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The Marin Amateur Radio Club Monthly Newsletter

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Most Interesting Meeting

October 4th Program

Vice Pres. Paul Niederberger N6MQN

First, I was scheduled to have someone talk to us about the upcoming Pacificon 96 event in Concord, October 18-20. But as luck would have it, they were unable to make it for our October Meeting.

Next, we were going to get someone to talk to us about the new RACES procedures, but we struck out again.

Well, the best speakers come from our own members. So plan on attending to learn something about the people you see and talk to on the radio.

See you there... Paul

A good & faithful servant Mike Edwards W6FCQ

Mike has agreed to continue as Trustee of W6SG. We know that he would really like to step down from this responsibility but, as no one has come forward, Mike will, as he has always done, carry on.

We can never be able to thank Mike enough for all the things he has done for the Club so this simple *Thanks* will at least put it in writing. see next column —>

Nominating committee presents

Candidates for the 1997 Board of Directors:

John Boyd	KE6ORI
Chuck Dietrick	KD6ZVJ
Phil Erdberg	N6EAW
Tim Harris	KE6ORT
Bob Laflamme	KC6UNC
Liz Nager	KE6FHD
Shirley Parlan	KA6ELJ
Bill Smith	AB6MT
Pete Wolford	N6IYU

At the November meeting, each candidate will, make a brief statement of his/her reasons for being elected.

The newly elected Board gets together and elects the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer then announces its actions in the December issue of our newsletter, QSA-5

Please vote and mail in your ballots immediately upon receipt of same.

Mike retired from KCBS as their Chief Engineer several years ago and we are lucky indeed to have his knowledge at our immediate disposal.

He also served as our President during some difficult times and he is directly respon- see next column —>

Education

by Chet Rice WA6PAC

Altho we only had three active students in N/T Class 96-C, **Ken Willoby and his son Jonathan, plus Doug Craig**, who repeated the class from 95-C, all worked hard and made their ways thru the marathon video day and review day. Ken studied code by himself also, so when test day (Sat 9/7/96) came, he passed his N/T exams *plus* the 5 WPM code.

His son Jonathan (age 9) passed the Novice written and will re-take the Technician test shortly in Sebastopol (Sept 21) or Petaluma (Oct 19).

Perhaps the best news of all is that Douglas Craig finally passed his Technician test. He had previously passed his Novice written test but somehow missed his Technician written test, so now Douglas has earned his N/T license.

Shortly, the FCC will deliver Ken's new callsign and he is now a members of MARC. Doug has been and still is a member.

sible for our being able to use Kaiser facilities for our monthly meetings and VE testing. Mike has served many years on our Board of Directors but will not run this year

You are a good Ham Mike!

Minutes of Membership and Business Meetings

Membership Meeting 9/6/96 Kaiser Hospital, San Rafael.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hrs. by President Bob LaFlamme KC6UNC with all directors, twenty eight members and one guest present.

Pres. Bob addressed the subject of building 549 at Hamilton and advised the membership that the Navy had notified us that our license to occupy 549 would expire on September 30, 1996 and our new landlord would be the U.S. Coast Guard. He reported that he had been in contact with the Coast Guard and they advised him that, since Bldg. 549 was of such low priority for them, they recommended we stay put until we were advised otherwise.

Inasmuch as this was only a verbal commitment, a special board meeting was held just prior to this meeting and it was the decision of The Board that Mike W6FCQ would propose a list of the equipment of which to be disposed, MARC members to have first opportunity to bid on it.

Pres. Bob then asked for any announcements from the members.

Rich Carbine WB6UDS announced that Vanity Call Signs for extra class licenses must be made before 9/23/96.

Larry Urquhart KE6ORM advised that the San Anselmo/Ross Fire District was interested in having a Novice/Tech class presented for their personnel.

Peter Mendoza KD6QDH announced that the cities of San Anselmo and Fairfax were having a RACES drill on Sunday, 9/29/96 at 1400 hrs.

Bill Smith AB6MT announced that that MARC was now in The Web page with the following address: http://www.cpr.com/in_bill_s/MARC.html.

Pres. Bob then introduced **Ed Boddington N6BNJ** who presented a most interesting program entitled *The Anatomy of a Repeater System*. Following his presentation, Ed received a big hand and thanks from the membership.

Director Mike W6FCQ then announced that The Club would be selling two Kenwood 830s with a minimum bid of \$350

\$350.00 each, that MARC members had first chance at them and that they would be listed in QSA-5.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2035 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, John Larson N6YNF, Secretary.

Board Meeting, 8/15/96

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM by President Bob LaFlamme KC6UNC, with six Board members and five Members-at-Large present. Vice-President Paul N6MQN, was absent.

Pres. Bob called on Mike W6FCQ, to report on the status of Bldg. 549 and future club needs. Mike advised that he and Bob had reported to the Coast Guard as to our needs at B-549 and that we had been notified by the Navy that we should contact the Coast Guard regarding continued use of the building. This has already been done, obviously. Mike further reported that our rent to the Navy included water and sewage only and that there were several entities using the facilities. He assumed the Navy was paying the electrical bill. Mike added that we might have to pay something for electricity when the Coast Guard takes over.

Station Manager Dick Fay KB6JJI, reported there were seven stalwarts who showed up for Clean-Up Day at B-549 on 8/10 and they really got things done. They were Hi Roberts KO6LS, Roger Davidson WB6HZO, Mike Edwards W6FCQ, Stu Dake AC6GD, Charles Deatrick KD6ZVJ, Derek van Loon WB6VXF and Dick Fay KB6JJI.

Dick further reported that he had priced the components for a 1200 MHz repeater and found that it would cost approximately \$5,000.00.

This is more money than it was felt prudent for the club to spend and Mike suggested that a cross band system be installed; in on 2M and out on 440. He stated that he would make up a proposal and submit it to the Board for consideration.

Treasurer's Report: Treas. Bob Mott KO6EN, reported the balance as of 8/15/96 was \$4,644.58. He also reluctantly submitted his resignation as of this date due to increased work commitments. He advised that he had prepared a memorandum outlining the items to which the Treasurer needs to attend.

The Board reluctantly accepted Bob's resignation and thanked him for his contribution in excellent work for the Club.

It was then MSP that Elizabeth Nager KE6FHD be appointed interim Treasurer.

It was announced that a picnic would not be held in lieu of the regular September meeting and that Ed Boddington would present a program on Repeater Technology at the September 6 meeting at Kaiser Hospital.

While on the subject of meetings, Mike advised that he would request meeting dates from Kaiser to secure next year's schedule.

President Bob announced that we needed a Station Manager for the Red Cross Station and the Red Cross needed a Communications Liaison Officer who did not necessarily need to be a ham.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, John Larson N6YNF, Secretary

Board Meeting, 9/19/96

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Paul Niederberger N6MQN at 1900 hrs. with four board members and five regular members present. Absent were President Bob KC6UNC and Director Mike W6FCQ.

Treasurer's Report: Interim Treasurer Liz Nager KE6FHD, reported our balance at \$4,570.17. Education Chairman Chet WA6PAC, requested that he be notified of any persons paying their fees for the next no-code class.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Carl Sealock KE6OIB, submitted the following names to serve on the

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the Board Of Directors for 1997: John Boyd KE6ORI; Chuck Deatrick KD6ZYJ; Phil Erdberg N6EAW; Bob LaFlamme KC6UNC Incumbent; Tim Harris KE6ORT; Liz Nager KE6FHD incumbent; Shirley Parlan KA6ELJ; Bill Smith AB6MT; Pete Wolford.N6IYU.

Building 549 Station Manager Dick Fay KB6JJI, presented the report of Director Mike W6FCQ: (1) He would continue as Trustee of W6SG and the Navyt MARS station if the Board so desired. (2) The two Kenwood 530s would be taken to the Sebastopol Flea Market by Woody WA6KVV, to be sold at a minimum price of \$600. (3) That Navy MARS had advised him that the Coast Guard will extend MARS use of Bldg. 549 when they take over and that we contact Naval Facilities Engineering Command to verify. (Pres. Bob LaFlamme should follow this up.) (4) That he would act as liaison between the Red Cross Disaster teams and the Club. (5) That he and Roger Davidson WB6HZO had started to install the PK 232 system into the Red Cross Station and there would be no interruption in the HF system.

It was MSP that Mike's offer to continue as W6SG Trustee and Red Cross Station Manager and Disaster Liaison be accepted.

VP Paul N6MQN reported that the Christmas party was set for the 15th of December at the Marin Art and Garden Center. Also, that the speaker for the October membership meeting had cancelled and that he was looking for a program.

Carl Sealock KE6OIB advised that if he heard from Bob Fajardo WA6 VOI he could present the new RACES plan, Carl and Paul will coordinate their efforts to secure a program for the October meeting.

Since it appears likely that MARC will be able to continue its use of Bldg. 549 at Hamilton, a general discussion was held as to means of upgrading the facility and making it more "friendly" to members of the club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2020 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, John Larson

R.A.C.E.S.

HELP! Marin County RACES is looking for volunteers for the Wednesday AM California Emergency Services Net, Rich starts it at 1000 hrs on 80 M at the County EOC and it lasts for approximately thirty minutes.

Anyone interested, please contact Carl Sealock, KE6OIB at 415-987-6142

88 and 73

The numerals 88 and 73 have been a tradition in communications language for almost 120 years. The older of the two, 73, appeared in 1853, meaning "My love to you." In 1857, the first official definition made it a "fraternal greeting between operators." Two years later, 1859, Western Union made "73" a part of their "92 Code" to indicate "Accept my compliments." The final change came in 1895, when "73" meant "Best Regards" for the telegraph and later for radio operators.

"88" never received the formality of an official listing until it was adopted as one of the "Ham Abbreviations." It had been one of the telegraph operators' traditional terms since well before the turn of the Century.

During the First World War, "88" was used by the U. S. Army Signal Corps, again strictly as an operator's abbreviation in unofficial communications. At the close of WW1, "88" achieved official status as part of amateur radio terminology: "Love and kisses."

...source unknown.

An Intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture and not think of *The Lone Ranger!*

Ananosecond is the time it takes for the impatient idiot in back of you to honk when the light changes to green.

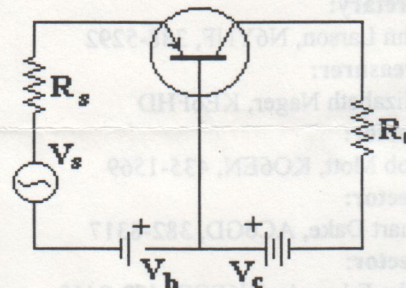
Name this circuit contest

It was a bust last month. *Noone* participated, *noone* even mentioned it to your Redactor.

The circuit was a basic tube amplifier!

We will try another mystery circuit this month. Maybe nobody reads this rag?

Results will be published in the next issue. ...Ed



New Members

Will Lammers KF6EPP, 112 Surrey Ln., San Rafael, 94903, 479-9320

Gordon Keller KF6EKB, 2225 Shelter Bay, Mill Valley, 94941, 389-90439

Ken Willoby, no stats as yet

Welcome to the club, new Hams! Please don't hide your talents, we love new, active members.Ed.

AMC Looking for Volunteers

by Chet Rice WA6PAC

The American Red Cross is looking for healthy but retired Hams to join their Disaster Services Human Resources System. Once you pass "Introduction to Disaster Services," the ARC First Aid Course and CPR, you can get signed up on the Red Cross' list of qualified volunteers.

With little or no advance notice, you might be called to serve on a disaster relief operation, somewhere in the USA wherever the disaster occurs.

Transportation will be provided by the ARC but there may be adverse living conditions at the remote site and long daily working hours may be required.

If you would like to apply for membership in the DSHR System, phone the local ARC San Rafael Chapter 721-2356 and ask for more details. The Red Cross is especially looking for Hams to help.

Members And Guests Are Welcome At All Meetings

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Club Meetings

General Membership Meeting is held on the first Friday of each month at Kaiser Hospital Building 2, first building on left after turning off Nova Albion Way into Monticello Road; starts at 7:30 PM. Ample parking and a level walk to your seat.

Business Meeting meets at the Red Cross Building in San Rafael on the third Thursday and starts at 1930 hrs. and usually lasts an hour. Members may attend.

Sunday morning informal meeting, smilingly called The Bible Class, meets every Sunday morning at the Red Cross Bldg., 5th Street slightly east of Lincoln Ave. in San Rafael starting at roughly 0800 hours and closes down about 1100 hrs.

Dues structure is: \$20.00 per year for Students and Retired persons; \$25.00 for Regular membership; \$30.00 for Family membership and no dues for Life or Honorary members.

Coming Events

PACIFICON 96, Oct. 18-20, PO Box 272613 Concord, CA 95927, 510-932-6125

MARC VE Testing: All level of licenses, Dec 7. Test site Kaiser Bldg. 2. See above **Club Meetings** for location instructions.

More: Send a SASE to: Radio Exams, PO Box 176, Petaluma, CA 94953-0176

VOMARC VE Nov 16, Sonoma Development Center.

Candidate Requirements: A photo identification or two non-photo IDs. The Original and a photocopy of your current license, if licensed. Any original valid CSCEs and photocopies, if you have any CSCEs. Radiotelegraph license if held (see VE.), Medical exemptions (see VE.). Fee is \$6.05 but Novice Test is free.

Warning! Test dates subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Emergency Nets

W6SG Sunday AM 1000 hrs - Voice (LSB) 3915 MHz
 1015 hrs - Voice (FM) 147.33 +600 PL 203.5

RACES - Monday 1930 hrs - Voice 147.33 +600 PL 203.5
 ACS - Follows above at 2000 hrs on same frequency.