asked Ron for his musings on Peter.

Marilyn Bagshaw N6VAW

Here is what he wrote:
Dear Marilyn:

So sorry our mutual friend is no longer with us. Of course you know that we had a sked on 80 fone every Monday morning. Peter used to say that, because of me, he got a ham license. Don't know if that is true. However, we did discover during one of those skeds that we had a mutual contact in the Oakland Symphony around 65 years ago. Peter was playing the bassoon and I the trumpet at the rehearsals and at the concert at the Old Folks Home in Niles or somewhere down in that region. The first trumpet and the 1st bassoon did not show up, so Peter and I were the scapegoats. Needless to say, we fell flat on our faces trying to fill in for missing hot shots.

Peter knew Helga's (Ron's wife) brother at KCBS where Peter tuned the piano, and I worked in master control. So, Helga's brother talked me into going to the SF Opera house where he sold souvenir programs, and rented out opera glasses.

Column three.



HAZEN PIERRE WOLFORD
(PETER WOLFORD)

JANUARY 16, 1919 - MAY 28, 2005

Peter was the son of Charles Henry Wolford and Star Hazen. Peter was born and raised in Berkeley, California. He was a talented musician and an owner of a very successful piano tuning and repair business serving the music and recording industries in San Francisco and Marin for over fifty-four years.

Peter was a resident of Larkspur for forty-one years and devoted husband to his wife Marguerite for fifty-seven years before her passing last year.

Pete was President of MARC in 1986.

We have heard that Pete's radio gear will be donated to the club. Ed.



From column one.

So, I also ushered as Helga was doing and the rest is history, 54 years or so.

Peter and I loved sailing, but he had an old stink pot of a motor boat, about 10 feet long I think. I had a beautiful Star class sail boat. I talked Peter into getting interested in sail boats, rather than little stink pots. He arranged with some guy for us to take the Trimaran. I was shocked, but we went out in SF bay. It got a little windy and the mast snapped off, and we were rescued by the Coast Guard. Boy, did I laugh out loud, and for a long, long time. Peter then got a Tahiti Ketch. Beautiful proper boat. However, one night he left it moored near Santa Cruz, very foggy night, and his beautiful ketch ran aground and was destroyed. Sad. Many more boats were owned by Peter, but none as beautiful as the Tahiti Ketch.

I also presume you knew Peter had only one lung. Blew a very loud bagpipe though. When he was in the SF hospital, I donated some blood for him. When his mother died she remembered me in her will.

Ron Panton W6VG

Board Meeting, cont.



Operating starts at noon Saturday and, with luck, we should have everything dismantled by 1300 Sunday.

There was a discussion about the club setting up a booth at the Marin Fair but it was deemed too expensive and difficult to man the booth for the length of time required.

The board approved the use of the clubhouse for a meeting of the Southern Marin RACES at some future time. Randy will give us more info on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Submitted by Norm Baetz, Secretary.

HISTORIC MORSE CODE RADIO STATION RETURNS TO THE AIR. Former RCA Station KPH Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary. COAST STATION KSM WILL MAKE ITS INAGURAL TRANSMISSION. COAST STATIONS WLO, KLB, NMC AND NOJ TO BE ON THE AIR

In the sixth annual event that has become known as the "Night of Nights", historic Morse code radio station KPH will return to the air in commemoration of the last commercial Morse message sent in the United States.

This year's Night of Nights is special: it's the 100th anniversary of KPH, KSM will appear on the air for the first time and four other US coast stations will be on the air, several of them on MF in addition to HF.

Frequencies and reception report information for KPH appears below.

KPH, the ex-RCA coast station located north of San Francisco, will return to the air for commemorative broadcasts on **12 July at 1701 PDT (13 July at 0001 GMT)**, 6 years and one minute after the last commercial Morse transmission in the US. These on-the-air events are intended to honor the men and women who followed the radiotelegraph trade on ships and at coast stations around the world and made it one of honor and skill.

Transmissions are expected to continue until at least midnight PDT (0700GMT).

Veteran Morse operators, including former KPH staff members, will be on duty at the receiving station at Point Reyes, CA listening for calls from ships and sending messages just as they did for so many years before Morse operations were shut down.

The transmitters are located 18 miles south of Point Reyes in Bolinas, CA at the transmitting station established in 1913 by the American Marconi Co. The original KPH transmitters, receivers and antennas will be used to activate frequencies in all the commercial maritime HF bands and on MF as well.

Many of the KPH transmitters will be 50s vintage RCA sets. KSM will use a 1940s vintage Press Wireless PW-15 transmitter on 12Mc. Power output will be 4 to 5kW. The transmitting antennas include a Marconi T for MF, double extended Zepps for 4, 6 and 8Mc and H over 2s for 12, 16 and 22Mc.

KPH will send traffic lists, weather and press broadcasts as well as special commemorative messages, many of which will be sent by hand. At other times the KPH and KSM "wheel" will be sent to mark the transmitting frequencies.

Members of the public are invited to visit the receiving station for this event. The station will be open to visitors beginning at 1500PDT (3:00pm). The station is located at 17400 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and is on the route to the Point Reyes lighthouse. Watch for a cypress-lined driveway on the right about a mile past the entry to Coast Guard station NMC.

KPH is operated by the Maritime Radio Historical Society in cooperation with the Point Reyes National Seashore, part of the National Park Service.

Further information may be found on the Maritime Radio Historical Society Web site at <http://www.radiomarine.org> or by contacting Richard Dillman at +1 415-990-7090 (email: rd@radiomarine.org) or Tom Horsfall at +1 510-237-9535 (email: wa6ope@hotmail.com).

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Station Information follows...

KPH will transmit on 4247.0, 6477.5, 8642.0, 12808.5, 17016.8 and 22477.5kc on HF and 500 and 426kc on MF.

These frequencies have been made available through the generous cooperation of Globe Wireless, the current owner of the KPH and KFS licenses. KPH operators will listen for calls from ships on ITU Channel 3 in all bands. The Channel 3 frequencies are 4184.0, 6276.0, 8368.0, 12552.0, 16736.0 and 22280.5kc on HF and 500kc on MF.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Ms. DA Stoops
P.O. Box 381
Bolinas CA 94924-0381
USA

Denice is a former KPH operator and was the first female telegrapher hired at the station.

Edited for space limitations.

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 directly 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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