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AT THE KEY OF S.F.A.R.C.

PRESIDENT CLUB NETS:

N7EUQ ALL WELCOME TO CHECK IN
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Martha Vance 145.430 (-600, PL 94.8) or
723-5488 223.860 (-1.6 MHz)

SECRETARY CLUB MEETINGS: Second Fri.
N6SHD each month, 7:30 PM Auburn
Dave Hund Fire Dept. 226 Sacramento St.
624-0978 Auburn, CA.

TREASURER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET
W6PYX 4th Monday of month 7:00-
Jim Venneman 7:45 PM, Roseville City
885-1677 Main Library, 225 Taylor St.
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DIRECTORS

K16KJ CLUB BREAKFAST
Russ Ahlberg Last Saturday of the month
652-9038 (Except in December), 8:00 AM
to 9:00 AM, Susie's Country Cafe
in Roseville Hwy 80 & Riverside Av.

K6GQW
Aaron Barstis
483-1073

W6ULL
Bob Boeckman
983-2776

Editors: Matthew Diridoni - KC6RUO
Lisa Carrera - KC6VFQ

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S

SHACK 

Welcome to all from this end of the spectrum. The best news is that our field day event turned out very well. We again had excellent support for our power needs from Bruce and Rudy of the National Guard Unit. My appreciation to Mike Sexton, KN6MK, for being the Field Day chairman and

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CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Jul 8 Club Meeting - Review of '94
Field Day.

Jul 18 Board Meeting

Jul 30 Club Breakfast

Aug 12 Club Meeting

Aug 22 Board Meeting

Aug 27 Club Breakfast

Aug 28 Club Picnic

Sep 9 Club Meeting

Sep 19 Board Meeting

Sep 24 Club Breakfast

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V.E. REPORT

22 Tests were given to 14 students in June. Please note no schools until July 15, 1994. I would like to thank all members of the VE team. For more V.E. Info, Call 783-7610

73's - Bob Metke, W6SUP

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

handling all the coordination and communication necessary to put this program together. Thanks to Matt Diridoni, KC6RUO, with Linda and Bob Boeckman, WA6ULL, for taking care of the food preparation duties. There was plenty of good food and folks that enjoyed the Saturday evening potluck dinner. Is the rumor true that we scored more points with less operators this year than was done last year? This is the time of year when the nominating committee is formed to gather the names for the 1995 Club Officers. The candidates will be elected at our November meeting. I would like three club members to see me about these temporary positions.

Our annual SFARC picnic will be held on Sunday, August 28. The event is being co-chaired by our vice-president, Martha Vance, KA6WUW and Debbie Erickson, N6ZSM. Please ask either of these two young ladies if you can be of help at the picnic.

My continued appreciation to Mike Sexton, KN6MK, for his efforts toward a great field day this year and also to Bob Metke, W6SUP for always doing the best in directing the V.E. testing at his home each month. Thank you both!.

If anyone has a suggestion as to any fund raising event the club could participate in, please let me know. I'll see you at the next club breakfast on July 30, 1994.

73's

Roger Hedgpeth, N7EUQ

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FIELD DAY FOOD REPORT

(Matthew Diridoni - KC6RUO)

At the last meeting, members voted to spend \$250.00 on meals for Field Day. I am happy to report that with the assistance of assistant Chef, Phenomenal Bob Boeckman - WA6ULL, we only spent \$155.05 on food preparation. A check for \$94.95 has been mailed to the Treasurer.

We should also thank Mr. Bob Metke - W6SUP, and the V.E. team for donating \$35.00 to the food fund. But since we were under budget, the \$35.00 will be given back to Mr. Metke. I would also like to thank Linda Boeckman and Linda Hedgpeth for taking charge of the clean up after each meal. If I hadn't been so smelly and dirty, I would have kissed you both.

All non perishable food items, (sodas, condiments) will be used for the snack bar and picnic. Perishable items were frozen and will also be used at the picnic.

TREASURERS REPORT

1-1-94 THROUGH 5-31-94

INCOME

Advertising	360.00
ARRL Dues Paid In	132.00
Autopatch Donations	109.00
Callbook Sales	29.95
Interest Income	6.36
Membership Dues	1,181.00
Patch Sales	27.00
Repeater Donations	186.00
Return of Raffle Funds	89.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,120.81

EXPENSES

ARRL Dues Paid Out	110.00
Autopatch Line Charges	84.29
Bank Charges	57.69
Callbook Purchases	29.95
Christmas Party Expenses	202.57
Insurance	-7.52
Newsletter Expenses	736.62
Office Expenses	7.10
Picnic Expenses	202.57
Postage Expenses	44.73
Raffle Funds Paid Out	89.50
World Radio Club Ad	60.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,617.50

ASSETS (Cash and Bank Accounts)

Autopatch Fund	572.79
Christmas Fund	368.43
General Fund	171.90
Misc. Fund	000.00
Repeater Fund	525.88
TOTAL	\$1,639.00

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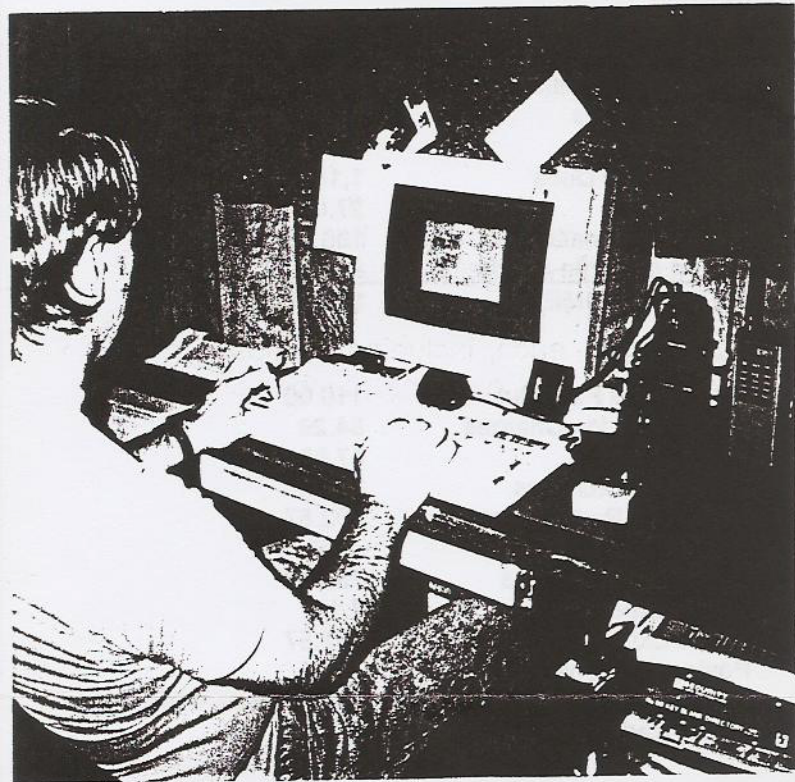
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Thanks Snappy!

GUESS WHOSE SHACK THIS IS ?



(KC6LIX Jan Huttula) This is the shack of KE6DJE, Wayne Mikel. KE6DJE and his XYL, Melissa, live in Lincoln. Both are members of SFARC for the past two years. Wayne is holds a license as a Technician and wants to upgrade to work the HF bands. Wayne and Melissa have two small children, Daniel who is two years old and Cassandra is five months. Wayne hopes he has two new hams in the making?

CLUB MEETING MINUTES June 10, 1994

The meeting came to order at 7:35 PM. Introductions were made and there were approximately 40 in

attendance. The goodies for the night for the snack bar were the courtesy of Aaron, KA6GQW.

Martha, KA6WUW, conducted the meeting. There were several items that were brought by members as was noted by Bob, WA6ULL. Martha expressed the enjoyment of our meeting in the park in May.

We had a field day video presented by Mike Sexton, KN6MK that was very informative for those that have never been on a Field Day. He also passed around an in depth schedule of events, operating rules, and general camp policy directive. Mike explained we need more radio equipment. Matt Diridoni, KC6RUO, said we had plenty of food, and roger, N7EUQ mentioned we need a place to store more refrigerated supplies. The break started at 8:23 PM and was over at 8:43 PM.

Greg hosted the raffle and what a terrific job he does. The Secretaries report says there is \$1,639 in our account. The VE report was given by Bob Metke, W6SUP. He gave test dates and mentioned that the general test will change in July, so make sure you have the correct book. Bob Boeckman, WA6ULL, gave the repeater report and stated that Placer County Communications is eradicating Hams from the repeater vaults and that 4 Hams have been moved out.

Bob, W3PMP, wanted to know if the club is covered by insurance for volunteer operators in the Rocklin Jubilee. Bob Boeckman, WA6ULL says we are not. Under new

business, Mike, KN6MK Said the budget for field day is \$225.00. He made a motion to raise it to \$300.00 to cover food and fuel expenses. The motion was passed unanimously. Bob Boeckman made a motion to consider buying an HF radio to be used at future field days and for training of new hams and for use during emergencies. The motion will be considered at a later date. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Dave Hund - N6SHD
S.F.A.R.C. Secretary

SFARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 13, 1994

Roger-N7EUQ, Aaron-KA6GQW, Russ-KI6KJ, Bob-WA6ULL, Matt-KC6RUO, Jan-KC6LIX, and Dave-N6SHD, were present. The meeting opened at 7:16 PM and we promptly discussed thoroughly, field day, the Rocklin Jubilee, and the Picnic. Roger wants T.J. Hossli to become an honorary member. He is working on his ticket and regularly takes video movies of club events. The motion was made by Bob and second by Jan. Mr. Hossli is a paid member until December 31, 1994.

Roger and Jan discussed the history of expenses and what the club can afford. Looks like Bob Boeckman's motion to consider buying an HF radio for emergency use is out of the question at this time.

Much time was spend on the treasury report, by Jim-W6PYX, our

treasurer was unable to attend. Jan had to make some hand calculations to explain why the raffle is self supporting and not a means to make money for the general fund. The board members discussed different ways to make money for the general fund and advertisements for the newsletter. Roger made a motion to move money from the autopatch fund to pay for field day. There was discussion about newsletter costing too much to publish. It now cost about \$1.00 each, including stamps. Matt is trying to keep the number of issues down and the cost of publishing to a minimum. There was much discussion ion ways to make money for the club. Many good ideas were passed around as the meeting came to a close at 8:35 PM.

Dave Hund
S.F.A.R.C. Secretary

SFARC Drawing for a 2-Meter Handheld

(KC6LIX Jan Huttula) At this year's SFARC's annual picnic a 2 Meter handheld (VHF-FM Transceiver) HTX-202 Realistic, will be the drawing prize. The tickets are \$1 each and available in advance of the picnic at each club meeting or by contacting KC6LOE Greg and KC6LIX Jan Huttula 786-3530. Also, ask any club officer for information about tickets. See you August 28, 1994 at the Meadow Vista Picnic Ground, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Note: It is illegal to transmit with the transceiver without having a valid FCC Amateur Radio license of appropriate class.

Field Day 1994

(KC6LIX Jan Huttula) Special thanks to Field Day organizer Mike Sexton, KN6MK for an enjoyable field day. The weather was pleasant and the facilities very comfortable. (Just a little chilly Saturday night.) KC6RUO Matt Diridoni served as master chef for the group. WA6ULL Bob and Linda Boeckman were Assistant Chefs and Hostesses. Mmmmm the food was good! N6SHD Dave Hund served as the technical expert on field day. He figured out what went where and made it work. Naturally, he had lots of experts who also helped in the

set up operations: KN6MK Mike Sexton, KN6HF Dave Thompsen, KN6ZR Bob Naylor, and KE6DJE Wayne Mikel. KC6LIX Jan Huttula pitched on antenna set up Saturday morning. About thirty people and kids enjoyed the pot luck and visiting operating stations Saturday afternoon. This year's field day had about 12 operators and seven support staff and family members present for the majority of field day activities. It was nice to see some many XYL's and children join in the fun. Hats off to KC6LOE Greg Huttula and his many advisers. He chose field day to learn about Packet and to make ten very needed packet contacts! Special thanks goes to the North Highlands National Guard, MSGT Bruce L. Sleeper and SSGT Rudy Martinez. Again this year SFARC's field day was a training session on how to work with the National Guard during an emergency. The special capabilities of equipment and people were tested and came through A okay. SFRAC's President N7EUQ Roger and his XYL Linda Hedgpeth presided over the event as master of ceremonies and PR coordinators. N7EUQ Roger and KN6ZR Bob along with Bob's son Brain ensured the Club made the necessary CW QRP contacts! Good work to you all. KN6MK Mike, KE6DJE Wayne, KN6HF Dave, ensured 80, 40 and 20 meters were covered. KC6RUO Matt got a little operating time in between cooking detail. KC6LIX along with SSGT Rudy Martinez and MSGT Bruce Sleeper covered 10 and 15 meters. KN6ZR Bob, KC6TUX Chuck Sissom, KN6HF

Dave Thompson, and N7EUQ Roger ensured numerous CW contracts were made. KN6ZR Bob worked CW until his fingers were exhausted and his eyes red. He did an outstanding job. KC6TUX also served as last minute equipment transporter. Thanks for ensuring those forgotten or emergency repair items arrived just in time! All through the day and night you could hear "CQ CQ Field Day W6RFF." As a result of participating in field day, a few participants have got the "up-grade" bug and a few non-hams are now vowing to get their license. Good luck to all, and see you next year.

**THANKS BOB AND THE V.E.
TEAM**

(Special to the Editor)

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your warm friendly hospitality during the V.E. exam. You provided a very relaxing atmosphere in which to take the exam. Now I know why my friend recommended you so highly. I'm still on cloud 9 and wish to thank you, again, for suggesting that I take the written part as well. You and Jerri make a great couple and it is easy to tell how much you enjoy and respect each other. Please thank the other examiners for their time and professionalism.

73,
Tony KB6VRT/AG

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WA6HYO, KN6MK, N6SHD
FIELD DAY 1994 - NYACK, CA

Field Day '94 Wrap-up

(Mike Sexton KN6MK) This year's event went fairly well, considering the small amount of enthusiastic participants who decided to be a part of Field Day '94. Our total (after a dupe check) was 403 QSO's: 311 were on SSB (of which I made 202) and 92 were on CW. All of the operating was done by KN6MK, KN6ZR, KC6TUX, KC6LIX, KE6DJE, KN6HF, WA6HYO, N7EUQ, KC6RUO, WA6ULL and KE6DJA.

The National Guard arrived on schedule Friday with four generators and had power to all stations and campsites within an hour. Special thank you's to Sgt Bruce Sleeper and Sgt Rudy Martinez for their efforts with refueling every five hours to keep us up and running. Some casual QSO's Friday night confirmed that the 40m W8JK antenna was working, with 20 over 9 reports from just about everybody! At 1800z Saturday we had two stations manned and ready, 40m CW and 40m SSB, with a third for 20m SSB shortly after. A bit later we had 10m SSB. We worked the contest until the wee hours of Sunday morning. At 1700z Sunday we sat N7EUQ down with KN6ZR to get 10 QRP contacts, which they did by 1800z Sunday and the contest ended!

I would like to thank all of you who signed up and participated in the event, with special thank you's to KC6RUO, Matt and WA6ULL, Bob who's campground culinary expertise is an outdoor gastronomical delight! Special thank you's also to Linda B. and Linda H. for all the hard work they put in at kitchen duty. All those that didn't show really missed out! A special thank you to N6SHD, Dave who was first to arrive and one of the last to leave, helping with the antenna set up and take down throughout the weekend.

A very special thank you to Bob, KN6ZR who did not desert me before all the antennas were down and on top of my van. Bob also saw to it that I was all packed up and ready to go, and then provided the jump start my van needed to get out of there. Thanks for hanging in there Bob!

73, KN6MK

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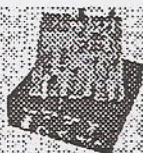
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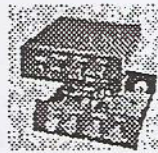
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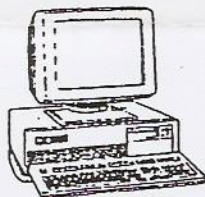
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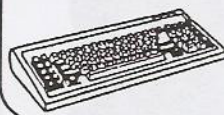
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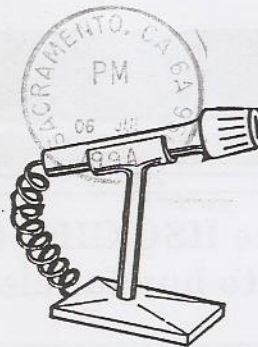
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