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Wednesdays 7:30 PM 10M
On/Close to 28.415 MHz

Thursdays 7:30 PM 2M / 220
K6ARR & Club Repeater
145.430 (-600, PL 94.8) or
223.860 (-1.6 MHz)

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET
Check Event Calendar For Dates
7:00 - 7:45 PM, Roseville City
Main Library, 225 Taylor St.

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.

Thurs Night Net Controller:
Dick Lund - WA6HYO 885-3190

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 13

Club Meeting
Stan Harder, KH6GBX, Assistant
Chief, Governor's Office of
Emergency Services

Jan 23

Board Meeting

Feb. 10

Club Meeting

Feb 23

Board Meeting

Mar 10

Club Meeting

Mar 27

Board Meeting

Apr 14

Club Meeting

Apr 24

Board Meeting

May 12

Club Meeting

May 22

Board Meeting

Jun 9

Club Meeting

Jun 24 & 25

Field Days!!

Jun 26

Board Meeting

Jul 1

Community Event -
Rocklin Jubilee Parade

Jul 14

Club Meeting

Jul 24

Board Meeting

Aug 11

Club Meeting

Aug 28

Board Meeting

Sep 8

Club Meeting

Sep 25

Board Meeting

Oct 13

White Elephant Sale

Oct 23

Board meeting

Oct 31

Community Event
Halloween Patrol, City of Rocklin

Nov 10

Club Meeting

Nov 27

Board Meeting

Dec 8

Christmas Party

Dec 18

Board Meeting

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

Matt Diridoni - KC6RUO

I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas, and are having a happy new year. The last time I saw all of you was at the Christmas Party. The final head count was 76. Thanks Roger and Linda Hedgepeth for a great time. I would like personally give special thanks to Bob Metke, W6SUP, and Jerri Metke, K6GKR, for helping with the grocery shopping, and Bob & Irene Greenslade, Dave Hund

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THE DUES ARE DUE !

If your dues are not paid by January 31, 1995, this will be your last issue of the SFARC newsletter. Mail your dues today.

VICE-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

(who was sick) and all the other members that rolled out and set the tables and chairs. They were the dedicated members that were the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Martha Vance, KA6WUW, the turkey was excellent. Lowell, WA6FSO made the best beans this side of the Mississippi River.

This months meeting will feature Stan Harder, Assistant Chief of Telecommunications, Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Stan has been a ham radio operator since 1961 and is currently in charge of the RACES program. Mr. Harder will explain what services are available and how you may be able to help in an emergency. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

73's

M.B. Diridoni - KC6RUO

MEET THE 1995 OFFICERS OF THE SFARC

By M. Diridoni - KC6RUO

In early December, I mailed questionnaires to all Officers and Board Members. The questionnaire asked for the basic information, like name, age, and license class. It also asked for a brief autobiography so that all members could get to know the Club Officers and the Board of Directors. So far, I only received two responses out of the seven, and one of them was mine. Hopefully the other five will come in soon.

Vice-President, Matt Diridoni, - KC6RUO, 33 yrs.

I have been a Ham for 4 years. Born and raised in Roseville, CA, Married to Lisa Carrera, KC6VFQ, for 12 years, We currently live in Carmichael CA. with our 8 year old son, Shane. I work for the City of Rocklin as a Technical Services Supervisor. My day to day duties include managing a 9-1-1 Communications Center, property, evidence, a crime scene investigation unit, Animal Control Unit, a budget of \$275,000.00 and a staff of nine personnel.

I also write specifications and purchase all radio and computer gear to be installed in police vehicles as well as base stations and repeaters. I have been employed by the City for 15 years. I currently hold a technician plus 5 wpm license. I operate mostly on 2 meters. My equipment consists of a Heatkit VF-7401 in my home, and two Alinco DJ120 hand held. If you are wondering why you can hear my mobile rig from just about anywhere in the valley, is because it's a modified commercial rig. A Motorola Cyntr-X, 100

watt VHF mobile. Hobbies away from Ham radio include a love for music, anything between Mozart and good old all American, flag waving, rock and roll. I enjoy writing short stories and poetry. I can be found in some of the local coffee houses on the weekends reading poetry in front of small audiences.

Treasurer, Jim Venneman, W6PYX, 47 Yrs. I was born and raised in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. I became interested in ham radio in my teens and passed my novice exam at the age of 14, holding the call K8DBW. I graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1969 with a degree in broadcasting (communication arts) and then headed off for a stint in the Air Force. My first assignment for the military sent me to McClellan A.F.B., which included a first ever visit to California. I fell in love with the northern California area and vowed to return again someday. Before returning, however, I spent 4 years in San Diego selling ham radio gear for Western Radio & TV Supply. It was during this time that I applied for a new call sign and became W6PYX. I moved back to Cincinnati in 1976 to begin graduate business studies at the old alma mater. I finished my accounting curriculum in 1979, not before getting married in 1978. After a short job with a bank in Cincinnati, we moved to Kansas City MO. I spent four years there, doing auditing work for a major bank. During that time, my two sons, Jeremy and Aaron were born. The bank was eventually bought out and my wife's job was going sour, so we decided to make the big move out west. We arrived in Sacramento in 1984, 14 years after leaving McClellan. I found a job with Placer Savings Bank Association as an Auditor/Accountant and began traveling around northern California. My Marriage fell apart in 1986, definitely the lowest point in my life. Things improved dramatically when I met my current wife, Patty. We were married in 1988, and I also became the father of a baby girl, Crystal. Patty was born and raised in Auburn, so it wasn't long before we moved back to the foothills to raise our young family, (my sons were living with me). I joined SFARC in 1989, serving a 1 year term as treasurer in 1990, before coming back to serve again this past year. I took a new job with the State Controllers Office as a Governmental Auditor one year ago and now travel all around the state auditing county road funds. Meanwhile, my wife is pursuing her studies to become a chiropractor. The entire family is heavily involved with our church, The Church of the Nazarene, and even though we are all "on the go" all the time, we still are enjoying life to it's fullest. Concerning my main interest are DX-ing and contesting. I have been pursuing five band DXCC as a goal and need about 35 countries on 80 meters to finish up. I especially enjoy field day, sweepstakes, and the major DX contests and divide my operating time pretty evenly between phone and CW. In addition to SFARC, I also belong to ARRL and the Northern California Contest Club.

WANTED

A manual for a Kenwood R-2000 receiver. Will pay \$10.00 for a good copy.

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THE VOLUNTEER EXAMINER REPORT



Bob Metke, W6SUP

The V.E. program is open for business again for 1995. For the month of December, the V.E. team tested 11 applicants and gave a total of 18 tests.

For 1994, the V.E. team tested a grand total of 158 applicants and gave 278 tests.

The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club should be proud of its Volunteer Examiner Program and the very dedicated group of people that take time out of their personal family life to help those wishing to get involved with amateur radio. It couldn't be done without the team.

For more information on classes or testing dates, please feel free to call.

73's, Bob Metke - W6SUP

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Treasurers Report

Jim Venneman - W6PYX

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INCOME

Advertising Income	360.00
ARRL Dues paid in	264.00
Autopatch Donations	119.00
Callbook Sales	29.95
Christmas Raffle Tickets	564.00
HR Comm Sign Sales	

1.50

Insurance Refund	7.52
Interest Income	6.36
Membership Dues	1370.75
Patch Sales	31.00
Picnic Raffle Tickets	203.00
Repeater Donations	235.00
Return of Raffle Funds	89.00
White Elephant Sale	<u>447.25</u>

TOTAL INCOME 3728.83

EXPENSES

ARRL Dues Paid Out	223.00
ARRL Labels	23.97
Autopatch Line Charges	159.40
Badges	6.90
Bank Charges	81.69
Callbook Purchases	29.95
Christmas Party Expenses	877.04
Field Day Expenses	220.98
Newsletter Expenses	1271.70
Office Expenses	12.51
Picnic Expenses	252.57
Postage Expenses	44.73
Radio Communication Signs	9.12
Raffle Funds Paid Out	

89.50

Repeater Electric Bill	55.02
World Radio Club Ad	60.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 3418.08

SELLING EQUIPMENT?

SFARC Members can place adds free.
Contact the News Editor
Matt Diridoni - KC6RUO

WHO MADE THE MEATBALLS ?

Bob Naylor - AC6HF, needs your help. He is looking for the person that made the delightful palatable meatballs for the Christmas Party. The man is devastated and hasn't slept a wink since the Christmas Party. HE NEEDS THE MEATBALL RECIPE! If you know this mystery meatball Chef, please have them call Mr. Naylor with the recipe so that he can enjoy them at home and return his life back to normal.

FIELD DAY 1995

June 24 - 25, 1995

Is it too early to talk about Field Day?
NEVER!! Everybody mark your calendars and put in for vacation now, so that we can all attend the 1995 Field Day.

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Board Meeting

19 Dec. 1994

At the Roseville Library at 7:35pm the meeting started with 11 past and present officers and one visitor. Roger Hedgepeth N7EUQ, our President gave a wrap up of all the events that took place during the past year and items that needed to be addressed for the coming year, such as the clubs insurance, meeting places for board and regular meetings, Christmas party location and signature card signings for the new officers. Also the necessity to keep up with the operational and physical condition of the repeater.

Roger thoroughly discussed the events that occurred during the year, such as the great job that Mike Sexton KN6MK, did during the 1994 Field Day event. The nice picnic we had except for the "bee" problem, and that will have to be addressed. The Biathlon in Auburn this last Sept. Thanks to all those who attended. The White Elephant Sale which turned out to be one of the finest with a change at the last moment to a great location. The Christmas party was thoroughly enjoyed by all 74 plus in attendance. The music was especially enjoyable and monetarily the party was a success.

Other events noted were the El Dorado Century and the California International Marathon, that some Sierra Foothill members participated in. Roger Hedgepeth our president, expressed his gratitude, that although he had missed four meetings, the club still pushed on.

Martha Vance KA6WUW the newly elected President, complimented the retiring officials and said the Roseville Library and a start time of 7:00pm seemed to be satisfactory for board meetings. Martha wants the club to be more involved in public events this coming year.

Jim Vennaman W6PYX our newly elected treasurer said the Christmas party was a profitable event. He also said the reason our repeater was down one weekend was due to an oversight of non-payment to the electric company. The back payment was made and at the same time we got our own meter so that now the club will receive the bill. A new contract is being drawn up by Jerry Brentnall WA6E for the use of the school district property. Bob Boeckman WA6ULL our director said the repeater site needs to be cleaned up and painted and someday a steel tower be erected in place of the old wooden pole now in place.

Martha wants to seek out new advertisers and also she suggested a Swap Meet. There was a discussion following about when, where, and how one would take place. The biggest drawback these days is the State Board of Equalization who wants their share.

Roger said that Field Day next year will be the 24 & 25 of June. Bob Metke W6SUP our Director of the VE program mentioned it would best to get the advertisement about the Christmas party in the newsletter a month earlier next year. Jim W6PYX gave a copy of the financial report to Matt Diridoni KC6RUO our newsletter editor, who will publish it in the next edition. Matt said that articles for the newsletter are due by the 20th of each month.

Our new Director Bob Greenslade W3PMP suggested that there should be more concrete ways to spend and save money, such as the newsletter, (which costs about \$1.05 per issue). Matt explained we are already getting the maximum discount. Perhaps there are other ways, such as advertising.

Bob Metke W6SUP said that he would again run the VE program for the following year. There were no offers heard from the board to handle the snack bar or for net controllers.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:40pm.

SFARC secretary


David E. Hund N6SHD

Those in attendance were: Roger Hedgepeth N7EUQ President, Martha Vance KA6WUW Vice President, Dave Hund N6SHD Secretary, Jim Venneman W6PYX Treasurer, Directors, Bob Boeckman WA6ULL, Aaron Barstis KA6GQW, Russ Ahlberg KI6KJ, Matt Diridoni KC6RUO Newsletter editor, Jerrie Metke K6GKR 95 Secretary, Bob Metke W6SUP 95 Director, Bob Greenslade W3PMP 95 Director, and Ralph McCune KE6DJB Visitor.



ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION UPDATE JANUARY, 1995

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Congressional Legislative Report:-

The "lame duck" session of Congress in late November has come and gone.

Unfortunately, even though the ARRL and many others did everything they could, the Senate did NOT bring up House Resolution 4522, the FCC Authorization Act of 1994. The House passed the bill in the closing hours of the session on Oct. 7 before leaving for the election campaign.

HR 4522 contained various technical provisions desired by the FCC and other provisions desired by ARRL (but less the Joint Resolution language, which was passed, as reported last month). Among the provisions was one that Congress had decided to change the \$7 per year fee for "vanity calls" 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 a potential annual license fee for ALL Amateur Radio licenses).

The ARRL staff is now planning our national legislative agenda for 1995 for approval by the Board in January 1995. I would like to have your input to this process. Please contact me immediately with your ideas. Ideas being proposed include reintroduction of the HR 4522 bill concerning vanity call sign application fees; protection for volunteers while performing their specific tasks, such as OOs, VEs; spectrum protection; enforcement issues; to name but a few.

Let's look ahead to the potential Pacific Division Amateur Radio support in the 104th Congress to convene in January 1995. In the Pacific Division part of California, of the 21 members of the House, 9 who were co-sponsors of HJR 199 were re-elected (Edwards in the 16th District, who was a co-sponsor retired; Lehman in the 19th was defeated). Newly re-elected Riggs in the 1st was not a sponsor of HJR 199, but was a co-sponsor of HR 73 in 1992. The one Senator (Feinstein) who was a co-sponsor of SJR 90 was re-elected. In Hawaii, both members of the House co-sponsored HJR 199 and were re-elected; both Senators co-sponsored SJR 90 (Akaka was re-elected - Inouye was not required to run in 1994). In Nevada, the one member of the House (Vucanovich) who co-sponsored HJR 199 was re-elected; Bilbray, who was NOT a co-sponsor was defeated; neither Senator co-sponsored SJR 90. From this analysis, it would appear that our Pacific Division Amateur Radio support continues to be as

healthy as it was. Please thank those who were our co-sponsors in 1994. Please contact the new members of Congress concerning Amateur Radio - in CA, Frank Riggs in the 1st., Zoe Lofgren in the 16th, and George Radanovich in the 19th; and in NV, John Ensign in the 1st. We will be needing all their help.

Again, many thanks for all the 1994 grassroots work!

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

By the time you read this, Comments on ET Docket 94-32, the NPRM involving the sale of licenses in the 2390 - 2400 and 2402 - 2417 MHz bands, will have been filed by all the parties interested. The comment deadline was Dec. 19, 1994. Many thanks to all who have worked so hard on this effort, with special thanks to Jim Von Striver, W6ASL, the spokesman for the Pacific Division Spectrum Committee, NARCC, NCPA and many others for all the effort put into trying to save 13 cm. for all of us. Jim is planning a campaign to write Reply Comments on this matter. The Reply Comment deadline is Jan. 3, 1995. Please contact Jim at (510) 827-9826 if you are interested in helping.

There is another docket which discusses spectrum allocations above 40 GHz. This one appears to be relatively benign as it involves Amateur Radio only in the 76-77 GHz. segment of one of our bands and appears not to really threaten us. Nevertheless, the ARRL is filing comments, and I ask those of you interested to secure a copy of the Docket from Jim Von Striver, W6ASL, who will be assembling the Pacific Division comments. Comments are due on Jan. 31, 1995.

Vanity "Preferred" Callsigns - Latest News:-

At the ARRL National Convention in mid 1994 and at a later meetings, FCC officials indicated that the vanity call implementation should occur in 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 the moment the dollar cost for obtaining a vanity call license remains at \$7 per year annual fee - see Congressional Legislative Report, above.

Pacificon'95:-

The Mount Diablo ARC has again agreed to sponsor the Pacific Division Convention. Many thanks! Details are in the Coming Events schedule.

Massive FCC Reorganization:-

More pieces of the Aug. 1, 1994, reorganization are now falling into place. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is now in existence. This is the group which administers the Amateur Radio Service. The new Chief is Regina Kenney. Of significance is that there is an Enforcement Division of 30 people within this Bureau. We hope that this is another step in the direction of more and better enforcement of the rules.

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

Electronic Filing of 610s:-

The first data interchange tests between selected VECs and FCC dealing with electronic filing of 610s has started. So far, the test results seem favorable. If all goes well, the FCC could be fully on-line with the new 610 process by the beginning of 1995. This action should continue to shorten the time between examination and issuance of license.

New Pacific Division Appointments:-

With great pleasure I announce we have added a new Volunteer Counsel in the state of California. He is Al Crespo, WR6R, of Orinda. It is also with great pleasure I announce that Wallace Oki, KH6DJF, of Hilo, HI, has accepted an appointment as a Volunteer Consulting Engineer.

Welcome, Al and Wallace!

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.

As this Update is being written, we are in the middle of what could be the most significant antenna ordinance trial of many years in the Pacific Division, if not nationally. This is the retrial of Hotz vs. Rich, of Foster City. A favorable outcome in this trial could have far reaching impact on the enforceability of CC&Rs involving Amateur Radio. Jimmy Rich, WD6CJB, is the defendant in this long running case. My thanks to Kip Edwards, W6SZN, Assistant Director, and Rusty Epps, W6OAT, Assistant Director and Volunteer Counsel, for spearheading this huge effort, and to Chris Inlay, N3AKD, General Counsel of the ARRL, Dave Leeson, W6QHS, Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Ted Harris, N6IUU, Howard Brainen, WZ6Z, Lou Beaudet, K6TMB, and many non hams for appearing as witnesses for Jimmy.

Known other antenna ordinance activities are currently underway in Fresno, Sonoma and Santa Clara counties and in Pleasant Hill, CA. All are being monitored

closely. Please let me or Rusty know of activities in your area involving antenna ordinances.

Pacific Division Member Receives ARRL Cover Plaque Award:-

Dave Barton, AF6S, was awarded this ARRL award for his article in Mar. 1994 QST. The award was made at the October 1994 NCDXC meeting.

Vice Director Jim Maxwell, W6CF, Honored:-

On Nov. 18, 1994, Jim was installed as a Fellow of the Radio Club of America. Congratulations!

First Ham in Congress for Years:-

Not since the days of Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, has there been a ham elected to Congress. On Nov. 8, David Funderburk, K4TPJ, was elected to Congress from the Second District in North Carolina. Among other pieces of background information, K4TPJ, is a former Ambassador to Romania.

ARRL Letter Available - Free to Affiliated Clubs:-

For details on a one year subscription, write to Jim Cain, K1TN, ARRL Letter editor at ARRL HQ.

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 Anklam, KC6QZK, (510) 447-3857 eves.
- Winterfest at Monterey CA, Jan. 21, 1995. Contact Cal Miller, WW7G, 969 B Pacific St., Monterey, CA 93940. Phone (408) 649-5347 or leave a message at (800) 497-5130.
- International DX Convention at Visalia, CA, Apr. 21-23, 1995. Contact George Allan, WA6O, 668 Chemeketa Dr., San Jose, CA 95123. Phone (408) 225-1819
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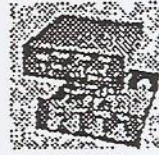
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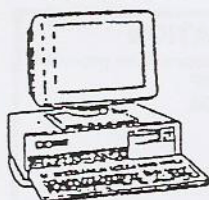
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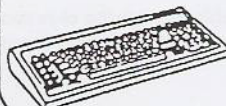
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TO:



SIERRA FOOTHILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is valid from the date received until December 31 of that same year. Memberships received during the year will be pro-rated.
MEMBER DUES: \$17.00, ASSOCIATE DUES: \$7.00. NOTE: SEE APPLICATION BELOW FOR ARRL MEMBERSHIP

MAIL APPLICATION TO: SFARC TREASURER, P.O. Box 3262, AUBURN, CA. 95604

MEMBER NAME _____ CALL _____ Class _____
Last Name First MI

ADDRESS: _____
Numbers Street Name City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

DATE: _____ Member: \$17.00 Associate: \$7.00 Repeater Donation \$ _____

Auto Patch Donation: \$ _____ Club Patch: \$2.00 TOTAL _____

ARRL APPLICATION FORM - ARRL CLUB NUMBER _____ DATE _____

Renewing your ARRL membership through the club costs no more, and earns the club money for each membership renewal.
Make check payable to SFARC and return to club Treasurer, P.O. Box 3262, Auburn, CA. 95604

Name: _____ Call _____ Class _____

Address: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Regular Member: \$30.00 Yearly ** Special Under 17 Yrs or over 65 Yrs, \$24.00

Member type and Number: R _____ Sp _____ Life time _____ TOTAL _____