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Founded, 1933

President's Message.

I would like to begin my first letter to the club by thanking the membership for electing me to the Board of Directors and by thanking the Board for appointing me as President.

Some of you know that my love of radio comes largely from commercial experience and, although I have only been a licensed amateur for about 15 months, I have been continuously commercially licensed as a telegrapher for over 25 years. Before that I was a Radioman in the US Coast Guard for four years. So, if you add that all together, I've been in radio for over 30 years. WOW! I don't know whether to laugh or cry about that!

What that means is, I have a solid background in proper radio procedure and a little bit of history under my belt. That is what I hope to share with you during the coming year.

I hope to lead by example. My love of learning and improving my radio skills will be culminated by taking (and with luck passing) the exams necessary to upgrade my current FCC license this spring. I have recently joined the radio department of the Jeremiah O'Brien's volunteer crew. I am also a docent at San Francisco Radio/KPH at both the receiving site on the Pt. Reyes peninsula west of Inverness and at the transmitter site in Bolinas, and I serve as the QSL Mistress for the Maritime Radio Historical Society (MRHS) of which I have been a member for seven years.

How I hope to serve MARS during the coming year is to lead by example. I will be present and available. I will share what I have learned during my years of operating and encourage the study and the exploration of Radio History and museums in all of you. My mission in life is to promote the use of CW and radio history.

I invite everyone to join me on July 12 at KPH for our 8th Annual Night of Nights. This will be in conflict with the Board of Director's meeting that same date. (El Boardo can shift meeting dates as it deems necessary. ed.)

Column two.

Website at **W6SG.NET**
Phone **415.389.6630**

Monthly Board Meeting changed to 2nd Thursday.

From column one.

In addition to NofN-VIII, I would like to propose a tours(s) of the KPH sites, either on the same day or on other convenient dates.

I expect to be contacted with your concerns and ideas. I am available 24/7, but keep in mind that it takes me about 45 minutes to drive over-the-hill from home in an emergency. You can call me at home or at work. My cell number is: 415-672-0303 and my work number is 415-924-8300 ext 203. My home E-mail is:

da.stoops@sbcglobal.net.

My thanks to the outgoing President for placing trust and confidence in my ability to lead the club, and I look forward to working with all of you throughout the coming year. QRV?

Denice Stoops (da)

KI6BBR/K6KPH/KPH/KSM

For more info on KPH, go to QRZ.COM, check K6KPH and click on Detailed Info. ed.

Public Service Events for 2007.

At the present time, the list below shows some of the Public Service events that are normally manned by Amateur Radio personnel. Just a heads up to give advance notice of some of the dates.

May 5, MiWok 100K run (0700-1000 hrs) These first two are on the same dates and both need numerous volunteers!

May 5 and into early May 6th, -
The Relay (1500-0530 hrs)

May 12,
The Human Race (0730-1200 hrs)

June 10, Dipsea
(0700 - 1700 hrs)

June 16, Terrible Two - (0800-2230 hrs) A Sonoma County event

Column two >>>>>>>>>

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WWII LIBERTY SHIP
SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN
Program for February Meeting.

"Our member for several years although not active on the air, Mark Shafer, KE6FGL, was born in PA; was graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY with a BS degree in Ocean Transportation, a commission in the Navy Reserve, and a USCG mates license. He later earned a masters degree in business. He and his family lived overseas for eleven years in Hong Kong and Japan.

Mark worked in the merchant marine aboard ship and ashore until he went on active duty as operations officer, MSTs, Inchon, Korea, handling cargo ships, troop transports, and a hospital ship. He later earned a VN service medal aboard the USS SACRAMENTO, AOE-1 in Tonkin Gulf. He retired from the Navy as a Captain and also from Matson Navigation where his highest title was Senior VP Agencies Division. Mark is a licensed pilot and is active in many organizations including, the Masonic Lodge; President, Military Officers Association of America; past Commodore, Sausalito Yacht Club; and Director, National Liberty Ship Memorial, Inc. for the Liberty Ship JEREMIAH O'BRIEN. It is the O'BRIEN that he would like to talk to about at our February meeting."

More on the O'Brien on page two.

that we have been asked to help out on if possible.

June 23, Double Dipsea
(0700-1700hrs)

Aug 4, 2007 - Marin Double Century
(0700-2200 hrs)

Aug 18, 2007 - Holstein 100 bike run
(0800-1730 hrs)

Chuck - WA6SQQ

Board of Directors Meeting 9 Jan.

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Hodgson at 1928 hrs. Present were Hodgson, Jordan, Weisman, Rosenquist, Dunlap, Koehler, Stoops, Baetz, and Jenkins. Absent were Carbine, and Slusher.

Tom Jordan reported on the paper that had been written on the club's finances.

President Dave presented the summary Treasurer's report for December and the income and expense report for 2006. There was a discussion regarding discrepancies in the general account of approximately plus \$817 and approximately minus \$500 in the building account. The summary report showed \$11,513.29 in checking, \$5,593.24 in certificates of deposit for the repeater, and \$19,646.55 in the reserve fund.

Dave reported that there were about 3 new members that had joined at the Sunday meetings during the previous month.

Randy Jenkins reported on the next scheduled public service events: the Miwok 100 on May 5th and The Relay on May 5th and 6th. Dave reported that the website may soon have a members-only section accessible by password.

Under Technical Committee Dave reported that the 147.33 repeater Tam West input was still down and Doug was working with the Ranger from GGNRA to get access to the site. Dave also reported on conversations regarding the relocation of the Tam Middle Peak repeater on the hill. The repeater may be able to stay at its current location.

Education - Tom Jordan reported on training for the Southern Marin CERT teams that would be coming up on February 10th and 17th. The training is aimed at getting approximately 20 members of the search team their Technician Class Amateur Radio Licenses and will not take place at the clubhouse. It was unclear if the training scheduled for January 20 and 27th at the clubhouse would still take place. The question would be put to Ben Sawtelle, our Education Chair.

Al Weisman reported that there was a VE session scheduled for Saturday, March 3.

There was a discussion on what effect the discontinuance of the Morse Code requirement for amateur radio licenses would have on the upcoming VE session, and comments about procedural issues.

Dave reported there was nothing really new for RACES. There had been a discussion at the RACES meeting about WinLink and new message forms.

There was a brief discussion about John Butler's report regarding PG&E costs for the building.

There was a discussion about sending the newsletter (QSA-5) via e-mail rather than by post, and the advantages and disadvantages thereof.

Column three.

**SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN
QUEEN MARY 2 WELCOMING
PARTY CRUISE
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2007
DEPARTS FROM PIER 45 AT 1:00
PM
BOARDING BEGINS AT 11:30
AM UNTIL 12:50 PM**

The QUEEN is on a global cruise, due at the SF pier at 5:00 pm, sailing Monday at 5:00 pm. We will proceed westward under the Golden Gate Bridge and meet the QUEEN off Bonita Point. We will proceed in with her and, after toasting the QUEEN with champagne, we will return to our Fisherman's Wharf pier.

Because this is a short cruise with no catered lunch, the donation is only \$50. However, I am sure our volunteer Stewards Department will serve snacks and probably coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. I know our volunteer Deck Department will man the open bar for beer, water, and soda on deck.

Passengers are welcome to visit all parts of the ship. The ship is the last remaining Liberty as she was built, with a 5 inch gun on the stern, a 3 inch gun on the bow, and eight 20 mm anti-aircraft guns. We recommend seeing the triple expansion steam engine designed by Scott almost 100 years ago. It was the subject of the engine room scenes in the movie "Titanic." The ship, designed by the British before we got into WWII, is registered as a national historical museum and we have a WWII museum below deck which includes a diorama of the D-Day invasion beaches in Normandy. You will also want to visit the ship's store next to the museum.

Our all volunteer crew welcomes you. Dress warmly.

Capt. Mark Shafer, USNR (Ret.)
KE6FGL

From column one.

Bylaws change: A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed bylaws changes as previously read. A substitute motion was made to change the wording in Article 3, Section 17, Paragraph 8 from "in the best interests of " to "not detrimental to the best interests of". The substitute motion passed, and the bylaws were adopted as amended with the change.

Officers for 2007 were discussed. The following slate of officers was proposed:

- President - Denice Stoops
- Vice President - Eric Rosenquist
- Treasurer - Dave Hodgson
- Secretary - Randy Jenkins

The proposed slate was appointed.

After much discussion, by resolution of the board, the meeting day for the Board of Directors meeting has been set for the second Thursday of each month.

The Secretary will draft a letter to our bank, with the names of the 2007 officers. The president and the treasurer will be added to the signature card.

One of the mailbox keys will be issued to Phil Dunlap who has agreed to pick up the mail.

There was a discussion about the dues for 2007. It was reaffirmed that the dues were \$25 for individual members and \$30 for a family.

Under good of the order, the status of the comm truck leaks was discussed, the role and the function of a building manager was discussed, and the subject of food at each general membership meeting was discussed again.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2041 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Jenkins KA6BQF - Secretary

The official copy of these minutes shall reside in the Secretary's file at the corporate office.

One Sunday, in counting the money in the weekly offering, the pastor of a small Florida church found a pink envelope containing \$1000. It happened again the next week. The following Sunday, he watched as the offering was collected and saw a little old lady put the distinctive pink envelope in the plate.

This went on for weeks until the pastor, overcome by curiosity, approached her. "Ma'am, I couldn't help but notice that you put \$1,000 a week in the collection plate," he stated.

"Why yes," she replied, "every week my son sends me money, and I give some of it to the church." The pastor replied, "That's wonderful, how much does he send you?"

The old lady said, "\$10,000 a week."

The pastor was amazed. "Your son is very successful; what does he do for a living?" "He is a veterinarian," she answered.

"That is an honorable profession," the pastor said. "Where does he practice?"

The old lady said proudly, "He has three cat houses in Nevada."

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.
440
San Pedro Ridge
 443.525 + pl 82.5
Mt. Tamalpais
 443.250 + pl 179.9

Looking For a Vanity Call?
 Unlike the site that used to list all of the unassigned calls, **this site lists all of the assigned calls** in the six call area as of 11/12/2006.
www.amateur-radio.org/CallArea-6.htm

Column Stuffing
 'Stomach flu' is not a valid medical term. There ain't no such animal. If it's not a simple digestive problem, call it what it most likely is: food poisoning. Montezuma's Revenge. So don't try using the 'stomach flu' excuse when you're badly hung over on a Monday morning and just can't get out of bed and go to work. You just lie there thinking, "With luck I'll be dead by noon."
 The "flu" is caused by a virus in the respiratory tract and can be a helluva lot worse than food poisoning. In 1918 it infected a fifth of the world population. Twenty-eight percent of all Americans caught it and an estimated 675,000 died. The 1918 flu was most deadly for those between 20 and 40.

Here's a tip from Consumer Reports.
 Get your name removed from mail offers for pre-approved credit cards and insurance. Go to www.optoutprescreen.com You will have to provide you SocSec number but the service, operated by the major credit bureaus, is legitimate.

Getting a lot of telemarketer phone calls? You may be one of the few not to have heard of this site. You can shut 'em off for five years and then renew. Or you can find out your current expiration date.
<https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx>

An old prospector walks his tired old mule into a western town one day. He'd been out in the desert for about six months without a drop of red-eye. He walked up to the first saloon he came to and tied his old mule to the hitch rail. As he stood there brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a gunslinger walked out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of popskull in the other. The gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, "Hey old man, have you ever danced?" The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No, I never did dance. I just never wanted to."
 A crowd had gathered by then and the gunslinger said, "Well, you old fool, you're gonna dance now." and started shooting near the old man's feet.

The old prospector was hopping around and everybody was laughing. When the gunslinger fired his last bullet, he holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon. The old man reached up on the mule, drew his sawed-off and pulled both hammers back. The gunslinger heard the sound and everything got quiet. The crowd watched as the gunslinger slowly turned around looking up both barrels of the shotgun. The old man asked, "Did you ever kiss a mule square on the ass?"
 The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No. But I've always wanted to."

Jack and Betty are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, when Jack asks his wife, "Betty, have you ever cheated on me?"
 Betty replies, "Oh Jack, why would you ask such a question now? You don't want to ask that question."
 "Yes, Betty, I really want to know. Please."
 "Well, all right. Yes, three times."
 "Three? Well, when were they?" he asked.
 "Well, remember when you were 35-years-old and you wanted to start a business but no bank would give you a loan? Then one day the bank president himself came over to the house and signed the loan papers, no questions asked?"
 "Oh, Betty, you did that for me? I guess I can't be too upset about that. Well, when was number two?"
 "Well, remember when you had that heart attack and needed that very risky operation no surgeon was willing to perform? And, remember how Dr. DeBakey came all the way up here, to perform the surgery himself?"
 "Betty, you did a thing like that for me, to save my life? To do such a thing, you must truly love me darling. How can I be upset with that?"
 "So, when was number three?"
 "Well, Jack, do you remember several years ago, when you really wanted to be president of the golf club and you were 17 votes short?"

General Membership Meeting 5 Jan.
 The meeting was called to order at 1933 hrs by president Dave Hodgson. The first order of business was presentation of a plaque to Doug KF6AKU who was selected as the 2006 Ham-of-the-Year.
 There were 16 members and guests present. Board members present included Hodgson, Jenkins, Weisman, Stoops, Dunlap, Baetz, Carbine, Slusher, and Koehler.
 The public service committee (Jenkins) reported that two events had been scheduled so far: the Miwok 100 on May 5, and The Relay on May 5 and 6.
 The technical committee (Slusher) reported that the Tam West input to the Big Rock system was not functioning and we were waiting for the Ranger from GGNRA to allow us access. Also, a trip had been made to the Tam Middle Peak site to swap out the repeater transmitter at that location. A new transmitter was successfully installed and the other machine was being taken in for service.
 The education committee had classes scheduled for January 20 and 27th, either for Technician Or General Class, as interest warranted. VE coordinator Weisman reported that a VE session had been scheduled for the first Saturday in March. Weisman was also looking to have all the local VE sessions posted on the MARS website.
 President Hodgson reported that he believed we had picked up three new members.
 Building manager, John Butler submitted a report discussing the monthly utility bills.
 The proposed amendments to the bylaws were discussed. The proposals will be acted on at the January 9 Board of Directors meeting.
 A question was asked and discussed about programs for the club meetings and who is responsible for them. Denice KI6BBR mentioned that she may have something of interest.
 The question of whether to publish the newsletter (QSA-5) electronically, rather than mailing paper copies, was discussed.
 There was a question from Chuck Deatruck as to whether there was a plan to add a Telpac station to the clubhouse. There was not.
 The meeting was adjourned at 2021 hrs.
 Respectfully submitted, Randy Jenkins KA6BQF, Secretary
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 When I go, I want to die like my grandfather--who went peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car." --Author Unknown
 "Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant? I'm halfway through my fish burger and I realize, Oh my God... I could be eating a slow learner." --Lynda Montgomery

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 Thursday at 7:30 PM. Members are encouraged to attend to try to keep the clowns honest.

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: \$25.00 per year. \$30 for family memberships.** No dues are charged for Life or Honorary members.

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