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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-
7:45 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.

Editors: Matthew Diridoni - KC6RUO
Lisa Carrera - KC6VFQ

SFARC CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Nov 11	Club Meeting - Election
Nov 19	Community Event, Roseville Holiday Parade
Nov 21	Board Meeting
Nov 26	Club Breakfast
Dec 10	Christmas Party

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Thanks Snappy!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S

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Greetings to all from this end of the spectrum. What a great October White Elephant Sale. It was one of our best ever! The Club made about \$447.00 thanks to the skilled efforts of Len Taylor, our auctioneer. There were lots of good compliments on the job done by Len.

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ROCKLIN REDUCES FEES

The City of Rocklin approved a reduction of fees for the clubs use of the Community Center for our Christmas party. The City acknowledged and appreciates our help with the Jubilee and Halloween Patrol. The fees were reduced from \$350.00 to \$109.00.

Thanks Rocklin!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

We had a last minute change of location for the sale, but we still love Auburn. I appreciate the help from several of our members in getting the word out that we would be meeting somewhere new. Thanks to the following: Henry Sparks, KB2DLE, Bob Boeckman, WA6ULL, Ralph McCune, KE6DJB, Bob Metke, W6SUP and our Club Secretary Dave Hund, N6SHD. Our November 11 meeting (at the firehouse) will be our election meeting. This is usually a heavily attended event, so please join us to vote for the 1995 officers of your choice.

The annual Christmas party at the Rocklin Community Center will be on December 10th. Put it on your calendar for a fun holiday evening. We have a board meeting on Monday, November 21. Officers and directors should put that on their calendars.

The Roseville Holiday Parade is on Saturday, November 19th. Many of us are helping Bob Metke with radio communications on that morning. The next club breakfast will be on November 26th.

Last thought, Thanks Jan, KC6LIX, Dave, KA6KUT, Ralph, KE6DJB, Linda Boeckman, and Linda Hedgpeth for also helping make the white elephant sale a success. By the time you read this, I will be well on my way to complete recovery after my October 20th leg surgery.

73's, Roger N7EUQ

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WHO'S RUNNING FOR 1995 CLUB OFFICE ?

Not very many people, that's who !!

It is very apparent that we need more candidates to volunteer or be nominated. Here is the sample ballot, as of October 6, 1994.

President

Vote for one

No nomination or volunteer

Vice-President

Vote for one

Matt Diridoni

Secretary

Vote for one

Dick Lund

Treasurer

Vote for one

Jim Venneman

Board of Directors

Vote for three

Russ Ahlberg
Aaron Barstis

No nomination or volunteer

The club is also looking for a news editor for 1995. If you are interested, See Matt Diridoni, KC6RUO, or the President, Roger Hedgpeth, N7EUQ.

SELLING EQUIPMENT ?

SFARC Members can place adds free. Mail your add to the SFARC news editor
Matt Diridoni - KC6RUO

THE VOLUNTEER EXAMINER REPORT

Bob Metke, W6SUP

Your club school is currently teaching 4 students for element 2, 3A, and 1 student for element 3B. An additional 3 students are being instructed for the code, 13 words per minute.

For the month of October, the V.E. team administered 28 tests to 14 applicants.

If you need help with testing, please feel free to call.

73's, Bob Metke - W6SUP
511 Oak Street
Roseville, CA. 95678
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THE SUNSHINE REPORT

Jerri Metke - K6GKR

Our President, N7EUQ, Roger had surgery Thursday, returned home the same day and is doing fine. He said he was going to try a short walk. Great news!

W6TSS Mowry Sayre has not been feeling well lately. We do hope she will be doing better soon.

KA6LNC, John is feeling so good after getting his pace maker. He is in Wyoming hunting. Isn't that a great recovery.

WA6PHO Donna Tuttle is now living in Auburn with her daughter and may be on 2 meters soon. Nice to have you back in this territory Donna.

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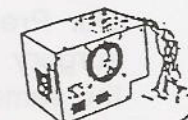
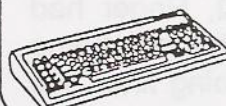
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October is Pacificon'94 Month:-

October 21 - 23 is the date for the Pacific Division Convention at the Concord Hilton. This issue will be reproduced, packaged and in the mail on Oct. 17. By the time some of you read this issue, Pacificon'94 may be in full tilt; some on Internet and packet should receive this Update before the big event. Alas, by the time some others read the Update, Pacificon'94 will be history. Anyway, I hope that you enjoyed Pacificon'94!

Congressional Legislative Report:-

As I am sure you all read and heard, the last days of the 103rd Congress were unusual and very interesting! Out of all the noise and confusion, the following news seems to be relevant to Amateur Radio after Congress ended this session and went home on Oct. 7 to run for reelection.

Senate Joint Resolution 90, the basic Amateur Radio bill, was passed unanimously in the Senate early in the morning of the last day. This bill states that Amateur Radio is a good and useful service from a national policy point of view and therefore asks all governmental agencies to support Amateur Radio as a national policy.

The bill was then rushed over to the House, which passed it unanimously about an hour later.

It is now at the White House for signature.

In my opinion, with the signing of this bill we have accomplished the goal we started out to attain in 1993 of having Congress pass and the President sign a bill which said Amateur Radio is a great service and should be supported by all governmental entities.

We would not have gotten this far without your grassroots letter writing and personal contact support to help the Washington activities by ARRL!

But we wanted to advance the Amateur Radio Service cause further --

Still later, the FCC Authorization Act of 1994, House Resolution 4522, with various technical provisions desired by the FCC and other provisions desired by ARRL (but less the Joint Resolution language) was passed by the House, again at the last moment. Among the provisions was one that Congress has decided to change the \$7 per year fee for the licenses to a ONE TIME application fee of \$150. It was the judgment of Congress that this change was "revenue neutral" and would ease the burden of billing and collection on the FCC. (It also helps to stay away from potential annual license fees for ALL Amateur Radio licenses).

We now hope to get HR 4522 passed by the Senate when it reconvenes on Nov. 29-30, 1994, (after the elections) so that everything the FCC and we want will become law. The ARRL is working very hard behind the scenes to try to make this happen. We will just have to wait until then to learn what happens. Keep your fingers crossed!

What is the end result of all this action?

As of now, assuming that President Clinton signs SJR 90, which seems likely, we will have Congress and the President on record saying that the Amateur Radio Service is a good and useful service and that all governmental agencies should support the service as national policy. SJR 90 may turn out to be a strong foundation for future legislative and regulatory activity and an important piece in the solution to the puzzle of local antenna ordinances.

In my opinion, this much is a great advance from where we have been.

If the reconvened Senate passes and the President signs the House passed FCC Authorization Act as it now stands, we will have added considerably more strength to the Amateur Radio Service cause and we will have helped the FCC obtain changes it wants -- ultimately to our benefit.

If both these items become law, 1994 will go down in history as a banner year for Amateur Radio in terms of long term national support for our hobby.

Where do we go from here?

The bill to provide liability protection for volunteers in the Amateur Radio Service, HR 2623 (Amateur Radio Volunteer Service Act) died in this Congress. It had 82 co-sponsors in the House. We had 2 in the Pacific Division. Unfortunately, this bill died, but I feel certain that we will try for passage again in the next Congress.

Again, many thanks for all the grassroots work!

Vanity "Preferred" Callsigns - Latest News:-

At the ARRL National Convention and at later meetings, FCC officials indicated that the vanity call implementation should occur by the end of the year or early 1995. The basic outline of the ARRL Comments filed on FCC Docket 93-305 by the April 21 deadline is contained in the June 1994 Update. For information on the dollar cost for obtaining a license, see Congressional Legislative Report, above.

Update on the Effort to Save the 13 cm. Band:-

There is no new public news on this matter since the Aug. 10 release of the FCC report described in previous Updates; however, there is a great deal of behind the

scenes action by many different groups each of whom have views that differ from those of the NTIA. It is very unclear what will happen, but it appears that by all your activities, we have slowed the process and perhaps have turned around the potential grab for the 13 cm. band. ARRL will keep working the problem! Please see previous Updates for additional background information.

Many thanks to all of those who have helped!

When new information arrives from whatever source, the latest information and any appeal for assistance will be published here.

ARRL Board Continues the Development of a Strategic Long Range Plan:-

In Denver, Oct. 9-10, the Board continued its efforts toward the development of a Strategic Long Range Plan for the ARRL. While the effort is going well, the work will not be finalized for some time to come.

FCC Proposes HF Digital Changes:-

The Oct. 1, 1994, comment deadline has come and gone. The ARRL filed comments on time reiterating our original petition (RM 8218) and comments in RM 8280. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 94-59 was released June 23 with a comment deadline of Oct. 1, 1994, and a reply comment deadline of Nov. 1, 1994. See the ARRL Letter of June 24, 1994, for the announcement details. QST for August 1994 on page 71 carried all the details of the proposal. I received no comments from Pacific Division members to include in the ARRL comments.

Massive FCC Reorganization:-

The Aug. 1, 1994, reorganization announced has only been partially implemented as of this date as various aspects must be approved by the Administration, Congress and the union of the officials involved. One of the changes, installing a new Chief of the Field Operations Bureau has happened, but other structural changes in the FCC are still pending.

While the end result of all the changes is difficult to forecast, there appears to be hope for better enforcement activity and support for Amateur Radio in the long term.

ARRL President George Wilson, W4OYI, and the ARRL Washington Staff continue to call at the top of the FCC (Commissioners and Civil Service Staff).

Other FCC Matters - Processing of New Licenses:-

Evidence continues to build that the FCC is now issuing licenses in about 6 weeks or less from the time of examination. This is down from the 12-14 weeks experienced in the recent past. As promised, the FCC apparently has applied additional resources and new computer equipment to the process.

Looking to the future, expect some sort of electronic filing of 610s. The procedures are now being worked out in collaboration with some VECs. The FCC plans to try test downloads with the VECs in the fall of this year. If

all goes well, the FCC could be fully on-line with the new 610 process by December 31.

New Pacific Division Appointments:-

With great pleasure I announce that we have two additional Volunteer Counsels in the state of Nevada. They are Ken D'Alessandro, AB7AJ, in Glenbrook and Bill Smith, W4HMY, in Las Vegas. We now have three Volunteer Counsels in the state of Nevada.

It is also with great pleasure I announce that Bob Wilson, N6TV, of San Jose, CA, has accepted appointment as Contest Advisory Committee Representative for the Pacific Division. He succeeds John Hultquist, K6GSS, of Maui, who has served for a number of years and contributed well to the CAC. Thanks for your years of service, John, and welcome to the team, Bob!

Antenna Ordinances:-

Rusty Epps, W6OAT, continues to lead a Pacific Division-wide effort to develop a database of antenna ordinances and related materials. Rusty reports that data is coming in from all parts of the Division -- thanks! Send all the material to Charles K. (Rusty) Epps, W6OAT, 651 Handley Trail, Redwood City, CA 94062.

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Scholarships and Awards:-

There are many scholarships and awards covering a wide range of situations available to licensed Amateurs. The ARRL Foundation, The Dayton Amateur Radio Association, The Foundation for Amateur Radio, to name only a few, will be announcing their dates for applications for their 1995 scholarships. Watch QST and other amateur radio publications for details. Nominations for 1995 awards can be submitted starting now.

Coming Events:-

- Livermore Swap Meet - 1st Sunday of each month at Las Positas College in Livermore, CA, 7 AM to Noon, all year. Talk in 147.045 from west, 145.35 from the east. Contact Noel Ankam, KC6QZK, (510) 447-3857 eves.
- Pacificon'94, Hilton Hotel at Concord CA, Oct. 21 - 23, 1994. For more information contact Lauren Styles, WA6CIE, 1910 Sunshine Dr., Concord, CA 94520, or call the MDARC/Pacificon Hotline at (510) 932-6125.
- National Amateur Radio Examination Day, Oct. 29, 1994. Contact ARRL Public Relations Department at (203) 666-1541, ext. 328, for a publicity kit consisting of a tip sheet, press releases, copy for radio spots and more.
- Winterfest at Monterey CA, Jan. 21, 1995. Contact Cal Miller, WW7G, (408) 394-5761 for details.



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