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MARS Field Day Chair's Msg.

Here it is April already and ARRL Field Day is just around the corner. The last full weekend of June this year will be the 26th & 27th. As we have for the last several years we will be teaming up with REDXA and, this year (we alternate), using our club's call W6SG. Last year, with our combined effort we finished ninth in the nation in class 2A with less than good band conditions so this year we are looking to beat that score now that the sun has decided to bless us with a somewhat fortified ionosphere.

We will be setting up Friday the 25th at the Marin Rod & Gun Club which is a great site with easy access, parking, and great propagation, it being right at the shoreline of the Bay. For the setup we need lots of help so please, if you are free stop by you will be rewarded with lunch.

It has not been determined if we will be operating 2A or 3A but whichever class, please make plans to come by and take a turn at making contacts or just provide a bit of conversational support. Don't let fear of being Shanghaied and chained to a mike or key keep you away. The majority of Field Day attendees don't operate much. The really serious operating is usually done by dedicated ops, who enjoy contesting and DX. But no Ham is turned down who wants to give it a try.

We will operate a GOTA (Get On The Air) station so bring the kids and non-Hams so **They Can Get On the Air** and experience the hobby of Amateur Radio. We also hope to use some of the newer digital communications modes along with some older ones like RTTY and, if we can, try to make a satellite contact or two.

To put together this event each year takes a lot of helping hands. For now I am the only grunt so if you're available let me know I can use all the help I can get! Column 2, lower.

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

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**This is the last issue of QSA-5 for
those who have not renewed their
MARS membership.**

**HI, This is Jim Hill, K6UUW and
Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL**

**We would like to invite the mem-
bers of the MARIN AMATEUR RA-
DIO SOCIETY to the Valley of the
Moon Amateur Radio Club
(VOMARC) Hamfest on Saturday,
May 1st, 2010 (8 am to 12 noon) in
beautiful Sonoma.**

**Activities include a swap meet, VE
session, breakfast, fox hunt and a lot
friendly folks.**

**Go to our website,
www.VOMARC.org for more
info, flyer and a map, or e-mail us.**

**Also, we can e-mail you a flyer, if
you would like one.**

Hope to see you there.

73,

**Jim Hill, President, Dave Dammul-
ler, Vice President, VOMARC**

Please take a minute now to circle the weekend of June 25, 26, 27 on your calendars and plan to come out to Field Day and enjoy the fun.
Dave Hodgson KG6TCJ
2010 MARS Field Day Chair.
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Board Meeting, 11 March 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Curtis WA6UDS at 1930 hours. Other board members present were Jerry WA6BXV, Dave KG6TCJ, Doug KF6AKU, Rich W6UDS, Norm WA6CLK, Augie KØCQL and Horst KA6BHZ.

The evening's agenda was approved and last months minutes were also approved with one correction, this being Rich Carbine is still Building Mgr.

Dave gave the Treasurer's report.

Membership dues are slowly coming in and the club has some new members.

The annual picnic will be held at Sam Taylor park on Sept. 12. Check out QSA5 for up-coming Special Events and their dates.

Tech committee is still shopping for a repeater for Big Rock.

The club's comm truck still has generator problems. John KE6ORI is looking into this.

There was a discussion on ham classes and VE tests to be held this summer. Also more information about up-coming RACES activities and a search for new antenna sites.

Rich W6UDS said work will soon get started on bringing the club bathrooms up to code.

Good news- no roof leaks.

New fire extinguishers will be purchased.

No firm decision on whether we'll run class 2A or 3A for our joint Field Day with REDX.

Treasurer Dave will submit a new budget at the next board meeting.

Hopefully the club's web site will be updated. We all know it needs it.

There was a general discussion on repairs needed for both the clubhouse and the upstairs apartment.

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Pres' Msg.

Field-Day! Hardly are those words out when I am transported back to the top of a hill in Tiburon. It's just before dawn, the air is chilled by morning fog, I can see a three hundred and sixty degree view of the Bay Area and I walk down from the peak to refuel the military surplus generator. The muffler on the generator glows cherry red. This is totally cool. I walk back up to the warm tent to breakfast on cold pizza. I am in high school and I had organized the logistics for our radio club's, WB6NVY, field-day site. It was as exhilarating an experience as I had enjoyed up to that point in my young life. I can still hear the mantra "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day".

Field-Day, from the very earliest military use of the term, describes an exceptional event, a departure from my usual activity, studying. When people get together for a shared adventure it builds the kind of esprit de corps and camaraderie that can be created in no other way. We have a great location for the club Field-Day site and it is well worth a visit. First the cherry blossoms, the vernal equinox, spring training and then Field day. Spring is here!

Field-Day, public service events and nets are all in part ways we hone our skills for emergency communications. There seems to be a flurry of FCC activity in the realm of regulation or perhaps deregulation of disaster drills. One can't help but have mixed feelings about the proposed changes. On the one hand having more amateur radio operators training in emergency communications procedures together has to be good for all of us.

On the other hand one of the greatest strengths of the amateur radio service is the ad hoc nature of the service. The more we are incorporated into institutions like Hospitals and law enforcement the more we are then obligated to those institutions. This is not an either or situation. There is no slippery slope here. It is up to us maintain our independence, something that in my experiences hams in general are predisposed to anyway. We can we can both integrate with institutions and maintain our independence and be stronger for it.

I was just finishing up the club's comment on FCC Docket 10-54 the so called Hospital Blanket Waiver which on reading I find has nothing to do with bedding when Dave Hodgson KG6TJ informed me of FCC Docket 10-72 that "[would obviate the need for a waiver in such instances by allowing employees \(licensed amateurs\) of public safety agencies and other entities to operate amateur stations for testing and drilling of emergency communications preparedness. \[in government-sponsored emergency and disaster preparedness drills and tests \]](#)". This allows a much wider participation in emergency drills by employees who are amateur radio operators and on the clock. This represents a major change in the prohibition of communication for pecuniary interest and I think we as a club should discuss it at the next meeting.

73

WA6UDS

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
San Pedro Ridge 147.330 +
 pl 173.8 off-line - reserve status.
Mt. Tamalpais 146.700 -
 pl 179.9 Mt. Tam input
440
San Pedro Ridge
 443.525 + pl 82.5
Mt. Tamalpais
 443.250 + pl 179.9

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

MARS Sunday morning check-ins are held at **10:00 on 3915kc** for HFers and at **10:15 on the 147.330 repeater** for all members and guests. Those members who are suffering from hangovers, are out of town or have a better thing or two to do on Sunday mornings are excused.
 The clubhouse furnace fires up at 0700 Sundays as required so if you show up, you won't freeze your ass off. Take a chance. Come on down 0800 to 1100 +/- . Ben N6PJZ has the place opened up before 0800.

For those who keep watch on sun spots and HF propagation, try this site:
<http://www.hamqsl.com/solar.html>

Hark!
Former Marin County Airfields, with a bunch of pictures.

http://www.airfields-freeman.com/CA/Airfields_CA_SanRafael.htm
 From Howard KG6JHW

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 for the annual ARRL Field Day. We will again be partnered with the Redwood Empire DX Assoc. This will be held the last weekend in June.
 The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.
 Submitted by Norm Baetz, secretary.

Board Meeting, cont.

There was also discussion of the FCC survey on the possibility of allowing licensed ham employees of hospitals to operate ham gear in hospitals during emergencies. The club will draft a letter with provisions noted.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours for a special closed session. The regular meeting was opened again at 2056 hours.

After a short discussion on replacing the club's antennas and putting up the awning for the comm. truck, the meeting was adjourned at 2102 hours.

Submitted by Norm Baetz, Secretary.

General Membership Meeting March 5,2010

President Curtis WA6UDS opened the meeting at 1930 hours. After introductions were made the meeting's agenda was approved. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting were delayed until the next Board meeting. Items of the last Board meeting were discussed.

Dave KG6TCJ gave the Treasurers report.

Phil K6PHD said membership renewals were slowly arriving after an earlier surge.

Marilyn N6VAW said arrangements have been made to hold our annual picnic at Sam Taylor State Park on Sept. 12. More details to follow.

Randy KA6BQF talked about upcoming Special Events and passed out a sign-up sheet for people willing to help out. Anyone interested contact Randy.

Doug KF6AKU said we still had repeater problems on Big Rock and said there was still a question if we are actually interfering with the PAWS system.

There was a discussion on up-coming classes for Tech and General. VE tests will be held in April, July and Sept.

Rich W6UDS, as a member of RACES, talked about future drill exercises. Rich also went over continuing remodeling for both the clubhouse and upstairs apartment. He also said that arrangements have been made with Marin Rod & Gun

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THE WAYBACK MACHINE ISSUE #25
by Bill Continelli, W2XOY
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On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Less than 24 hours later, the United States was officially at War, and the FCC had issued Order Number 87, which suspended all amateur radio operation in the U.S., and withdrew "our" frequencies from the amateur service. However, the FCC did recognize that limited amateur operation would be required in connection with domestic Civil Defense work.

Thus, in June, 1942, the FCC issued regulations which created the War Emergency Radio Service, or W.E.R.S. for short. This was not an amateur operation, even though the frequencies used were our former bands at 112-116, 224-230, and 400-401 Mc.

Note that the 5 meter band, 56-60 Mc., was not included. The FCC apparently sought to limit operations to the "UHF" frequencies, where long distance skip was impossible. A WERS License was not given to an individual, but rather to a municipality or other local government entity, to cover the operation of all such stations engaged in emergency civilian defense communications. Operations could only be conducted upon authorization of the local Civil Defense Corps.

Operators in W.E.R.S. had to be loyal U.S. citizens, with fingerprints and proof of U.S. Citizenship on file with the FCC. They also needed to have an FCC commercial or amateur license, or an FCC 3rd class operating certificate. Thus, although most operators were hams, many non-amateurs were active in this service also.

Authorized operations in the War Emergency Radio Service were limited to emergencies relating to enemy activity. There was no provision for operations in natural disasters. Practice and training sessions were allowed, and local governments may have used these "practice" activities to provide needed communications during natural disasters.

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Technical standards were strict for 1942. The carrier frequency could not deviate more than 0.1% in the lower half of each band, and 0.3% in the upper half. In the 2 1/2 meter band, this meant that the signal could not vary more than 112 kc at the lower end, and 340 kc at the upper end. While this sounds incredibly wide today, remember that in the 30's and 40's, almost all "UHF" transmitters used the "modulated oscillator"--cheap to build, but not very stable. The only receiver useful with this type of signal was the superregenerative. Power was limited to 25 watts input, which is about 10-15 watts output.

By default, 2 1/2 meters became the band of choice for W.E.R.S. operations. In fact, it came to be known as "The Civil Defense Band". The most popular radio in W.E.R.S. operation was the TR-4, by Abbott Instruments of New York City. The unit measured only 9" x 8" x 4.5", ran on 6 volts DC or 110 volts AC, had a range up to 75 miles, and cost less than \$40.

Although W.E.R.S. served a valuable purpose, it did not satisfy the needs of an active amateur suffering under the wartime radio silence. Fortunately, the WWII amateur had it far better than his WWI predecessor. For one thing, amateurs did not have to disassemble their stations and take down their antennas. Contrary to popular belief, the FCC did not ban shortwave listening. AM broadcasting was still allowed, W1AW was authorized to remain on the air. QST was still published. But, even with all this, the restless amateur wanted more. And, believe it or not, some hams legally got on the air and had QSOs. How?

"Wired Wireless". Have you ever heard of it? In summary, "wired wireless" was a Carrier Current type of operation. A transmitter, usually running 10-25 watts output, was inductively coupled to the AC power line. The signal would follow the power lines throughout the city, up to a maximum of about 5 miles. Anyone within 300 feet or so of the AC power line would be able to copy the signal.

Even though the range was a 5 mile radius from the transmitter, the actual radiation distance was only 300 feet, thus it was legal. Amateurs found that carrier current operations worked best in the longwave spectrum, and set up hundreds of stations in the 160-200 kc range. Ironically, the 160-190 kc segment survives to this day as a legal, unlicensed low power band, with one watt and 50 foot antennas permitted.

Some amateurs experimented with Audio Frequency Induction Field Communications. This involved no RF--an audio oscillator was coupled to a large inductor. At distances of 2000-3000 feet away, an audio amp coupled to a similar inductor received the signal.

QST was active during the War years, running articles on secret communications and ciphers, the latest 112 Mc W. E.R.S. equipment, visual signaling (including the semaphore alphabet), a course in radio fundamentals, a multi part series in Cryptanalysis, and the Japanese Morse Telegraph Code, with notes on the Japanese language. Towards the end of the War, QST ran several articles on the postwar amateur allocations. Two columns focused on amateurs serving in the Armed Forces; "In the Services", and "Hams in Combat". And, as a grim reminder of the horrors of War, the column "Gold Stars" listed those amateurs who made the ultimate sacrifice.

In our next installment, we will look at amateur life in the postwar world.

As a postscript, the ARRL has asked that the 160-190 kHz band be reallocated to amateur use. Will the ghosts of the WWII operators be listening as we once again activate that band with CQs? You decide.

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Chet WA6PAC, of VW bus fame, has donated an MFK combo SWR and wattmeter with cross needle display to the club for the 150 watt rig used for our 10:00hr Sunday HF check-in on 3915 kc. It will remain connected in the coax output of the tuner to eliminate, or appreciably reduce, rabbitass guesswork during tune up.



**Ben Sawtelle, N6PJZ, SK, 2 April 2010
He was 86.**

Photo Field Day 2009 Marilyn N6VAW



Field Day 2008



Field Day 2008 with Denice KI6BBR



Field Day 2007 with Chet WA6PAC

Odds & Ends

Q. Realizing that ham radio is not fully appreciated by every non-ham spouse, I asked my XYL if she would marry another ham radio operator were I to pass away.

When she surprised me with, “Perhaps,” I followed up with, “You mean you would actually allow him to move in here and use my shack?”

Again she answered, “Perhaps.”

Then I asked, “Would you really let him come in here and use my radios, my antennas, my microphone and my keyer?”

I thought I was making progress when she answered, “No, he couldn’t use your keyer.”

Whereupon I inquired, “Why couldn’t he use my keyer?”

“Because he’s left handed,” was her reply.

Your advice, please?

A. Don’t eat any home-cooked mushrooms that your XYL collected, probably on the front lawn.

From Dave KG6TCJ

The Cadillac V-16 was Cadillac's top-of-the-line car from its January 1930 launch until production ceased in 1940 as the war in Europe killed sales. All were finished to custom order, and the car was built in very small numbers; only 4076 cars were constructed in the eleven years the model was offered. The majority of these were built in the single year of 1930, before the Great Depression really took hold. This was the first V16 powered car to reach production status in the United States.

In November 1971, a showroom-stock 1971 Coupe DeVille placed third in the annual coast-to-coast Cannonball Run, posting the highest average speed of the event, 84.6 mph (136.2 km/h) (excluding stops) and averaging 8.9 mpg.

What happened to the **Cosmic Communications Club** at San Rafael High? It was founded in 1968. Here’s some info from QSA-5 of February 1973:

“The CCC members have been very resourceful in equipping their station. They use an HW-16 transceiver which they made over to operate on SSB; they have a homebrew linear, 800 watts yet, and they have a homebrew SSB receiver and an AM modulator. Both quad and vertical antennas are used as radiators. The club’s emblem is Mickey Mouse.”

The plural of antenna is antennas, not antennae, unless you’re referring to the ‘feelers’ on insects/bugs.

Vernier dial: unless it has both a movable and a fixed scale working together, it’s not a Vernier. Probably just a plain ol’ reduction drive with an input to output ratio of two or more to one. Eight to one is not uncommon. A Vernier can also be direct drive with no reduction.

If you want to appear ignorant, use ‘irregardless’ in speech, emails or hard copy. It’s not a word. Use it in the same missive with ‘consensus of opinion’ to achieve double-dummy status. (grin) True.

75 years ago, April 14, 1935, the worst dust storm of the thirties hits the Great Plains. Blame drought and plowing up erosion-stopping prairie sod. An estimated 300 thousand tons of topsoil departed.

110 years ago, April 30, John Luther Jones rode his engine to his death on the Illinois Central RR. On a single track railroad, traffic moves both ways but some have to ‘take siding’ to let an opposing train pass. In this case, the other train, a freight, was a bit too long for the passing track and part of it hung out on the main line. Jones put ‘er in reverse and hit the air brakes but still crashed into the freight’s caboose. Casey Jones died in the wreck but no passengers were lost.

150 years ago, April 3, 1860, the first run of the Pony Express started out from St. Joseph, Missouri, with 49 letters and five telegrams. Telegrams? Sure. The wire ran as far as St. Joe. 1800 miles and eleven days later the 20th rider reached San Francisco, having ridden the 75th horse into Sacramento ten days faster than stagecoach time. The last leg of the journey was by boat from Sacramento. During the 18 months of operation only one shipment was lost. In October 1861 the telegraph was completed to the west coast and the Pony Express was out of business.

If you’ve ever driven the **old** Kingsbury Grade—not the newer highway—from Gardnerville to Lake Tahoe’s South Shore, you’ve followed part of the Pony Express route. The old grade was an interesting drive but not very fast. During summer the dust on parts of it could be a few inches thick, especially on the western end after the asphalt ended, and would build up on your rear window, then break loose and run down like slow water. You ran with windows closed.

Hi All

Here is the March 13, 2010 DDO Report from Michael Fischer, K6MLF aboard the USS Pampanito that Saturday. I want to thank Michael and our XO, Jerry Foster, WA6BXV, for taking this DDO and doing a wonderful job. There were a lot of hams aboard and everyone had quite a time operating NJ6VT! Our next scheduled DDO is for Saturday, April 10, 2010 aboard the boat.

73, Den Regan, K6ZJU

--- On Sun, 3/14/10, Michael Fischer <fischer@igc.org> wrote:

From: Michael Fischer <fischer@igc.org>
Subject: DDO report for 3/13/10
To: "Dennis Regan" <k6zju@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Jerry Foster" <wa6bxv@hotmail.com>, SQARHED@aol.com
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2010, 2:53 PM

DDO REPORT: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Dear Den,

We had a small crowd of hams aboard the *USS Pampanito* yesterday:

- Justin Smith AF6NY Doug 'Texx' Wentworth KE6UMU and his wife Giselle (sp?)
- Peter Otis KI6SZF and his wife Barbara Jerry Foster WA6BXV
- Chris Fischer KI6TDG (my daughter,) her husband Tim and daughter Cassie
- Myself, K6MLF

We operated from 1100 until 1330. Justin made a handful of contacts on CW, and I made LSB contacts from almost all of the Western states. The 38 QSOs we made were mostly in California, but we also had Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona represented. Toward the end of our operation we had quite a pileup, with three or four stations in line for each QSO, and there were more waiting when we secured. One of our contacts was from a neighbor of yours in Pine Grove—Ed, W6WRL.

As usual, we had three young visitors (including my granddaughter) who were able to talk on the air. The parents all love it and want to take photos of their kids on the radio. It was a drop-dead gorgeous day in San Francisco, with mobs of tourists filling the Fisherman's Wharf area to the max—buskers, mimes, the Bushman, the steel drum Caribbean band, party boats coming and going.

Even though we had lots of hams aboard, no one was able to schedule a full day of operation, so it was a short-shift day. Nonetheless, we were able to get 35 QSL cards in the mail—many of the contacts we made were eager to get one.

Hope to see you and Phil, the PHD, aboard soon!

73, Michael K6MLF Michael Fischer 131 Bolsa Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941-1101

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To: gomberg1@wcf.com

Subject: **Ham radio intro class**

First, I apologize for how long it has taken for this to happen. But finally! We will be offering a follow-on session for folks who have earned their ham license. There will be no charge for this session. It will be held 4/20 at the JCCSF (see hamcrams.com for details about the JCCSF).

You will need a copy of FM101x, the book we sell for new hams. If you have one, this is a great time to re-read it. If you don't have one, send me a check for \$15 right away along with an address label for yourself and I will mail you one. It is pretty easy to read and really covers the ground on what you need to know.

The session itself will be a panel Q&A about anything you didn't understand from FM101x. So here is your chance to make SURE you got it, and for free.

If you have any questions, just reply to this mail.

Dave Gomberg, San Francisco NE5EE Programming since 1959

All addresses, phones, etc. at <http://www.wcf.com/ham/info.html>

On Sunday mornings after our informal meeting at the clubhouse, we like to stop by the Chinese restaurant in Terra Linda, between what used to be the Lucky Store and what used to be Longs Drugs. Lunch special includes entrée, steamed or fried rice, soup, a mini egg roll with S&S sauce for dipping. To go for \$6.85 incl tax. And what we REALLY like about the place is one word on the menu. Instead of 'imitation' or 'faux', they come right out and say "Fake crab". No mealy-mouthing.

MRHS SPECIAL EVENT FOR INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY
by Richard Dillman

In cooperation with the Marconi Conference Center the [Maritime Radio Historical Society](#) will hold "Radio Days" on 23/24 April to help celebrate the birthday of Guglielmo Marconi. The public is invited to participate in person and over the air.

Coast station KPH will be activated from the 1913 Marconi receive site at Marshall, CA.

Amateur station K6KPH will be open for contacts.

Historic ships SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN KXCH and SS RED OAK VICTORY KYVM will be on the air.

Special talks and presentations will be given on 24 April

Radio Days will take place on two days, 23 and 24 April. The event on the 24th is open to the public.

On Friday 23 April the MRHS and the Marconi Conference Center will host students of the 4th grade classes of schools nearby the historic Marconi receive site in Marshall, on the east shore of Tomales Bay. The historically registered site was built by the American Marconi Company in 1913.

Other students will be aboard the WWII Liberty ship SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN KXCH. MRHS member [Denice Stoops](#) will be aboard operating the original WWII Radiomarine radio console. Messages filed by the students will be exchanged between KXCH and KPH on 425kc (ship)/426kc (KPH). Initial calls will be made on 500kc.

KPH will also be in operation on 4247.0kc.

MRHS Transmitter Supervisor Steve Hawes will be aboard SS RED OAK VICTORY KYVM, operating its original WWII ITT Mackay console in communication with KPH on the same frequencies as KXCH.

[MRHS Chief Operator Richard Dillman](#) will be on duty at Marshall, keying the transmitters in Bolinas remotely just as was originally done when KPH was at Marshall from the 1920s to 1942.

Operations will take place between 1000 Pacific time/1700gmt to 1400 Pacific time/2100 gmt.

K6KPH will be open for amateur contacts alternately on 3550kc and 7050kc. A special QSL card will be issued for the event. The operating hours for K6KPH will be announced in a message to follow but we are planning to be operational in the late afternoon and evening when propagation will be best on the frequencies above.

The equipment at Marshall will include a remote control console constructed by Steve Hawes as well as vintage receivers including a National HRO-5, National SW-3 and RCA AR-88LF.

****The Friday event is exclusively for the students and is not open to the public.****

On Saturday 24 April the public is cordially invited to view the exhibits and meet MRHS personnel.

The program will include "Radio Tales" by Richard Dillman, relating the excitement and drama of maritime radio history.

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An architectural history of the Marconi Conference Center will be conducted by Steve Murch, who worked on the restoration of the center.

A recreated Branly/Marconi coherer, an early mechanical radio detector, will be displayed and described by its builder, David Navone.

The history of KPH will be presented by Bill Ruck of the MRHS Transmitter Department.

Denice Stoops, former KPH operator and the first female telegrapher to be hired at KPH, will host a round table discussion of retired KPH operators, describing what it was like to "sit the circuit" at this great coast station.

Visitors will have the opportunity to file radiograms for delivery to US addresses. These will be sent by Morse code for onward transmission and delivery to the recipient by an operator in a nearby town who will call and read the message just as in the glory days of commercial radiograms.

More information and directions to the Marconi Conference Center is available here:

<http://www.marconiconference.com/>

Guests will be invited to walk the grounds of the historic and beautiful site with views of wooded hills and the sparkling waters of Tomales bay.

A complete schedule of events is available on line here (subject to change):

<http://marconiconference.org/documents/MRHS%20MCC%20Event%20Schedule.pdf>

The references to KSM in the schedule may be changed to KPH.

There is no charge to attend this event.

Inquiries may be directed to the MRHS by email at info@radiomarine.org

We hope to see you there!

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Richard Dillman
Chief Operator, Coast Station KSM
Maritime Radio Historical Society
<http://www.radiomarine.org>
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Anyone curious about the origin of call letters KPH? The station was, at one time, way back, located in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Now, are you wondering about KSM? Go on out there on 24 April and ask RD or any other member of the crew. ed.

QSA-5 April 2010

General Membership Meeting is held on the first Friday of each month at Alto District Clubhouse at 27 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.

The Sunday Emergency net/s test is a good way to get on HF, a little bit, if you've not tried it lately. Come on down and get rid of your mike fright a little at a time. If at any time you feel a panic attack coming on, backup ops are standing by to take over. You will not be obligated to do a repeat performance, however we could use a dedicated op and you'd get your name on this page.

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