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# QSA-5

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## Presidents Corner

Callin out around the bay  
Are you ready for an-other sweep  
Summer's here and the time is right  
For hamming in the streets

They're hiking at Cardiac  
Down at Tennessee Valley  
Up at Bolinas Ridge

All we need is radio, sweet radio  
There'll be traffic everywhere  
There'll be check ins, and bib numbers passin  
And hamming in the streets.

With profound apologies to William Stevenson, Ivy Jo Hunter, and Marvin Gaye for Dancing in the streets, and you for having to read that. This is the sort of thing that pops into my head all the time. I had to learn the hard way to let them pass by.

We have just completed our first public service event of the season the Ridge to Bridge and it went well. I received an email from Karen Kidwell , Director of Development which I will quote in part:

Dear Michael and all our fabulous radio team-

It's so appropriate that Michael has his thanks and appreciation out before I was back on my feet and able to write--after all he and Randy were there to greet me before 5 AM at the Presidio!

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## From the Editor

Ed Essick, K6ELE

### Public Service

I participated in my first public service event this year, the Ridge to Bridge hike and bike event sponsored by the Bay Area Ridge Council. The organization is working to get a complete trail ringing the bay. So far they have about 140 miles of continuous trail out of the 341 required for completion.

At my station we checked through mountain bikers that were completing the 41 mile ride to the Golden Gate Bridge. It was a very enthusiastic group. The biker's ages ranged from the 20s to 72. The older gentlemen was competing with his son and had been mountain biking for over 20 years. I learned quite a bit from the riders about the types of mountain bikes and the features that make them so different from the general bikes ridden on the street.

Our Net Control and all of the operators operated did a great job for the event and in representing our club. At my location a bike rider, not in the event, reported a car had crashed off the road east of the summit. I reported it to Net Control requesting they call 911 as cell coverage is intermittent at best in that area. Fortunately no one was injured and the car was pulled out of the ravine.

Thanks to Michael Fischer for the planning and setup that made the club participation in the event run so smoothly.



All of us at the Bay Area Ridge Trail thank you immensely making our complicated event run more smoothly. Surprises like the taped off trail, and lost/injured participants (not a surprise, but we never know just where it will happen) were managed quickly before they became crises. The time and attention you all put into tracking and monitoring the progress of participants and figuring out who has left and who is still out there helps us feel confident that everyone is accounted for. Often you know more than our volunteers about how our rest stop/sign in process works.

Thanks to all of you for your time, energy, and problem-solving for Ridge to Bridge. It's a beloved event for our supporters and helps us fund our continuing work to plan and build the trail. With your help we're able to offer an adventure and help hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists enjoy a challenging and safe day on the trail together.

As always, we welcome your feedback so we can improve our planning and procedures.

With gratitude from all of us,

KK

I want to thank all of you who turned out for this event. You demonstrated your skills and made the rest of us look good. Speaking of looking good, there are pictures from the event posted on [w6sg.net](http://w6sg.net), check out the ridge to bridge page under public service. Particularly check out the earliest participant in the event.

Our next event is 3 May and run all through the summer. Lets get out there and volunteer for an event, or a few.

73 de WA6UDS

### Licensed Hams numbers are growing

#### As of 4/30/14

Novice 12,802

Tech 353,532

General 168,295

Advanced 53,155

Extra 134,447

Total 722,231

Total 8/1/2010 694,121

### Club Founding Member SK

George Kline, WR6D, a founding member of our club passed away April 17th while hiking on Mt. Tamalpais. He was 98 and was very active in the original MARC



### What's Happening in Radio

The Ridge to Bridge event included some unexpected visitors. Michael Fischer reported; "when I arrived at Cardiac in the early-morning light, I found that I was not the first to arrive there. And he really didn't want to share the spot with me, hanging around for about 15 minutes and noisily expressing his displeasure."



### Two Meter Radio Practice

A 2 meter radio practice will be on Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 1000 hrs to 1200 hrs, at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. Gain practice checking into a net and using your radio. eekly nets On Saturday May 17th we will practice several different types of nets, learn the preferred protocols and learn the days and times for local nets.

Bring a clipboard, paper, pencil, a folding chair if you like, your radio's operating manual, put your radio in the charger the night before and come a little early. Everyone will get a chance to talk on their radios and help others.

## On The Air

### W1AW Centennial Operations Shift States

The ARRL Centennial W1AW WAS operations taking place throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states now are in New Jersey (W1AW/2) and New Hampshire (W1AW/1). They will relocate at 0000 UTC on Wednesday, April 30 (the evening of April 29 in US time zones), to Connecticut (W1AW/1) and Nevada (W1AW/7). During 2014 W1AW will be on the air from every state (at least twice) and most US territories, and it will be easy to work all states solely by contacting W1AW portable operations. (ARRL Letter)

### Contest Calendar

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW: 0001Z, May 3 to 2359Z, May 4  
 ARI International DX Contest: 1200Z, May 3 to 1159Z, May 4  
 7th Call Area QSO Party: 1300Z, May 3 to 0700Z, May 4  
 CQ-M International DX Contest: 1200Z, May 10 to 1159Z, May 11  
 HPC World Wide DX Contest: 1200Z, May 10 to 1159Z, May 11  
 Nevada Mustang Roundup: 1700Z, May 10 to 1700Z, May 11  
 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 24 to 2400Z, May 25  
 See complete list at:  
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

### Nevada State Hamfest (NVCON)- May 30 thru June 1 Virginia City, Nevada

Happenings: W7AOR, VOIP Conference Friday May 30. State Emergency Managers and State ARES Leadership Conference, BBQ. Saturday May 31: Ham Swap, Ham Cram with Instructor KD7YIM; KI1U - ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager "Managing ARES during Hurricanes", KF2I Nevada Communications Interoperability, Lunch with Gordon West, WB6NOA, KC7FEN HIPPA-Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act., KG7JAB "ARKSTORM" Reno Area Flood on Steroids, VE Exams, Banquet & Evening Activities at the historic "Pipers Opera House" featuring: Wild Horse Drive Bluegrass Band and McAvoy Laynes as the "Ghost of Mark Twain." Take a tour of W7RN "World Class" Contest Station in Virginia City Highlands. Website: <http://NVCON.org>

### Boston Marathon Supported by 300 Hams

In support of the marathon 35,000+ runners participated in the event. Four different radio clubs provided volunteers and repeater stations. Boston Marathon Amateur Radio Communications Team member Bob DeMattia, K1IW, ran the net control setup. A number of various frequencies across 2 meters, 1.25 meters, and 70 centimeters, up to 10 Amateur Radio setups were provided at the net control location with multiple antenna configurations.

## Minutes for Board Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Board Members present: Curtis Ardourel, August Koehler, Doug Slusher, Phil Dunlap, Dave Hodgson, Ed Essick, Marc Bruvery, Cal Anber, Rita Brenden and Randy Jenkins. John Boyd arrived just after the meeting was called to order.

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

The agenda was approved as amended to add the first reading of the budget.

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting were approved as published.

Curtis reported on a donation to the Chet Rice station fund. Randy reported that the remaining mail items were junk mail.

Treasurer: Dave submitted reports for March. The report showed \$2,300.00 income and \$1,051.48 expenses; and total cash assets to be recalculated.

Rent for the upstairs apartment was discussed. There was a motion to increase the rent \$20.00 per month. AKU/VNT/Passed.

Committee reports:

Membership- We have 59 members for 2014.

Public Service – The Orientation Meeting is set for April 12.

Technical- Doug reported that he was aiming for Saturday or Sunday to re-install the Tam UHF repeater. There is an intermittent problem with the 147.330 repeater on San Pedro Ridge.

Comm Truck- No Change.

VE Liaison – 2014 dates are June 14, September 28, November 23.

Education - Nothing scheduled.

Speakers – Nothing lined up.

Field Day – Doug and Cal will be co-chairs. Doug will get laptops to RedEx. There will a discussion on the operating class.

Recreation – the picnic and the Christmas party were discussed.

Old Business:

Updated Club Logo – No new report.

Ham Shack Procedures – No report.

The Sunday Nets – Discussed the webpage and suggestions.

Website Redesign – There is a sample site to review.

New Business:

A request to store teletype machines was discussed. The consensus was that there was no room, as we are trying to clear stuff out.

The 2014 budget was reviewed. It will be taken up at the May meeting.

Next meeting: May 08, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:52 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

## Minutes for General Meeting

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

A round of introductions was the first order of business. Nine members or guests were present.

Curtis Ardourel and Doug Slusher will make a presentation on Windows XP.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

The minutes of the March 2014 general membership meeting were approved.

President Ardourel reported on the actions at the March Board of Director's Meeting. Cal and Doug were appointed as Field Day co-chairs.

There were three reports under "Fun with Amateur Radio."

The following new members were announced: None.

Secretary Jenkins reported on communications were bills and renewals.

Treasurer Dave Hodgson was not present and submitted a written report which showed \$1,175.00 income and \$1,051.48 expenses.

Total assets were reported as \$47,758.65.

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The Technical Committee: Doug reported an issue with the back-up VHF repeater on San Pedro Ridge. Doug is planning to get the Tam West repeater on the air within 30 days.

Membership: About 59. Curtis is updating the QSA-5 mailing list with new members

Recreation: Hibernating

Public Service: Most dates are posted. We are planning this year's orientation for April 12.

Comm Truck: No change.

Education: Randy reported that nothing was scheduled.

VE Liaison: Randy reported that we had a successful VE session on March 15. Additional dates: June 14, September 28, November 23.

Old business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 20:15 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary.

Curtis and Doug made a presentation on Windows XP, Going Boldly

**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 highway 101, head west toward Mill Valley on E.

Blithedale. Turn right at the first stop light. Stay 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.

**Sunday morning informal meeting** (aka bible class) meets every Sunday morning at the Alto District Clubhouse in Mill Valley starting around 8am and runs to about 11am. Sometimes we even talk about radio.

**The Sunday Emergency nets.** The K6GWE emergency VHF net check-in is at 10:15 am on 147.700 (-pl 203.5). This is a directed net and the net control station may operate at the club house or at a member location. Members on the net check-in list that do not check in for three consecutive weeks are removed from the list until they reestablish check-in. Any member can sign up to act as the net control station. See the club website for signup instructions. The W6SG emergency HF net check-in is at 9 am on 3.915 Mh.

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**Other Positions:**

**Education Chair**

Randy Jenkins

**VE Liaison**

Randy Jenkins

**Building Co-Managers**

Curtis Ardourel

Dave Hodgson

**Trustee for W6SG**

Augie Koehler K0CQL

**Trustee for K6GWE**

Doug Slusher KF6AKU

**Sunday Emergency Nets**

Mark Bruvry and other volunteers

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