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May 2009

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President's Message.

Randy's tight sked this month precludes a Pres' Msg. for May.

General Meeting, 3 April, 2009

President Randy Jenkins called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. Officers present were Marilyn Bagshaw, Rich Carbine, Norm Baetz, Horst Dannecker, Dave Hodgson, and August Koehler.

After an introduction of members and guests, the minutes of the March meeting and this evening's agenda were approved. Items discussed concerned: the rear property easement, picnic, Christmas party, and a request by the County to use the clubhouse for the May special election. Dave gave the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

The latest update on club membership was about 103 paid up members. Randy gave a schedule of upcoming Public Service events and called for more volunteers. Check with Randy if you can help. There was a discussion on various repeater sites with a possibility that one of the sites may be moved temporarily to Randy's QTH. No comm. truck news.

Rich told about work being done on the **storm drain** on Shell road—it takes a hard left and runs under our driveway and exits out the rear of the property—and there is a possibility that the club may have to replace the line in the next couple of years. Maybe not, as Alan Best took a sight thru the length of the line and says it looks clear, even at the point where some of the concrete above it has subsided a bit. That could be due to settling of insufficiently compacted fill? We'll have to wait and see. The section at the rear that we replaced earlier had failed, probably due to standing water at that point because of inadequate fall, a low point.

There will be a meeting between MARS and REDX Assn. soon to discuss Field Day.

We need a co-chair to help manage the Recreation and Public Service jobs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours and was

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For ARRL SF Section news, go to www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF

Jerry Foster WA6BXV will make a presentation at the Membership Meeting on 5 June. His program will cover digital modes including the following: PACKET, PSK31, MT63, RTTY, RMS internet packet.

Jerry's presentation will not cover a much older digital process, the Redneckian digital adding machine which makes use of the operator's hand digits and, if the total exceeds ten, the pedal digits.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Saturday, May 9 Human Race, Marin Civic Center, 7:30 - 11:00

Sunday, June 14, The Dipsea, Mill Valley - Stinson Beach 7:30 - 13:00

Saturday, June 27 Double Dipsea, Stinson Beach - Mill Valley 8:00 - 15:00

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followed by a very interesting demonstration on soldering by Tom Tazalaar KG6MAC. Submitted by Norm Baetz, Secretary

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Board Meeting, April 09, 2009

President Randy Jenkins called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. Other board members present were Norm Baetz, Horst Dannecker, Marilyn Bagshaw, Rich Carbine, John Boyd, Doug Slusher, Phil Dunlap, Augie Koehler and Justin Smith. The minutes of the March meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved. The use of the clubhouse for County elections was also approved. Nothing new from the recreation committee, still need volunteers for Public Service events and also someone to chair the Christmas party which will be held at the clubhouse. It's been a few years since we've used the clubhouse but with rising costs and date problems it seems like the best solution. Plans are going ahead for the kitchen remodeling, news up-dates to come. Doug and John reported that the Mt. Tam repeater is being repaired and the use of the Big Rock repeater. There is still an on going problem with the comm truck's generator.

Rich talked to the County Public Works people and it looks like we're ok with the storm drain running the length our property, at least for a couple of years.

Dave is looking into kitchen, etc., costs and will report back.

The Marin club and REDX will hold a joint meeting to go over Field day plans.

The ALTO CERT group is asking permission to use our parking area when they hold drills. This will be looked into.

Signs will be posted on club property concerning easement conditions.

There was a suggestion for a call for volunteers to clean up the clubhouse, possibly during the Sunday meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours. Submitted by Norm Baetz, Secretary

K6GWE Repeaters
Big Rock Ridge 147.330 +
2 meters 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

Join the Elderfahrten Net on Mondays and Thursdays at 0800 on 3892kc.

The clubhouse furnace fires up at 0800 every Sunday so if you show up, you won't freeze your ass off. Take a chance.

More info of little value

HACKSAW
 One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS
 Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH
 Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW
 A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

73 IS BEST REGARDS. 73s plural makes no sense and is improper usage. 73s is used mainly by former CBers (Children's Banders), the feeble minded and the ignorant. If you are one who uses 73s, you have an easy out by claiming ignorance. If you attempt to argue the point, you will automatically be placed in one of the other categories and will be ridiculed by real Radio Amateurs.

I was nervous the night my husband and I brought our three young sons to an upscale restaurant for the first time. My husband ordered a bottle of wine with the meal. When the server brought it, our children became quiet as she began the ritual uncorking. She poured a small amount for me to taste, and then our six-year-old piped up, "Mom usually drinks a lot more than that!"

And Still More

WIRE WHEEL
 Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say 'Oh sh--'

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL
 Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKILL SAW
 A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS
 Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER
 An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing work.

HOSE CUTTER
 A tool used to make hoses too short.

TABLE SAW
 A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

THE WAYBACK MACHINE ISSUE #14
by Bill Continelli, W2XOY
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In our last installment, we reviewed the events that took place between 1951 and 1953. In that two year period, the Class A, B, and C licenses had been renamed the Advanced, General and Conditional class respectively. Three new licenses had been created--the Extra, Technician and Novice class. Also during that period, 40 meters was finally opened to phone operation, after being a CW only band for years. We lost the top 50 kc of 20 meters, but gained our new 15 meter band. The Advanced class was closed to new applicants (although those holding this license could still renew), and, in a surprising decision, the FCC opened all phone bands to the General and Conditional class operators. Previously, holders of Class B and C licenses could only operate HF phone on 10 meters. Now all amateurs, Conditional to Extra class, had the same on-the-air operating privileges.

Many amateurs resented the fact that the Advanced and Extra class operators had no exclusive frequencies and that there was no incentive for a General or Conditional class licensee to upgrade. Some of these complaints filtered their way to the ARRL. And so, in the February 1963 issue of "QST," an editorial appeared in which the ARRL expressed regret over the abandonment of the incentive license structure, called the 1952 decision a step backward, and proposed a new incentive licensing system be implemented.

The idea of exclusive frequencies for Advanced and Extra class hams--at the expense of the Generals and Conditionals--drew volumes of mail in response. Some of the comments printed in "QST" included: "...absolutely outrageous...", "...ridiculous...", "Your editorial hits the nail on the head", "...thought provoking...", "Congratulations to the ARRL" and "To Hell with the ARRL." The responses in "QST" were about evenly split for and against. There were a few letters from Generals and Conditionals who supported the idea of incentive licensing, even though they would clearly lose under the proposal.

On May 3, 1963, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted their official position on incentive licensing. Their proposal would completely take away all General and Conditional class phone privileges on 75, 40, 20, and 15 meters in a two-year phase-in period.

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In other words, the ARRL's incentive licensing would only allow HF phone operation for Generals and Conditionals on 10 meters and on the small sliver of 160 meters that was available in the days of LO-RAN Radionavigation. The ARRL also suggested reopening the Advanced class license again to those who held a General or Conditional license for one year. Strangely, the ARRL did not suggest that Extras be given exclusive frequencies, nor did they propose exclusive CW frequencies. Rather, they just wanted exclusive access to the 75 through 15-meter phone segments for the Advanced and Extra class licenses.

Again, the mail poured in, pro and con. Many hams felt betrayed for, at this time, the ARRL was running a building fund drive to raise \$250,000 to construct the headquarters that now stands at 225 Main Street in Newington, Connecticut. In effect, they believed that the ARRL was saying "Thanks for your donation, now say goodbye to your HF phone privileges." They were not happy.

On April 1, 1965, the FCC, in response to the ARRL proposal and proposals submitted by others, released their own version of incentive licensing. For Generals and Conditionals, the FCC proposal was not as bad as the League's--the FCC would take away about 50% of their phone frequencies on 75-15 meters, but they would still have access to half of each phone band. For the Advanced Class licensees (formerly Class A), it was a disaster. The FCC, instead of reopening the Advanced class, proposed creating a new "Amateur First Class License." This license would have a code speed of 16 WPM. Worse, the FCC would "bump" the present Advanced class operators down to General upon renewal.

Now it was the Advanced class licensees who were outraged. Prior to 1952, they had held the top license. Now, in effect, they would be demoted two grades and lose 50% of the 75-15 meter phone bands. The FCC also proposed extensive 50 kc CW subbands for Extra class licensees on 80-15 meters, small exclusive phone segments for Extras, and incentive restrictions on six and two meters. For the next two years, 1965-1967, the battle raged on. Hundreds of proposals and counter proposals were made. The ARRL opposed any incentive subbands on six and two, and worked to retain the Advanced class in lieu of the proposed "Amateur First Class License."

Column two.

On August 24, 1967, the FCC announced its decision. There would not be a new "Amateur First Class" ticket, or a 16 WPM requirement. The Advanced class would not be demoted to General, but rather would be reopened as the intermediate step between general and Extra. In summary, the FCC rules established a three-step phase-in of incentive licensing, to begin on November 22, 1967. On that day, the Advanced class was reopened to new applicants after a 15 year freeze and Novices were given a two-year, non-renewal license, instead of the previous one-year, non-renewable term.

On November 22, 1968, Novices lost their 2-meter voice privileges. Generals, Conditionals and Technicians lost the first 100 kc of 6 meters. The first 25 kc of the 80-15 meter CW bands became Extra only and Generals and Conditionals lost about 25% of the 75-15 meter phone bands, which were given to the Advanced and Extra class hams. Comments and opinions still poured into the FCC and the ARRL, requesting anything from total abandonment of incentive licensing to even more restrictive allocations. Most of the comments suggested that the third phase, scheduled for implementation on November 22, 1969, was too severe. Upon review, the Commission agreed in part. Thus, on September 24, 1969, the FCC scaled back the scheduled changes. As a result, Technicians, Conditionals, and Generals did not lose the 50.1 through 50.25 Mc segment of six meters (where most of the sideband activity was) and the Extra class CW subbands were kept at 25 kc. After November 22, 1969, Generals and Conditionals had only 50% of the 75-15 meter phone bands, Advanced about 90%, and Extra class licensees retained 100% of their previous allocations.

On a final note, the FCC, in its Report & Order adopting incentive licensing, had refused to increase VHF operating privileges for Technicians and had taken away Novice voice operations on 2 meters. There was a reason for this. The FCC wanted Novices to bypass the Technician class license and go right to General. Why?

In our next installment, "The Wayback Machine" will journey back to the amateur world in the 1950s, '60s and early '70s to take a closer look at the Technician class license and the unique position it held. I hope you will be aboard.

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"Members of Congress should be compelled to wear uniforms just like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors." From the 'Net.

Are these on YOUR calendar?

From Bill Hillendahl
ARRL SF Section Mgr.

September 26, 2009, San Francisco Section Convention at St. Bernards High School in Eureka. Hosted by the Humboldt clubs, the convention will include a banquet dinner as well as a swap and raffle prizes. Check www.humboldt-arc.org for more and up-to-date information.

Have a great Spring! See you at the swaps.

73, Bill KH6GJV

The Call Book library at the clubhouse needs back issues from the 1960s and 70s, especially the sixties. If you've squirreled away any of these, they would really help round out the series which covers from about 1956 to the present. We'll even take partial, moldy/smelly copies and don't care what may be written in/on them. You will not even be asked to identify individual stains which may be present in or on these relics from the distant past.

The Club is looking for a **video projector for our club presentations** and training classes. If your company has gone through an upgrade in its presentation equipment, maybe your IT department will have a surplus projector that you or your company would donate to the club. We are a registered 501 (c)3 nonprofit and can provide a letter for tax purposes. Dave KG6TCJ


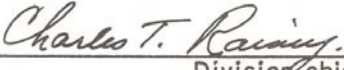

There was a little puppy. Its name was Tax. We opened the door and in come Tax. Now it's a big ugly dog.

The word *katzenjammer* is German, meaning a 'discordant sound' and is also sometimes used to indicate a general state of depression or bewilderment. It's sometimes used in reference to a hangover. The literal translation is "cat's wail." See Horst on this one.

We Elderfahrten will remember *The Katzenjammer Kids* (Hans und Fritz, der Captain und der Inspector.) There was another kid, der Rollo.

Another strip, *The Captain and The Kids*, ran at the same time from 1918 using most of the same characters. That's another story.

Here's a relic of the Cold War. After passing the course, we never saw those radiation meters again. They may be stored, still, in the bowels of the Civic Center.
Are there any other hams who remember taking this course?
Ward Austin was College of Marin's second President.

EDMUND G. BROWN GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA		ALLAN K. JONAS DIRECTOR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIA DISASTER OFFICE RADIOLOGICAL DEFENSE DIVISION		
awards this certificate to <u>PHILIP H. DUNLAP</u> for having successfully completed the indicated course of instruction		
Course	RADIOLOGICAL METER OPERATOR	 Division chief
Date	July 3, 1962	 Radiological defense coordinator

Some Statistics from WW2

Total personnel in US Armed Forces during WW2: 13,104,355

Army 8,300,000
Navy 4,204,662
Marines 599,693

Killed in action:
Army 223,215
Navy 34,702
Marines 15,469

These figures do not count the wounded or those who died later of their wounds.



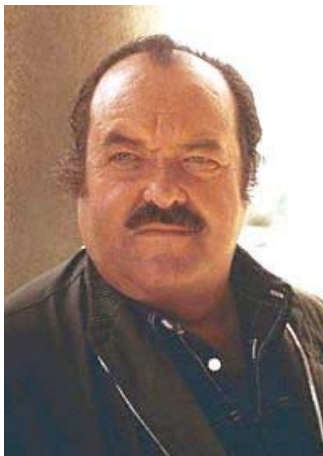
John Quade

From last month's QSA-5, if you haven't figured out who this actor is, he's John Quade. If you saw the movie *Every Which Way But Loose* starring Clint Eastwood, you saw Quade as Cholla, leader of the Black Widows motorcycle gang. Also in the sequel *Any Which Way You Can*.

We've had one correct response, so far, from Den Regan K6ZJU, CO of Pampanito ARC, NJ6VT. Another guess was William Conrad who, among other parts, was Matt Dillon when *Gun Smoke* was on AM radio. There is a definite similarity to Quade.

John Quade, b.1938, worked for the Santa Fe Railway repair shop in Topeka, and as an aerospace engineer before his movie debut in 1972. In high school, he was a member of the radio club. Here's a partial list of his films:

Return to Lonesome Dove (1993) (mini)
And You Thought Your Parents Were Weird (1991)
The Tracker (1989) (TV)
The Highwayman (1987) (TV)
La Bamba (1987)
Tigershark (1987)
Dream West (1986)
Fury to Freedom (1985)
Any Which Way You Can (1980) (sequel)
Every Which Way But Loose (1978)
The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976)
Mr Ricco (1975)
The Sting (1973)
Papillon (1973)
High Plains Drifter (1973)
Bad Company (1972)
Hammer (1972)



William Conrad

Blue highlighted titles recommended for Clint Eastwood fans.

Pampanito A.R.C. NJ6VT
 DDO Report for Saturday, April 11, 2009.
 Bill Stewart

When I arrived at the Pampanito, the bay was full of sailboats and there was a beautiful white air ship overhead- not the usual blimp but a genuine zeppelin making lazy circles above the bay. A nice way to start the day off.

I got started a little earlier than usual and powered up NJ6VT around 10:30 am. There were only a few stations on 40 meters at that time of day. K9WJV/P from Utah for a SOTA event was calling and we had a short QSO. He was about the only station heard on 40 meters so I moved up to 20 and found most stations were working the Georgia QSO party--Lots of stations so I jumped right in there with them and made about 4 or 5 quick contacts. Later, I checked out the QRP freq. around 14.060 and a little above where heard a familiar call, K6BBQ , Rem, working the "Polar Bear" QRP event. He was running one watt at the time but had a good 589 signal. He was operating from the beach near the Marin Rod and Gun Club. Not much of a DX contact but still fun to bump into him. Nothing was heard on 17 meters but some guys on 20 meters SSB said 15 meters was opening up a little but I couldn't hear much.

I closed the station down around 3:30 pm and took in one last view of the beautiful day on the bay before heading home.

Bill Stewart,
 KF6RMK
 Radio Operator NJ6VT
 USS Pampanito, SS-383
 San Francisco

Thanks to Bill Stewart, KF6RMK, for taking this DDO aboard the USS Pampanito!
 Den Regan, K6ZJU
 CO P.A.R.C.

cc: Aaron Washington, Ship's Manager
 Diane Cooper, Museum Curator
 Denice Stoops, Chief Operator KXCH,
 Jeremiah O'Brien
 William McCollom, Radio Operator, War Patrols 1 & 2, USS Pampanito, SS-383

Crabby Road 10-4-06

Personally, I think conservatives and liberals should move toward the middle of the road. Makes it easier to run 'em over.



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At the Columbia Fireman's Muster there's even stuff for the kids to do.



Crabby Road 6-16-07

I like to rub my meat with lemon and spices ... is a sentence that most men who grill cannot say without giggling like idiots.



Subject: New—not really—virus.
 All Elderfahrten need to read this:

I thought you would want to know about this e-mail virus. Even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee cannot take care of this one. It appears to affect those who were born prior o 1950.

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice. Done that!
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail! Did that too!
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person. Yep!
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you. Who? Me?
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. Well, sh__!
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished. Oh no! Not again!
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND" and I just hate that!
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should have hit "DELETE." Oh No!

IT IS CALLED THE "C-NILE VIRUS."

QSA 5 May 2009

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 from 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, grinningly called the bible/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 +or-. Sometimes we even talk about radio. 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, dismemberment or flooding, only. So far, he hasn't forgotten how to get to the clubhouse.

Dues structure is: \$25. per year. \$30. for family memberships. No dues are charged for Life or Honorary members.

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