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President's Message.

Well, another year has passed and as I sit here reflecting on what has happened around the club, we sure had a year jam-packed with activities. I'm also thinking back to my first President's Message in February. I had expressed a desire to start making physical improvements to our clubhouse. Sadly, this did not happen. We did talk with several contractors but our schedule for doing repairs and remodeling as finances allowed was not attractive to them. It looks like the only way we will be able to upgrade the club is with a lot of your labor and a number of substantial donations. The plans that were prepared a number of years ago would take three times the money we currently have in our treasury to complete. The one thing that must be addressed before any interior improvements are even begun is the permanent repair of all the leaks and not the temporary patches, here and there, year after year that we have been making. One improvement was the installation of a canopy for the com truck, thanks to a generous donation from Raine and Frank Strom. The canopy has kept the truck dry so we do not have to run a dehumidifier 24/7 during the rainy months to keep the interior dry and mold free.

Starting in April and running through the summer we supported our community through the public service events for which we handle radio communications. This is one way we fulfill our club purpose under our By-Laws, which is to promote Amateur Radio and aid our community. The only way we can accomplish this is with the help which you provide. So a big thank you goes out to all of you who pitched in this year. Over the year our membership has grown which I hope is a trend. Kid's Day at the Discovery Museum in Fort Baker went well and next year's should come off even better. Field day was fun as it should be and was well supported, especially the on-site Saturday evening dinner. The club picnic was a great success and I am looking forward to our Christmas get together on 3 December at the Four Seasons in Terra Linda. Column two.

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From column one.

The Board of Directors has kept the expenses in check so we will finish the year with our finances in the black. The Board has also prepared much needed edits and additions to our By-Laws which should be implemented the first of the New Year unless there are major objections from you, the members. Most of the changes are just to clarify some wording, and fix some typos. There is one major change pertaining to prospective members. Currently there is no way to turn down anyone for reasonable cause. The proposed new wording sets up a hearing/appeal process for anyone denied membership. The purpose of the new paragraph is to protect the club.

We also have a Budget prepared for next year which has been lacking for several years. So, for a Board that one director says 'moves at glacier speed', we must be suffering from global warming.

In closing I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as club president this year. I hope that in your opinion I have done an acceptable job. I also want to thank all the members of the Board of Directors; you all are sincerely dedicated to our club's prosperity and success. You're a great group to work with.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Dave Hodgson, KG6TCJ

Josiah 'Joe' Knowles, K6KEW, SK. 6/1932-10/2006

Word came from Jack Troup that Joe had died from complications of a fall. Attendees of Sunday babble class remember Joe showing up at the Shell Rd. clubhouse intermittently—he had moved to Oakhurst—and at the Red Cross in San Rafael at least as far back as the early sixties. Back then we could always see him coming in his blue VDUB with the very long Master Mobile 75m antenna cut for 3885 kc.

Joe's obit was in the Sunday 12 November Marin IJ.

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General Membership Meeting 11/3.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Hodgson at 19:31 hours. There were 18 members present. Board members present included Dave Hodgson, Randy Jenkins, Al Weisman, Tom Jordan, and Augie Koehler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted on the bulletin board.

President Dave reported on the activities of the Board of Directors:

A committee to suggest changes in the bylaws was appointed and is working. The committee consists of board members Jenkins, Jordan, and Slusher. (see page three)

Odds & Ends: We continue working on the issue of the front door lock. The club brochure had been approved by the board and a copy was available for inspection. A trailer has been donated by Phil K6PHD to replace the old trailer for the generator. The board had approved a proposal by Jessica Vodak, a management student, to study the financial management of the Marin Amateur Radio Society. Board member Frank Strom had inquired about the responsibility for getting programs for the club meetings.

Norm Baetz reported that 21 of the ballots have been returned so far.

Treasurer's Report: Our bookkeeper Connie Sawtelle reported balances of \$11,836.65 in checking accounts before the deposit of the rent check, and \$19,734.75 in savings deposits, for total assets of \$37,141.60. This puts us slightly ahead compared to last year.

Recreation Committee: Connie reported that the Christmas party was coming up and requested RSVP by November 15. After November 15, the price will go up from \$25 to \$30. The Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 3, and will be held in- stead of our normal Friday general membership meeting.

Public Service Committee: Chairman Randy reported that we had our first request for

K6GWE Repeaters

2 meters

Big Rock Ridge 147.330 +

INPUTS

- pl 203.5 Big Rock
- pl 179.9 Mt. Tam west
- pl 167.9 Mt. Barnabe
- pl 192.8 Tiburon

Mt. Tamalpais 146.700 -

- pl 179.9 Mt. Tam input

San Pedro Ridge 147.330 +

- pl 173.8 off-line - reserve status.

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San Pedro Ridge

- 443.525 + pl 82.5

Mt. Tamalpais

- 443.250 + pl 179.9

Thanksgiving Stuff.

Last year, 2005, six of us spent most of the day at my mother-in-law's place in Rossmoor. She decided to go the easy route and ordered a ready-made turkey dinner from Safeway. The turkey came in an oven-proof bag for reheating. Easy. Well, we sorta forgot how long the bird was in the oven and when we finally looked it was boiling in the bag. Now it was time to carve it. Couldn't be done as the meat departed the skeleton as soon as the electric knife touched it. Didn't have to hunt for the wishbone, just picked it up. However, to the surprise of all present, the meat was flavorful and very moist (No kidding,) and there were no complaints. Lotta laughs, though, especially after we'd emptied the wine bottles.

Here in San Rafael we do a ham early in the day (not a spiral cut) and put in on the stove top with a knife stuck in it. As we walk by to refresh our drinks or sneak a peek at the turkey in the oven we can tear off a piece on the fly.

We swore we'd never do another turkey, mainly because of the mess, but we're guessing it's sorta like childbirth; you tend to forget the worst parts, then go and make the same mistake again. (grin) We got a seventeen pounder; all the cheap ones were gone at Safeway. The kids promised to do the cleanup and that could have been a factor in deciding to do a turkey. Everyone will get CARE packages when leaving if we have to sneak them into their cars. What turkey doesn't leave on four wheels on Thursday, or at the latest, Friday morning, will depart on six wheels Monday morning. ed.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws.

Some needed changes are listed here for inspection by the membership. A few are typos not corrected previously are not included here; only changes that could effect the operation of the club are shown. Additions in bold type.

Art. 3, Sec. 17. Vacancies, added:

The Board of Directors may grant any director a leave of absence from the Board, for such period as the Board determines is appropriate, without creating a vacancy, provided (1) that such absence shall be determined to be not detrimental to the best interests of the Corporation, and (2) that any director who is also an officer of the Corporation shall relinquish such office prior to being granted such leave. Should a director who has been granted such leave fail to return at the expiration of the time granted, that director shall be considered as having resigned and a replacement shall be named as provided elsewhere in these bylaws.

Art. 4, Sec. 9. Duties of Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall: Receive, **or cause to be received**, and give receipt for, **or cause to be given receipt for**, monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever.

Art. 12, Sec. 3. Admission of Members.

Applicants shall be admitted to membership by written application and payment of current dues, **provided that upon a determination by the Board of Directors that an applicant has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the interests or purposes of the corporation, such admission to membership may be denied. Any person denied admission to membership shall have the right to a hearing before the Board of Directors as follows:**

- (1) The applicant being denied shall be given an opportunity to request to be heard, either orally or in writing, at a hearing to be held not less than fifteen (15) days after the effective date of the initial denial. The hearing will be held by the Board of Directors in accordance with the quorum and voting rules set forth in these bylaws applicable to the meetings of the Board. The notice to the applicant of his or her hearing shall state the date, time and place of the hearing on his or her proposed denial of membership.**
- (2) Following the hearing, the Board of Directors shall decide whether or not the applicant should in fact be denied membership. The decision by the Board shall be final.**
- (3) If this corporation has provided for the payment of dues by members, any person denied membership in the corporation shall receive a refund of dues already paid.**

USS Wisconsin Radio Club, N4WIS. Listen for us on 12/2, 12/3 and 12/7 between 1400 and 2100 Zulu as that is our next Special Event. Look for us in the General Class area of the highest frequency bands having good propagation. We expect to have two transceivers operating.

MARC's 5KW (advertised) Generator.

The club's generator, which we've written about in past issues of QSA-5 and which has powered us faithfully through a few Field Days, has been mounted on a new trailer. Well, not exactly new, it dates to 1983 and spent most of its life hauling fire wood or just sitting and gathering rust. Most of the rust has been taken care of where it counts. But the price was right. This one has springs and doesn't leap clear off the road like the old trailer when its petrified tires encountered a piece of gravel in their path. It was almost comical to watch, seeing daylight under those tires when you were following it down the road. The relic belonged to the Alto Volunteer Fire Dept. and was probably never designed or intended to travel faster than 25 mph.

With the removal of some of the rust and swap of the old 8 inch wheels for 12 inchers, the new hauler looks pretty sharp. The next step could be the installation of a hitch on our comm van. Hauling duty has been assigned to volunteer vehicles up to now.

Now that there is room on the trailer, we considered adding an additional muffler to quiet it down a bit but tests showed little reduction in radiated sound when jamming a large towel into the exhaust of the running engine. It's mainly mechanical noise. A Scotch Guard treated nylon cover will keep the rain off the parts that count and a crank-down front wheel will take care of leveling fore and aft. Trailers in California under 1500 pounds unladen weigh are exempt from requiring fenders so we're in the clear, there. Small trailers don't need to pay license renewal fees anymore, either. Total cost to the club: one pair of 12 inch wheels and tires.

Now we have to find a sucker to take away the old trailer. Does anyone know of a secluded cliff somewhere that we could push it over and where it won't be found during our lifetimes? ed.



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. Angle 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.

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 to try to keep the clowns honest. However, they probably would not be successful at that.

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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