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CLUB MEETINGS: Second Fri.
each month, 7:30 PM Auburn
Fire Dept. 226 Sacramento St.
Auburn, CA.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET
4th Monday of month 7:00-
8:45 PM, Roseville City
Main Library, 225 Taylor St.
WATCH FOR EXCEPTIONS

CLUB BREAKFAST
Last Saturday of the month
(Except in December), 8:00 AM
to 9:00 AM, Susie's Country Cafe
in Roseville Hwy 80 & Riverside Av.

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CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Apr 8 Club Meeting - Cellular
Technology Bill Cullifer,
Cellular One Co.
- Apr 18 Board of Directors, Roseville
Library
- Apr 30 Club Breakfast
- May 13 Club Meeting - Wireless
Communications, Rich
Sederberg, Fleetcall/Nextell
Co.
- May 23 Board of Directors, Roseville
Library
- May 28 Club Breakfast
- Jun 10 Club Meeting - Field Day
'94 discussion - Mike Sexton
KN6MK.
- Jun 13 Board Meeting
- Jun 24, 25 & 26 FIELD DAYS!
- Jul 2 Community Service - Rocklin
Jubilee
- Jul 8 Club Meeting - Review of '94
Field Day.
- Jul 25 Board Meeting

FROM THE PRESIDENTS SHACK

Hello to all from this part of the spectrum. Thank you again to Greg Fox for his fine presentation at last months meeting. Also I enjoyed seeing the assembled 40 meter QRP rig of Ken Niles, KD6WWT. He is very proud of his project.

A special thanks Club Director Aaron Barstis, KA6GQW, for bringing the home made goodies to our March meeting and also donating a four element two meter
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quad to SFARC. Linda Hedgpeth, XYL of N7EUQ, also brought homemade cookies to our March meeting. Thank you Linda.

Another club director, Bob Boeckman, WA6ULL, just returned from an extended trip the Kansas City area. It's good to have Bob and Linda back!

I have been contacted by a member of the Boy Scout headquarters in Sacramento. He is interested in formulating a plan for the annual "Jamboree On the Air" in October. He is calling on several club presidents in the Sacramento Valley. If you have experience or interest in participating in J.O.T.A. with the Scouts in the fall, please let me know.

Field Day plans are progressing well for Mike Sexton, KN6MK. Any suggestions or offers of help for the Field Day event on June 25,26 are welcome. Mike is looking at many items that will make this weekend one of the best F.D. endeavors our club has had in years. It will be fun and we need the active assistance of our members.

A short article that appeared in the March 10 "ARRL LETTER": April QST "League Lines" warns amateurs that "a commercial company is sending notices in the mail to hams whose amateur radio licenses are about to expire, offering to renew the hams'

licenses for a fee" (\$5). This is something you can do for yourself, for the cost of a stamp. Last thing on the agenda is the next meeting, Friday April 8 at 7:30 PM. Bill Cullifer, State Account Manager for Cellular One will have a great bit of information on the latest cell phones and a new video by Cellular One. This will be a good one. See you there.

73's

Roger Hedgpeth,

N7EUQ

**YOUR VOLUNTEER EXAMINER
SCHOOL REPORT**

(W6SUP - Bob Metke) For the month of March, your VE team administered 23 tests to 19 applicants. Your VE school is also having a 5 WPM code class. The VE team continues to provide new and upgrade exams at a steady pace. Please remember that you must pre-register for the exams. Please feel free to contact me at 783-7610 for an appointment. Thank you to all volunteer examiners that help.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Chuck Elder, W6LOE, is coming along fine practicing walking in the house with a walker. Gail is helping him with this. Mildred, W6HTS, is doing much better but still has to learn to eat more before she can possibly hope to return home to her radio and to her cat, Hamie.

**AMATEUR RADIO STUDENT'S
PRAYER****HUMOR BY WAYNE MIKEL - KE6DJE**

Now I lay me down to sleep, for slumber to take me, I no longer count sheep. It's been 8 days my exam I did take, and the wait for my ticket is keeping me awake.

With my "HT" I "just read the mail", Put repeaters in memory and seek antennas for sale. I'm anxious to join the SFARC Thursday night net, but all I can do is lie here and fret.

Instead of lying here awake all the while, Maybe I could sneak my form to the top of the pile. But I'd probably get caught and thrown into jail, and while there, my license at home, would arrive in the mail. I'm anxious for QSO's with Metke, Jan and Doc, but until it arrives, the PTT is on lock.

I guess in the mean time I'll study the code, and with general class, I'll have HF mode.

But then I'll have to wait all over I'm afraid, for the US "Snail" to bring me my upgrade. I'm not much of a bard, as you can see, but a good ham is really what I'm aspiring to be.

So until I'm on the air, I'll send 73's, and if you see the mailman, send him here please.

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FIELD DAY 1994**MIKE SEXTON - KN6MK**

For those of you who are relatively new to this hobby, and for those who might not know, the last weekend in June is very important to the Amateur Radio Community. This event is Field Day, and our club participates among thousands. This event is a training and preparation exercise to test your ability to operate under adverse conditions. It prepares you for the day when disaster strikes and you find yourself providing lifesaving communications without the benefit of commercial power. It is also a fun weekend of camping and radio operating. Field day operating is done contest style, i.e. make as many contacts as possible in the time frame allowed. To some hams, this is deadly serious, devoting almost all their time operating. To others, it is an important social event with only a small amount of time on the air. Our operation will have plenty of room for both. This is also a great opportunity for some hams to operate beyond they're normal privileges. This will be a multi-operator station using emergency power, and we will be using W6RFF as our call. Thanks Jetti!

You may think this seems a little early, but I would like to get a feel for the amount of participants, visitors and visiting operators that plan to participate in the event. Also important is the loan of equipment that will be needed for the weekend.

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We plan on operating HF (160 through 10 meters, SSB & CW). UHF/VHF (6 and 2 meters) PACKET, QRP and SATELLITE.

Please contact me and let me know what you are interested in. This will enable me to make plans, and will greatly help the club in making this a successful Field Day.

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MARCH MEETING MINUTES

At 7:30 PM, the meeting commenced with Officers, President Roger Hedgpeth - N7EUQ, Vice-President Martha Vance - KA6WUW, Treasurer Jim Veneman - W6PYX, and Secretary David Hund, N6SHD. The introductions were made with a count of 44 members and guests

present. The speaker was Greg Fox, KD6HOU from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. He spoke on SHARP and RACES for emergency communications. His speech was over at 8:15 PM and then we went on break.

We started the business meeting at 8:29 PM. The Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. The Treasurer read the financial report which was put in the secretaries file. Jim also has club patches for \$2.00.

Bob Metke - W6SUP, gave the training report. He said the 27th of April was all filled up and that he will do testing at odd times.

Jettie Hill - W6RFF, gave the training report. He talked on the new Vanity call sign. He said no firm decision has been made yet as all the comments are not yet in.

Jim Venneman - W6PYX, said Jim Carmen - K6ARR, told him that the Placer County Sheriff's Department may be lost to the School District and that we may have to pay the electric bill and the insurance payment on our repeater site. Roger said that Jim must let him know if the repeater site is changing hands.

Roger said that if there is any changes in the roster, Please let Matt Diridoni - KC6RUO know real soon.

Roger also explained that we lost our bid on the prospective Field Day site. They were afraid we might make too much noise.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Under new business, Bill Cullifer from Cellular One, will be the speaker at next months meeting. There is a SFARC breakfast on the 26th of March. Mildred O'Brien - W6HTS is getting better. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM, and the raffle followed.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Hund - N6SHD
SFARC Secretary

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MEET THE SNACK CREW

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Debbie Eickson, N6ZSM, Linda Boeckman, Linda Hedgpeth are "The Snack Crew" Not pictured are Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Barstis, who are also known to bring home baked goodies to meetings.

MARCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting took place at the Roseville Library on Monday February 28, 1994 at 7:15 PM. Roger Hedgpeth - N7EUQ, Russ Ahlberg - K16KJ, Aaron Barstis - KA6GQW, Dave Hund - N6SHD, and Jerri Metke - K6GKR, were present.

Martha Vance - KA6WUW, left a message at the library explaining that she could not make the meeting due to a bad cold. Jim Venneman - W6PYX, dropped the mail off at my house and explained he could not make the meeting because of a domestic problem. Included in the mail was our clubs financial report as of February 28, 1994.

Roger went through the mail, and as he did, he directed the secretary to send invitations to prospective members that live in the area. He read a thank you letter from William Siver - KB6GCW, about the prize he had won during our swap meet in the fall of 1993.

He read Jim Venneman's treasury report as of this date, we have total assets of \$2,523.62 and 78 paid members.

Roger suggested that at the next board meeting, when more officers are present, we will vote on Jettie Hill's son, Criss, as an Honorary Member to our club.

Roger said that he and Mike Sexton went to Weimar where they met Paul

Roberson and looked over a parking lot that has everything necessary for our upcoming field day, including water and toilets. If all fails at Weimar, we will still have Nyack.

Under new business, Aaron said that we need net controllers for our Thursday night 2 meter net and that Dick Lund will make the approval. Our meeting closed at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Hund - N6SHD
SFARC Secretary.

TREASURERS REPORT

ASSETS - CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS

Autopatch Fund	\$575.17
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Repeater Fund	\$452.88

TOTAL CASH/ASSETS **\$1,979.48**

INCOME & EXPENSES

Advertising Income	\$360.00
ARRL Dues Paid In	\$78.00
Autopatch Donations	\$50.00
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Membership Dues	\$765.00
Patch Sales	\$21.50
Repeater Donations	\$113.00
Return of Raffle Funds	\$89.50

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,516.31**

EXPENSES

ARRL Dues paid out	\$72.00
Autopatch Line Charges	\$22.91
Bank Charges	\$38.95
Newsletter Expenses	\$486.83
Office Expenses	\$7.10
Postage Expenses	\$44.83

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$672.52**

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE **\$843.79**

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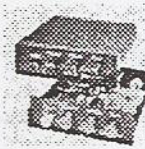
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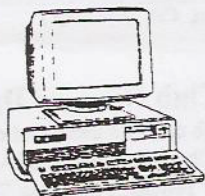
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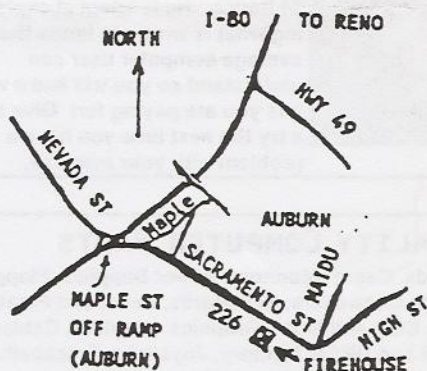
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