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## From our Prez.

My natural approach to writing anything is to start with a little levity. I am having some trouble starting this missive since I have a serious topic to address with you. That topic is the board of our club. Two members of our board have resigned this summer. Rich Carbine W6UDS and Marilyn Bagshaw N6VAW. They remain club members and will continue to contribute their time and energy. I personally miss their enthusiasm, wisdom, and leadership on our board. I understand their reasons for leaving and I hope in the next year, we as a board can resolve the issues that caused them to take their decision. I would like to thank both of them for their service and I would be honored to be able to serve with them on the board again.

At our last regular meeting a gentleman attended who is interested in becoming a ham. His father used shortwave radio to communicate when he was a child and he has always wanted to try it himself. The people at the meeting shared the particular aspects of the hobby that excited them. This reminded me of how diverse a hobby Amateur Radio is. The time has come to nominate people to serve on the board in 2013 and as I write this I feel that the diversity of our hobby should be reflected by a similar diversity on our board. The way our club is governed, I didn't run for president, I ran for a seat on the board.

At our first board meeting the other members of the board saw fit to elect me as president. Therefore I did not take this office with a ten point program to change the club. As president, instead of setting the direction of the club, my job is to facilitate the board's work governing the club. To do this well I need people on the board who's interests, experience and opinions encompass all the aspects of Amateur Radio.

I urge all of you to consider serving on our board. The term of a director is two years. There are twelve board meetings per year. We meet at the club house on the second Thursday of each month. Each meeting runs about an hour or so. The most important qualifications to run are an interest in promoting Amateur Radio, and a willingness to share your views in the running of our club.

At the November regular meeting of the club the names of candidates for the board must be announced. There are two ways get nominated. One is complicated but exists to prevent the board from just nominating their friends. The bylaws state **"Any member in good standing may nominate in writing any other member in good standing for the office of director. Any such additional nominees shall be seconded, in writing, by at least one other member in good standing, and the nominee must submit a written statement that he or she would serve if elected."**

The other way is much simpler. At the next board meeting we will appoint a nominating committee to develop a slate of candidates. You can make it known to that committee that you are interested in serving. As I don't know who will be on the committee and as I will not be a member of that committee I will forward any names that are sent to me to the committee. You can send snail mail to Curtis Ardourel, 6021 Christie Avenue, Emeryville, CA 94608 or email at WA6UDS@ARRL.NET. No campaigning is required, no political ads are needed. You don't have to make any speeches, work any precincts, kiss any babies, or seek campaign contributions.

73, Curtis WA6UDS

## Friday evening meetings.

In past decades people went to club meetings, fraternity meetings, etc., on Fridays. This was especially true in small towns where entertainment outside the home was limited, maybe an occasional hanging, usually held during daylight hours so that the whole family could attend. The days of Masons, Oddfellows, Elks, American Legion and many others.

Now, we have many other things to do on Friday eves and the clubs have been losing members for years. Some fraternities have combined two or more lodges to keep alive or just closed down. Others moved away from Friday meetings years ago.

Maybe it's MARS' time to poll the members on this.

Comments?

**Tech License Classes**

**The Marin Amateur Radio Society is pleased to announce that we will offer classes for the Technician (entry-level) Amateur Radio License beginning on Sunday, September 30, 2012, 11 AM - 3 PM, at our clubhouse at 27 Shell Road in Mill Valley, CA. Please let us know if you are interested.**

**Regards,  
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF  
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510 526.4089**

On a flight getting ready to depart for Detroit.

Jack was sitting on the plane when a guy took the seat beside him. The guy was an emotional wreck, pale, hands shaking, moaning in fear. "What's the matter?" Jack asked.

"I've been transferred to Detroit. There's crazy people there. They've got lots of shootings, gangs, race riots, drugs, poor public schools, and the highest crime rate."

Jack replied, "I've lived in Detroit all my life. It's not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enroll your kids in a nice private school. It's as safe a place as anywhere in the world."

The guy relaxed and stopped shaking and said, "Oh, thank you. I've been worried to death. But if you live there and say it's OK, I'll take your word for it. What do you do for a living?"

"Me?" said Jack. "I'm a tail gunner on a Budweiser truck!"

**HI- TECH LIE DETECTOR**

A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps you when you lie.

He decides to test it out on his son at supper. "Where were you last night?"

"I was at the library." ... The robot slaps the son.

"OK I was at a friend's house," the son admits.

Doing what?" asked the father

"Watching a Walt Disney movie."

The robot slaps the son. "OK, it was porn!" cried the son.

Father yells "What? When I was your age I didn't know what porn was!"

The robot slaps the father.

The mother laughs and says, "He certainly is your son!"

The robot slaps the mother.

**THE WAYBACK MACHINE**

Issue #14 by William Continelli

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,

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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. 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 LORAN 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."

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 Way-back 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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# MARS PICNIC SUNDAY SEPT. 16, 11:30 TO 15:30.

RSVP TO [PICNIC@RFHELL.COM](mailto:PICNIC@RFHELL.COM) APPRECIATED BUT NOT MANDATORY.

HOWEVER, IF WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD LEFTOVER, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO COME TO A MEETING LATER AT THE CLUBHOUSE TO HELP EAT IT.

The Marin Amateur Radio Society invites you to a "Picnic at Piper Park" Held Sunday, September 16th 2012 at Piper Park, 252 Doherty Dr. Larkspur. The event will start at 11:30 AM and end at 3:30 PM. An RSVP is not necessary, but is always appreciated. This year the club will be supplying burgers, hot dogs, soda, dessert and more. If you would like to bring a salad or desert to share that would be great too. Talk-in will be on the K6GWE Mt Tam repeater; 146.70MHz, ctcss tone of 179.9.

We hope to see you all at the picnic. If you have any questions or you would like to send us a note just to say you're coming (It would help us determine how much food to buy) email [picnic@rfhell.com](mailto:picnic@rfhell.com)

Thanks!

**Doug Slusher**  
**415 927-8120**

Traveling from the North

Take US-101 south heading towards Sir Francis Drake Blvd  
At exit 450B, Sir Francis Drake Blvd, keep RIGHT onto Ramp  
Bear RIGHT (West) onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd  
Travel approximately 1 mile  
Turn LEFT (South) onto Bon Air Rd (Marin General Hospital)  
Turn LEFT (South-East) onto Magnolia Ave  
Turn LEFT (East) onto Doherty Dr (Signal)  
Turn LEFT at 250 Doherty Dr, Larkspur, CA (Just past Hall School)  
Continue on road into parking lot.  
We will be located on the east side of the parking lot.

Traveling from the South:

Take US-101 north towards Corte Madera.  
Exit at Tamalpais Dr / Paradise Dr  
Turn LEFT (West) onto Tamalpais Dr  
Travel approximately .9 miles  
Bear LEFT (West) onto Redwood Ave  
Turn RIGHT (North-West) onto Corte Madera Ave (Signal)  
Road name changes to Magnolia Ave as you enter Larkspur  
Travel approximately 1 mile  
Turn RIGHT (East) onto Doherty Dr  
Turn LEFT at 250 Doherty Dr, Larkspur, CA (Just past Hall School)  
Continue on road into parking lot.  
We will be located on the east side of the parking lot.

Marin Amateur Radio Society

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 09, 2012

Members present: Curtis Ardourel, John Boyd, Dave Hodgson, Rita Brenden, August Koehler, Doug Slusher, and Randy Jenkins.

The meeting was called to order at 19:32 hrs by President Curtis Ardourel.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the July 12 meeting were approved as published. The minutes of the July 12 closed session were approved as distributed.

Randy reported that correspondence included the water bill, insurance for the Holstein 100, and advertising.

Treasurer: Dave will e-mail the monthly report to the Board.

Committee reports:

Membership- Phil was not present.

Recreation – Doug reported that we reserved space in Piper Park on Sunday, September 16. There was a conflict with 9/15. There was a motion to move the scheduled date to 9/16 and that the club would provide burgers and hot dogs, as well as the usual charcoal and soft beverages. TCJ/ORI/Pass Plans were discussed. There was a motion to allocate \$200.00 for picnic food. BQF/WPN/Pass.

Public Service – Randy reported that Marin Century was complete, and that the Holstein Hundred was coming up.

Technical: No change.

Comm Truck – Doug is scheduling with Cal to get the truck over to ENG. Smog is also due soon.

Field Day Committee – No report.

VE Liaison – Randy reported that the next session would be Saturday, November 10.

RACES – No report.

Education: Something will be scheduled soon.

Speakers – Doug contacted Alan Bowker about a presentation on AMSAT / satellites, for September.

Building Management – No change reported.

Old Business:

On-Line Dues – No change.

Personal property – In progress.

Donation Policy: Nothing new.

Website – Nothing new.

Ham Shack Procedures – The proposed access document was discussed.

Auction: Still tabled.

Board Member Replacement: The search committee reported that Cal Anber, K6TIA and Jerry Foster, WA6BXV were willing to serve. There was a motion to accept the slate as presented. WPN/ORI/Pass.

Lease: Documentation regarding the tenant's deposit was found. \$2300.00 was paid. Curtis will update the lease and present for signature.

Picnic: Addressed under reports.

Management: Hiring a property management firm was discussed. There was a motion to move this year's rent increase to October to accommodate the required notice period. ORI/WPN/Pass.

There being no further business, the meeting and the closed session were adjourned at 20:32 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

Secretary, Marin Amateur Radio Society

The official copy of these minutes shall reside in the Secretary's files as maintained at the Corporate Office.

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

## On the Pampanito, NJ6VT, Pier 45, Fisherman's Wharf, SF

**Date:** 2 July 2012 To: Den Regan , CO , USS Pampanito Amateur Radio Club

From: Michael Fischer, Radio Operator

Subject: Report on operations, Friday, June 20, 2012

As you are aware, our regularly-scheduled monthly operations are the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Well, June turned out to have a different schedule. The two-day Museum Ships on the Air event occurred on the first weekend of the month, June 2-3. As a result, we did not operate the radio room the following (second) Saturday. Then on the fourth Saturday, we had scheduling difficulties, so we "slid" the date to later in that same week: Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

On that aforementioned date, Larry Bernard, KG6VOM , and I reported aboard at 0945, and secured at 1600. During our hours of operation, we scored almost 20 contacts, all West of the Mississippi . Several of the radio operators with whom we talked were Navy veterans, and several of the California contacts expressed interest in coming aboard some day to operate from the Pampanito's radio station. We heard EA3JE from Barcelona , Spain , booming in on sideband at 14.220, five-over-nine, talking to other west coast stations, but he couldn't hear us, sadly. We tried, oh how we tried. Half of our contacts were on 40 meters, the other half on 20 meters. All the other bands were dead.

As usual these days, we found ourselves to be the only docents aboard, so we fielded many questions from the visitors. Also, as often happens, we had family-and-friend groups so, at one point Larry had a lineup of 8 young people wanting to talk with WA1NER in Sacramento. David, on the other end of the QSO, was patient, polite, loquacious, and engaging. Later in the afternoon, another David, WA4QGA, in El Paso , Texas , spoke with 4 young people. They all left quite interested in amateur radio, and fully engaged in their visit aboard the submarine.

As usual, more than half of the visitors were from abroad: Norway , Russia , Argentina , Italy , Mexico , Canada , Spain , China , and the Philippines . One notable guest was a serving officer in the Royal Air Force on secondment to the US Navy, responsible for helping to develop advanced airborne instruments for detecting and destroying submarines. He was keen to have a photograph of himself in the control room—enemy territory, as he put it.

Larry and I broke for lunch about 1200, and after a quick bite at Tarantino's sidewalk stand, we took a stroll around the Fisherman's Wharf area. What a cacophony of entertainment is available for the streams of strolling tourists! We saw a busker crooning 1940s love tunes, a couple of "freeze artists" all painted in gold and silver, a magician performing shell game tricks, a trio of incredible acrobats from Australia, a keyboard musician with an extraordinarily hard-working face, making all sorts of grimaces as he pounded on the keys, and a Bolivian pipe-flutist. All of a sudden we saw ourselves in a new light, through the eyes of the Fisherman's Wharf tourists: WE are part of the company of street performance artists seeking to divert the tourists. One minute a Bolivian pipe-player, the next minute a ham radio operator: what's the difference!?

For July, our second-Saturday regular DDO should be the 14<sup>th</sup>—I will be attending an afternoon lecture and concert of the American Bach Soloists with Jane, and thus unavailable. On the fourth Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, Peter McElmury KI6NYQ and I will staff the station.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fischer K6MLF

131 Bolsa Avenue Mill Valley, CA 94941-1101

## On the Pampanito 14 July 2012

Our regularly scheduled DDO for Saturday, July 14, 2012 got under way at about 1030 hours. The RO's were Bill Stewart, KF6RMK, and myself, your CO, Den Regan, K6ZJU.

The day started off with a recurring mystery; our coveted "NJ6VT" sign is once again missing. I don't know where this thing goes after a DDO, but it has disappeared again not to be found. Digging out the secure locker on both on Saturday and Sunday did not turn our sign up. If anyone knows where the NJ6VT sign is, please let me know!

I had a 40 meter CW schedule with a long time buddy of mine, Ron, K6ZJY, who now lives in Siead Valley, CA. As you can see from the similarity of our call signs, Ron and I both received our ticket in 1957 at nearly the same time and used to sked nearly everyday after school we he lived in Porterville and I was in in the hills above Redwood City. We hooked up again on this last Field Day and had a lot of "catching up" to do! I hope Ron can visit the boat sometime soon and be a Guest RO!

At about 1115 hours and 15 minutes into my QSO with Ron, a solar storm hit from the CME on Thursday afternoon and band conditions became very bad. Band conditions were even worse on Sunday, when all bands were blacked out - except for one QSO heard on the 20 meter band between a VE3 and a K4 (never heard the K4). Some of the worse radio propagation conditions I can recall since the days of Project Teak and Argus, when two small thermonuclear bombs were exploded in the magnetosphere, above the ionosphere, wiping out the HF bands for two weeks!

Bill managed to work a few stations and I got a few QRZ'eds from a JA1 satation in Japan and a LZ1 station in Bulgaria on 17 meter CW, but no QSO's. All in all, I think we only worked about four stations during the entire day. Pretty bad!

The visitor traffic was sporadic but interesting nonetheless. We had a number of visitors from Sweden and Norway aboard the boat and a few visitors from England.

One fellow I have heard on the bands for many years, Charley Cupp, W6CUP, dropped by to say hello in the afternoon. Charley lives in both Fairfield and Palm Springs and would like to help us out when he can. He spends quite a bit of time in NorCal. I have included Charley in our Guest RO list.

We have another DDO scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2012 - our 4th Saturday of the month operation. I can't take this one, so I hope there is someone out there who can and maybe round up a Guest RO to help out.

I must also report that our grounding problem seems to be back. We again need to clean the connections top-side by the SGC antenna tuner. Another thing to do soon!

73,

Den Regan, K6ZJU

CO Pampanito A.R.C. NJ6VT USS Pampanito, SS-383

Pier 45, Shed "A"

San Francisco

cc: Aaron Washington; Ship's Manager

Diane Cooper; Museum Curator

Guest RO's

William McCollum; RO, USS Pampanito, SS-383, WW-II

## On the Pampanito, NJ6VT, 28 July 2012

To: Den Regan K6ZJU CO, USS Pampanito ARC

From: Michael Fischer K6MLF RO

Subject: Report on 28 July Fourth Saturday DDO

Date: 5 August 2012

Peter McElmury KI6NYQ and the undersigned put the boat's radio room into operation from 0945 until 1600 on the regular 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of July. Also aboard were experienced docent Merle, who kept the visitors fully engaged in the control room and, of course, Marvin Wong, who served as a welcoming crew member both at the quarterdeck and in the mess deck. And the two trusty mechanics were aboard, looking for a small leak in the midships bilge area.

The visitor traffic was moderate—crowded in platoons, then quiet for long spells. As usual, most of the visitors were from Europe (with five different family groups from Paris, several of whose young folks chatted briefly on the radio) but a goodly slug were from California's Central Valley, escaping the heat. Two young men from Fukushima were unusual (and quite interested) guests.

Most noteworthy were five young men, active-duty crew members (and ordnance specialists) aboard the *Ula*, one of the few submarines in the Norwegian navy. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ula\\_class\\_submarine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ula_class_submarine) They kept staring around at each of the spaces, remarking on how large our boat seemed. Their vessel is 60 meters long, with two diesel engines. I gave them a special tour up the main hatch and into the bridge and conning tower, which delighted them. Den here: this is our second, recent visit that I know of by crew members from a Norwegian submarine!

Not too long ago, we had a gal aboard who was an RO on a similar or same class Norwegian submarine! The only radio bands alive were 20 and 40 meters. We made a total of 20 contacts, mostly in West Coast states, though one each in Wisconsin, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Idaho, and Texas. Along about 3pm, all bands went quiet. We did contact XO, Jerry WA6BXV, who called out to us on two meters. Paul, WA2DII, was patient in his conversation with young Bastion from Switzerland, and Tom, KF7WRU, enjoyed a good QSO, using his 20W backpack radio from high in the mountains north of Phoenix.

The next scheduled DDO is this Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. If all goes well, I will be in San Diego, sailing my model yacht in a national championship regatta. This month's fourth Saturday DDO is scheduled for 25 August; Rem, K6BBQ and I are scheduled for that duty.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fischer K6MLF, Radio Operator

Pampanito A.R.C. NJ6VT

USS Pampanito, SS-383

San Francisco



Marin Amateur Radio Society Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Members present: Curtis Ardourel, John Boyd, Dave Hodgson, Rita Brenden, Phil Dunlap, August Koehler, Doug Slusher, and Randy Jenkins.

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 hrs by President Curtis Ardourel.

Randy reported that correspondence included the Secretary of State filing, QSL's from Field Day, and a polling place request from the Registrar of Voters. The Registrar of Voters correspondence was referred to the Treasurer for action.

Curtis reported receipt of resignations from the Board on July 07, from Rich Carbine and Marilyn Bagshaw. Doug Slusher, Dave Hodgson, and Phil Dunlap were named as committee to recommend candidates to fill the vacancies.

Treasurer: Dave presented the June Treasurer's report. The checking account balance was reported as \$37,578.04 and the building account balance was reported as \$500.00. June income was \$2,270.00 and June expenses were \$1,274.37, with some Field Day expenses outstanding.

Committee reports:

Recreation – Curtis reported that no reservations have been made.

Public Service – Randy reported that Marin Century, and Holstein Hundred are coming up, and commented on the SF Marathon.

Technical: Doug reported that the next project would be the move back to Mt. Tiburon.

Field Day Committee – 2A operation went fine, maybe record points. 6M worked well. Need food receipts.

VE Liaison – Randy reported that the Saturday, June 30 VE session was successful.

Education: A tie in with BSA was discussed.

Speakers – Doug contacted Alan Bowker about a presentation on AMSAT / satellites.

Old Business:

The proscriptive easement sign – Completed.

Website – No meeting. Marinham.com

Ham Shack Procedures – Augie will work on.

Auction: Still tabled.

New Business:

Lease: A sample lease was presented and initial comments were made. To be discussed at the next meeting

An e-mail from the tenant was discussed.

Rent Increase: A motion was made to increase the rent to \$2,225.00 per month, effective September 1. BQF/AKU/Pass

Management: Hiring a property management firm was discussed. Curtis will get proposals from companies for review. ORI/AKU/Pass.

Towed Tenant Vehicle: There was a motion to offer a rent credit to the tenant in the amount of \$600.00. AKU, ORI/Pass

At 21:12 hours the Board went into closed session to discuss a confidential matter. No actions were taken in closed session. The closed session ended at 21:17 hours.

There being no further business, the meeting and the closed session were adjourned at 21:17 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

Secretary, Marin Amateur Radio Society

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## MY LAST TRIP TO COSTCO

Yesterday I was at my local COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Jake, the Wonder Dog and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant? And so since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff a poodle's ass and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

One hot summer day, a blonde came to town with her dog, tied it under the shade of a tree, and headed into a restaurant for something cold to drink.

Twenty minutes later, a policeman entered the restaurant and asked, 'Who owns the dog tied under that tree outside?'

The blonde said it was hers.

'Your dog seems to be in heat' the officer said.

The blonde replied, 'No way. She's cool 'cause she's tied up under that shade tree.'

The policeman said, 'No! You don't understand. Your dog needs to be bred.'

'No way,' said the blonde. 'My dog doesn't need bread. She isn't hungry 'cause I fed her this mornin.'

The exasperated policeman said, 'NO! You don't understand. Your dog wants to have sex!'

The blonde looked at the cop and said, 'Well, go ahead. I always wanted a police dog.'

**Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

**News Story - Do Right-Handed People Live Longer than Left-Handed People?**

The New England Journal of Medicine reported today a study that found that the average age at death for right-handed people is nine years older than that of left-handed people.

Researchers found that right-handed females tend to live six years longer than left-handed females, and right-handed males live 11 years longer than left-handed males.

Left-handed people were four times more likely to die from injuries while driving than right-handers and six times more likely to die from accidents of all kinds.

Diane Halpern, a psychology professor at California State University at San Bernardino, said her study should be interpreted cautiously.

“It should not, of course, be used to predict the life span of any one individual. It does not take into account the fitness of any individual.”

“It’s important that mothers of left-handed children not be alarmed and not try to change which hand a child uses,” Halpern said.

Halpern, one of the studies two researchers, tried to determine why fewer left-handed people are among the elderly population.

She studied death certificates of 987 people in two Southern California counties. Relatives were queried by mail about the subject’s dominant hands.

“Almost all engineering is geared to the right hand and right foot,” Halpern said. “There are many more car and other accidents among left-handers because of their environment.”

Left-handed people represent 10% of the U.S. population

“We knew for years that there weren’t as many old left-handers” Halpern said.

“Researchers thought that was because in the early years of the century, most people born left-handed were forced to change to their right hands. So we were looking at old people who used to be left-handed, but we weren’t,” Halpern said.

“The truth was that there simply weren’t many left-handers left alive, compared to right-handers.”

The SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)/Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is pleased to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us to "Please Do Not Feed The Animals." They say that this is because the animals may grow dependent on handouts and not learn to take care of themselves.

## **THE LONGEST FLIGHT IN HISTORY... IN A Cessna 172 64 days plus 22 hours in the air. Without landing.**

A stock Cessna 172 was purchased, then modified for the flight. Although the Continental engine was basically untouched, two oil systems, filters, and a 95 gallon fuel tank were installed. The oil could be changed and the plane refueled without shutting down the engine. Except for the pilot seat, the interior was gutted, then re-done to include a mattress and a sink. The right side door was collapsible, providing access to the exterior and enabling the co-pilot to operate a winch for bringing supplies aboard from below. Re-fueling and re-supplying the airplane were the tricky parts. Twice daily, the plane was flown just above a speeding truck from which a hose was hoisted up to pump 95 gallons of avgas into the belly tank. Food, water and other supplies were lifted up from the truck as well. (Stuff off-loaded was not mentioned.)

After three unsuccessful attempts at the record, mechanical problems and difficulties between Bob and his co-pilot needed to be dealt with. A new pilot, John Cook, agreed to fly the next flight with Bob. That attempt was ultimately the record breaker. The two fellows got along well, and the 172 seemed to sense the harmony. No more serious breakdowns occurred for the more than 1,550 hours of continuous flying.

On December 4, 1958, the pair departed McCarran Airport in Las Vegas in pursuit of their dream. Immediately after takeoff, they flew low over a speeding car while someone with a giant paint roller applied a special white paint to the tires of the plane. It would provide proof that the pilots didn't land at night in some far off airport for a rest or repairs.

Two months is a long time to be away from family, friends, and the comforts we take for granted on the ground. There was an autopilot installed, but Bob and John needed to take turns flying and sleeping. Four hour shifts seemed to work well. They had a radio to talk to the mechanics at their base, a radio to speak with their families at home, and a monitor was set up in the Hacienda lobby as part of the publicity campaign.

The two fell into a routine that worked well, and by the half-way mark of the flight, it was Christmas. The hotel kitchen staff was charged with the meals, and on December 25, John hoisted a turkey dinner up from the fuel truck.

Boredom and fatigue were the biggest problems. One night, both men were asleep for a period of time lasting over two hours. The plane, on autopilot, had continued south until it was almost in Mexican airspace before Timm woke up and realized they were way off course. On about day 40, their heater failed. Even in the desert, winter nights can be cold. The men wrapped themselves in blankets for a few days, until something could be rigged and lifted up to fix the problem.

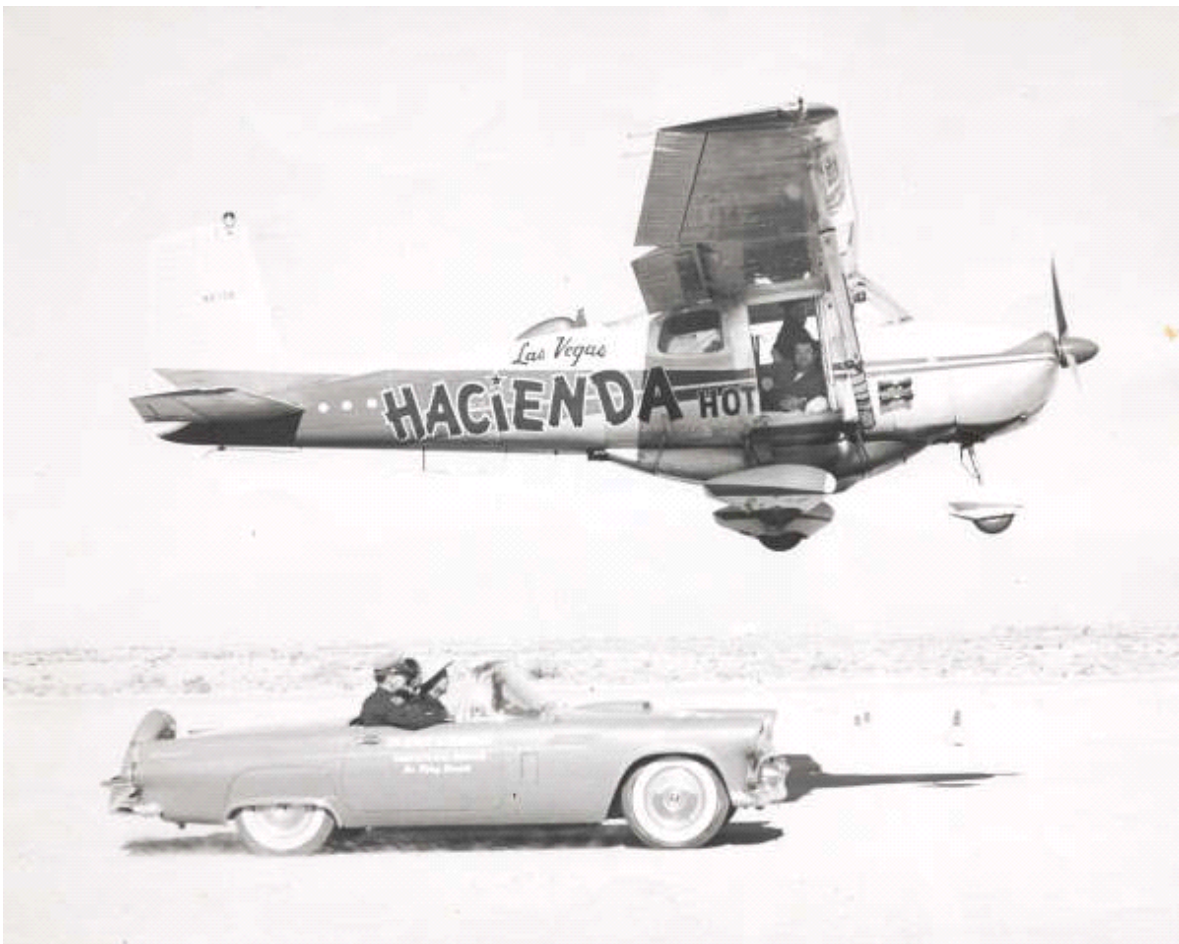
As the end of the flight neared, Bob and John began to check each other's work fearing a human error would cause them to fail in their quest for a world endurance record. Each procedure, every item, every decision was carefully planned and discussed. The previous record was 50 days. As that day passed, they decided to extend their flight as long as possible, finally touching down over two weeks later. By then, the engine had started to carbon up and lost so much power that climbing out with full fuel was dangerous. The list of 'snags' included the generator, heater, tachometer, fuel gauge, winch and electric fuel pump.

It was a tremendous achievement for both man and machine. Sixty four days and twenty two hours in the air.

Bob Timm died unexpectedly in 1978. John Cook passed away in 1995. The Cessna 172 was sold to a Canadian pilot, but was eventually brought back to Nevada, where it now hangs from the ceiling at McCarran International Airport.

The entire story of this flight, and the record which stands to this day, is available to read at the Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas.

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Marin Amateur Radio Society  
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 09, 2012

Members present: Curtis Ardourel, John Boyd, Dave Hodgson, Rita Brenden, August Koehler, Doug Slusher, and Randy Jenkins.

The meeting was called to order at 19:32 hrs by President Curtis Ardourel.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the July 12 meeting were approved as published. The minutes of the July 12 closed session were approved as distributed.

Randy reported that correspondence included the water bill, insurance for the Holstein 100, and advertising.

Treasurer: Dave will e-mail the monthly report to the Board.

Committee reports:

Membership- Phil was not present.

Recreation – Doug reported that we reserved space in Piper Park on Sunday, September 16. There was a conflict with 9/15. There was a motion to move the scheduled date to 9/16 and that the club would provide burgers and hot dogs, as well as the usual charcoal and soft beverages. TCJ/ORI/Pass Plans were discussed. There was a motion to allocate \$200.00 for picnic food. BQF/WPN/Pass.

Public Service – Randy reported that Marin Century was complete, and that the Holstein Hundred was coming up.

Technical: No change.

Comm Truck – Doug is scheduling with Cal to get the truck over to ENG. Smog is also due soon.

Field Day Committee – No report.

VE Liaison – Randy reported that the next session would be Saturday, November 10.

RACES – No report.

Education: Something will be scheduled soon.

Speakers – Doug contacted Alan Bowker about a presentation on AMSAT / satellites, for September.

Building Management – No change reported.

Old Business:

On-Line Dues – No change.

Personal property – In progress.

Donation Policy: Nothing new.

Website – Nothing new.

Ham Shack Procedures – The proposed access document was discussed.

Auction: Still tabled.

Board Member Replacement: The search committee reported that Cal Anber, K6TIA and Jerry Foster, WA6BXV were willing to serve. There was a motion to accept the slate as presented. WPN/ORI/Pass.

Lease: Documentation regarding the tenant's deposit was found. \$2300.00 was paid. Curtis will update the lease and present for signature.

Picnic: Addressed under reports.

Management: Hiring a property management firm was discussed. There was a motion to move this year's rent increase to October to accommodate the required notice period. ORI/WPN/Pass.

There being no further business, the meeting and the closed session were adjourned at 20:32 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

Secretary, Marin Amateur Radio Society

The official copy of these minutes shall reside in the Secretary's files as maintained at the Corporate Office.

**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. Come a little early for pizza or whatever. From hwy 101, head west toward Mill Valley on E. Blithedale. Turn right at the first stop light a block off the highway. Angle right at next stop sign, then turn left at next corner, Shell Road. We are in a two story building, second from the corner 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 and 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 nets.** Come on down and watch Matt K6OHD do the nets. You could try it yourself, while Matt stands by, and get rid of any mike fright you might have. If at any time you feel a panic attack coming on, Matt will get you thru it.

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