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<p>The Marin Amateur Radio</p>	<p>Website at W6SG.NET Phone 415.389.6630</p>	<p>Society Monthly</p>
<p>President's Message? Not bloody likely.</p>	<p>Special Events for 2005.</p>	<p>Mailing Address P.O. Box 6423 San Rafael, CA 94903</p>
<p>General Meeting, 2 September.</p> <p>President John Boyd KE6ORI called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours. He asked if there were any guests in attendance. Denice Stoops of Bolinas introduced herself. She is a member of the Maritime Radio Historical Society which has taken on the job of preserving and restoring KPH, one of the best known coast stations in the world. She is also involved with the submarine USS Pampanito. She will be attending the upcoming training classes to obtain her ham license and was concerned about taking the code test as she is currently proficient at better than 40 words per minute and was afraid she could not slowdown and copy the code at 5 words.</p> <p>Another guest for the evening was Rita Brendon KG6WPN a member of EBARK in Berkeley, hopefully she will become a member of MARS in the near future.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report: Connie Sawtelle AE6PA read a report of the club's finances which was accepted.</p> <p>Comm. van: President Boyd gave a brief report on the van. It has been used quite a bit this summer for several public service events, the last being the Holstein 100 in West Marin. John also will be looking into the cost to remove dents and rust and apply a new paint job. He is planning, after this year's events are behind us, to take the truck to Camperland to have the onboard AC generator serviced.</p> <p>Recreation: Connie talked briefly about the Picnic Saturday September 17th at Samuel P. Taylor Park from 12 noon until 6 PM.</p> <p>Public Service: Randy Jenkins KA6BQF thanked all the members for their volunteering for the many events the club has supported so far this year. He is looking for assistance with The Peak Hike on 9/17, Page two, column one.</p>	<p>Most of these events are on a Saturday. The Escape From Alcatraz is on Sunday. 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. 510.526.4089 ka6bqf@arrl.net</p> <p>2 October Escape from Alcatraz (5) Mill Valley 10:00-17:00</p> <p>15/16 October Saturn Relay (9) Petaluma—Sausalito 18:00-04:00</p> <p>Tech Classes Cancelled.</p> <p>The Saturday 24 September scheduled class had to be cancelled, after the future hams and the instructor had shown up at the clubhouse. The major item of teaching material, an ARRL DVD, was nowhere to be found. Last known location was in the DVD player in the clubhouse. The mystery has not been solved as of Sunday 9/25. We're told that replacement cost is considerable. There is no spare.</p> <p>John Keane W6CCV the club's official nomad has returned to Marin from Sonoma and is presently living in Novato.</p> <p>A married couple is sitting in a fine restaurant when the wife looks over at a nearby table and sees a man in a drunken stupor. The husband asks "I notice you've been watching that man for some time now. Do you know him?" "Yes," she replies, "he's my ex-husband, and has been drinking like that since I left him seven years ago." "That's remarkable" the husband replies, "I wouldn't think anybody could celebrate that long." Services will be held at 2:30 pm Saturday at Forever Green Mortuary and Recycling Center.</p>	<p>Board Meeting, 13 September.</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by V.P. John Iacono KF6VYH at 1935 hours. Other board members present were Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Phil Dunlap K6PHD, Raine Strom KG6GII, Doug Slusher KF6AKU, Dave Hodgson KG6TCJ, and Augie Koehler KØCQL.</p> <p>There was no Treasurer's report. There was one given at the General meeting, which was approved.</p> <p>Doug Slusher said all the repeaters were performing alright. The status of the Mt. Tam site is being negotiated with the MMWD. Doug also said the equipment for the club's comm van is still being installed but everything should be finalized soon. It should be "state of the art" when completed.</p> <p>Randy Jenkins KF6BQF said that the special events are winding down. Check QSA-5 for dates and times.</p> <p>There are a couple of Tech classes near the end of Sept. with a test on Oct. 8.</p> <p>There was a reminder to sign up for the club's picnic the Saturday of the 17th.</p> <p>Dave Hodgson said there was a RACES meeting coming up Oct. 1st at the Civic center.</p> <p>There would be listed a slate of candidates for the members to vote on possibly at the next General meeting.</p> <p>Arrangements for this year's Christmas party have been taken care of and details will be forthcoming in a future QSA-5.</p> <p>Al Weisman W5ALW has continued discussions with our sister city in Japan and hopes to work out a dialog with their amateur radio club.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours. Submitted by Norm Baetz WA6CLK, Secretary.</p>

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help supporting the Sonoma County folks with the Wine to Waves 9/24 & 25, the Saturn Relay 10/15 into the early am of 10/16 and the Escape from Alcatraz 10/22.

Tech. Committee: Doug Slusher KF6AKU talked about setting dates to do the annual PM on the San Pedro repeaters and the need to do some work on the Mt. Tam 146.700 repeater controller.

Building: John Butler KF6GNI has been constructing and installing three new operating positions in the radio room. He relocated and installed a new HF dipole antenna. While doing this work, he had a chance to inspect the roof and remainder of the building and reports it's good to go for the winter.

Education: Ben Sawtelle N6PJZ reported that he will be holding Technician classes on 9/24 and 10/1 with VE testing on 10/8. He also mentioned that there were 7 to 8 people interested in the class.

County Liaison: Dave Hodgson KG6TCJ talked briefly about being prepared for a major event which would require that we have a 3 to 5 day food and water supply for each person in our households. He announced that the fall RACES general meeting will be on 10/1 at the Civic Center EOC.

Rem Calvin K6BBQ talked about the club's HF/VHF/UHF radio-carrying trike. Pulling a small trailer carrying the battery, he has had it out on the roads and handed out ham information as well as doing some operating with the IC706 running on battery power. He also mentioned that September is National Preparedness Month and that the ARRL would be having an off the grid event on 9/17. He will be looking for a place to setup for the upcoming Kids Day in January. He also has sent out thank you letters to the San Rafael mayor for the Council's Proclamation for this years Field Day and also to Comcast for placing our FD information ad.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:05 hours, after which our fearless QSA5 editor Phil Dunlap K6PHD showed a Column two.

video about the commuter trains in the Bay Area and their demise. It had some great historic shots of Marin.

Submitted by Dave Hodgson KG6TCJ, acting Secretary while Norm Baetz was on vacation.

MARS Picnic, Saturday 9/17

A rather dry account.

Same great location, Sam Taylor Park, as last year. Very fine tri tip steaks from COSTCO, as were the hot dogs and hamburgers. Raine KG6GII brought her homemade barbie sauce. Connie AE6PA did most of the work while Ben N6PJZ and your editor carried stuff aimlessly back and forth around the site. Doug KD6SAU was in charge of table prep; you don't want to know what stuff was hidden under those covers. Randy KA6BQF and Rita KG6WPN brought easy lighting briquettes; just a touch of a propane torch did it. There were three cakes, plenty of salad fixin's and readymade macaroni and spud salad. Ben opened up two #10 cans of BUSH beans but we consumed less than one, probably due to fartophobia.

We hauled all the food and bellywash from the clubhouse in two vehicles and Ben/Connie picked up Doug in San Anselmo on the way through. The site was sunny and cool and most brought jackets for later in the afternoon. Some wore short sleeves, though. Heard no complaints about the weather. Someone said that one or two, at most, yellow jackets showed up but were no problem; they don't eat much. Old joke, very.

Conversations were animated and we saw no signs of boredom, probably due to the caffeine in the bellywash. Because of the absence of alcoholic bevs—you could have brought your own—there were no fights and all attending kept their clothing on, at least those who remained in sight.

The picnic site bordered an active route into the hills and groups of bikers, hikers and horsers passed by during the day. Don't have a count of the those attending but we didn't run out of food or drink. Some of us took home leftovers, including the uneaten whistleberries.

One couple disappeared and was not seen again by the time we left to return all the stored supplies to the clubhouse. We hope that they know what poison oak looks like.

The Third Sunday Breakfast was canceled due to major overeating at the picnic and the regulars ended up at bible/babble class at the clubhouse. Ed.

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Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD, 6/6/1917—12/9/2005. Hugh was a longtime member of MARC and its president in '63, '65 and '67. In April of 1980, he became the 18th ham to be elected to the CQ magazine DX Hall of Fame.

Cass coined the phrase "DX IS" when he was owner/editor of the *West Coast DX Bulletin* many years ago. Recently, a new club was formed in the Philippines and in honor of this phrase they picked the callsign 'DX1S. It was arranged for Cass to make the first qso to DX1S, from the qth of K6RIM in Corte Madera.

Info courtesy of Rich Carbine W6UDS
Hugh Cassidy's obit was in the 12 September IJ.

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Jackson Sauers W6JRI

A life member of MARC and recipient of Ham of The Year. At the time of his death he was 48 countries short of the 100 needed on 80 meters which would have qualified him for the coveted Five Band DXCC award. Over the years he made numerous major donations to the club as well as serving on the Board for two terms.

Info courtesy of Rich Carbine W6UDS

Are hybrid cars a good buy?

Based solely on the present price of a gallon of gasoline, it makes no economic sense to buy a hybrid in comparison to the same vehicle with a gasoline-only engine.

People tend to forget, ignore or are just plain ignorant of the extra expense involved in buying and owning a hybrid. Initial cost and battery replacement are two examples. If the dollars and cents of car ownership is your guiding principle, the hybrid revolution has not reached the point where it makes financial sense.

Plagiarized from somewhere.

What day of the week was that loaf of bread on the store shelf baked?

Check the color of the twist tie or the plastic clip on the bag.

Monday - Blue Friday—White
Tuesday - Green Saturday—Yellow
Thursday - Red

Death Ride Hams Offer Rescue Aid.

By Dick Young, KD7JMR

It's a beautiful day in the Sierra Nevada and the assignment is to be the radio operator at a place called Half Ebbetts for the famed Death Ride bike extravaganza. Some 2500 bikers will pass by the position, getting water and sustenance. Some ask for relief by asking you to get a Van ride; a few just stop by to give the high sign and tell you they're proud to be a HAM too. Others just thank you for being there. NCS is consistently snapping at you for activity reports and other apparent necessities of the Ride Coordinator.

This was the scene for the Carl's, Roger (W6SXX) and Peggy (N7MXC), on this fateful day. Both had performed admirably at this location for past Death Rides. Both knew the routine very well so little could, or would, go awry. It stayed that way for several hours.

The Tahoe Amateur Radio Association (TARA) acts as the communications arm for the world renowned Tour of the California Alps (Death Ride) and was doing so again for this Silver Anniversary event. Our volunteer effort has greatly enhanced the safety and continuity of this annual presentation by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce. The ride is supported by various Fire and Paramedic organizations, the California Highway Patrol and several volunteer groups contributing the many aid stations along the 125 mile route. The California Alps presents over 15,000 feet of up and down cycling. A grueling challenge recognized by cyclists around the world as one of the best.

TARA members, aided by many other volunteer Hams in the area, create the glue that makes the whole scene come together. No other means of communication can centralize the communications needs. Only Amateur Radio!

On this 2005 run, some 60 other Hams were working alongside Roger and Peggy. All performing in superb fashion and further honing their emergency communications skills. The back and forth is rapid fire, leaving little room for extended thinking or lengthy discussion of

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action and no room for error. The need to quickly know what you are doing is a vital requirement.

Roger reports a rider down and injured. This is confirmed by other stations being advised by participants as they pass. The Ride Coordinator, through NCS, dispatches a Code Three ambulance to the scene. The report is a broken collar bone and, more important, a request for immediate CareFlight evacuation.

The Ride Coordinator, talking out loud to himself, wishes for the Lat-Long location. He knows it's not possible. NCS contacts Roger and Peggy. They immediately respond with the exact coordinates for the helicopter landing site along with the specific elevation and existing wind conditions.

Long story short, the helicopter is on site within minutes and Roger expertly guides the pilot to a safe landing, departing almost immediately with the patient...a happy ending.

Through earlier efforts from fire and paramedic volunteers, the helicopter was equipped to communicate on the HAM simplex frequency. And previous training provided Roger and Peggy with the knowledge they could efficiently and capably assist the pilot in descent and departure.

The communication between Half Ebbetts and NCS was concise, exact and well practiced. A viable solution and knowledge of emergency situational conditions had been practiced and, now, put into action.

No stuttering. No questions. No hesitation. Excellent exercise put to superb use. Along with Peggy's insistence that she and Roger always have their exact location etched on paper. A ten year old \$80 GPS took many minutes off the potential time for the helicopter to define the evacuation location.

For more info on the Death Ride, go to www.chainreaction.com/markleeville.htm

THE WORLD'S SHORTEST FAIRY TALE

Once upon a time, a guy asked a girl "Will you marry me?" The girl said, "NO!" And the guy lived happily ever after and went fishing, hunting and played golf a lot and drank beer and farted whenever he wanted.

THE END

Stuff for Sale.

- 1) IC-471H 440 transceiver (75 W) \$350.
- 2) IC-271H 2 mtr (100 W) \$300. or both for \$600.
- 3) Force 12 HF 40-10-15-20 + WARC beam... needs a few standoffs replaced and new wire for the linear loaded 40 meter part, otherwise in good shape. Cost was almost \$1000 new and believe they are still being sold for at least that price. Selling for \$450.
- 4) 40 meter rotatable dipole \$75.

I also have an IC-781 HF transceiver, the one with a scope & built in PS @ 150 watts, sold new for over \$8K. Will sell it for around 2.2K.

Rich W6UDS 479-3136

Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel.

"Have you eaten your banana yet?" Ole asked excitedly.

"No," replied Lars.

"Vell, don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed. "I yust took vun bite and vent blind!"

Ole is so cheap that after his airplane landed safely he grumbled, "Vell, dere gose five dollars down da drain for dat flight insurance!"

Ole was working at the fish plant up nort in Dulut when he accidentally cut off all ten of his fingers. He went to the emergency room in the Clinic and when he got there the Norski doctor looked at Ole and said, "Let's have da fingers and I'll see vut I can do."

Ole said, "I haven't got da fingers."

"What do you mean, you haven't got da fingers?" he said. It's 2005! We's got microsurgery and all kinds of incredible techniques. I could have put dem back on and made you like new! Vy didn't you bring da fingers?"

To which Ole says, "How vas I supposed to pick dem up?"

"Hey, Sven," said Ole. "How many Swedes does it take to grease a combine?" After Sven replied, "I don't know." Ole said, "Only two, if you run dem through real slow."

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/Board 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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