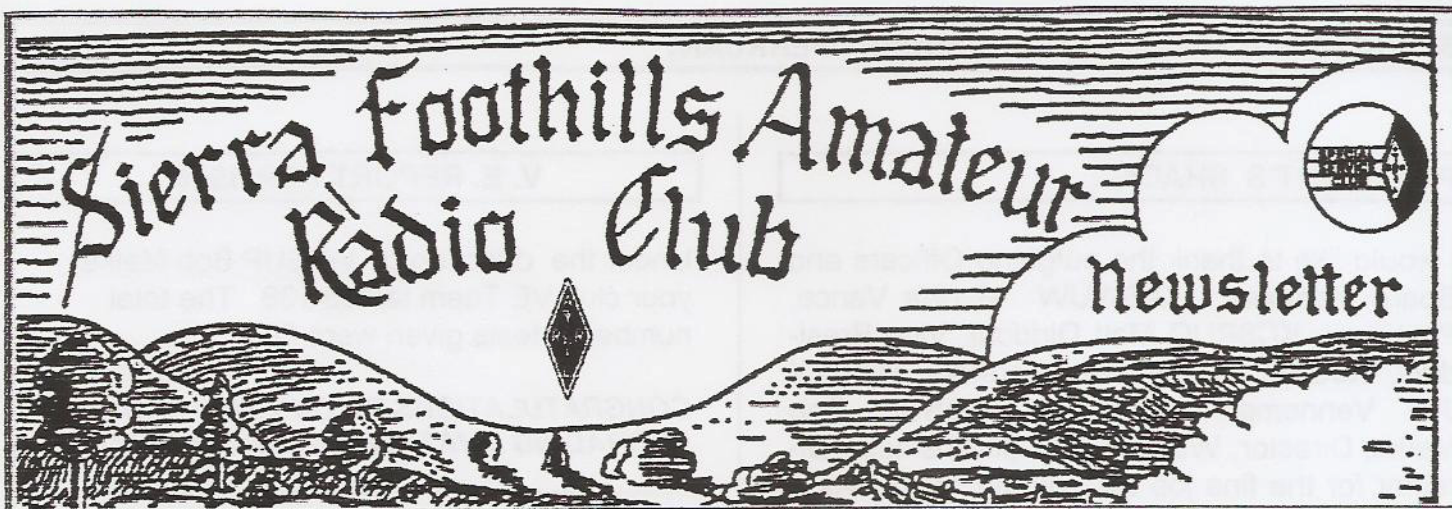




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K6ARR & Club Repeater
145.430 (-600, PL 94.8) or
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CLUB MEETINGS: Second Fri.
each month, 7:30 PM Auburn
Fire Dept. 226 Sacramento St.
Auburn, CA.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET

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
Roseville Hwy 80 & Riverside

Net Controller:

Dick Lund - WA6HYO 885-3190

President's Shack . . .

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1996 CALENDER OF EVENTS

JAN. 12

Jan. 27

Jan. 27

FEB. 9

Feb. 23

MAR. 8

Mar. 29

APR. 12

Apr. 26

Club Meeting

Club Brkfst-Susies Cafe
Fox (Antenna) Hunt

Club Meeting

Club Brkfst- Susies Cafe

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Club Bkfst.-Susie's Cafe

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Club Brkfst- Susies Cafe

Board Meetings are held one hour before each
Club meeting.

COMMENTARY BY Mike Kelly

- in a Bucharest, Romania hotel lobby: **The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.**

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PRESIDENT'S SHACK...

I would like to thank the outgoing Officers and Board Members, KA6WUW Martha Vance, President, KC6RUO Matt Diridoni, Vice President, K6GKR Geri Metke, secretary, W6PYX Jim Venneman, Treasurer, W6SUP Bob Metke, Director, W3PMP Bob Greenslade, Director for the fine job they did for 1995. As a past Director, and now President, I am looking forward to an active and exciting year.

This year I will strive to increase membership and to call upon Club talents to produce programs throughout the year. I know there is a lot of hidden talent in the Club, so don't be surprised if you are called upon to help bring these programs to completion.

See you at the next meeting.

WA6ULL Bob

ELECTION '95

Your nominating committee, Russ Ahlberg, Jim Venneman, and Lewis Tuttle submitted the names of members who were seeking to serve their Club in an official capacity. The new officers duly elected are:

President: WA6ULL Bob Boeckman

Vice President: KB2DLE Henry Sparks,

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: W6PYX Jim Venneman,

Board of Directors -

W3PMP Bob Greenslade - W6JDT Bill Aston

KE6MJC Fred Campbell

Please come, wish them well, and take a peek at what our new officers are planning for us. We are looking forward to a good year and lots of fun.

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V. E. REPORT FOR 1995

Under the direction of W6SUP Bob Metke, your club VE Team tested 138. The total number of tests given were 202.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW AND UPGRADING AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS.

A very Special THANK YOU to Bob & Geri Metke for use of their home to further Amateur Radio, which they have done for many years. Thanks also to our dedicated, hard working, behind the scenes, VEs. Great bunch of people! I'm sure the many applicants who have been to the Metke "Test Center" owe some of their exam success to the atmosphere there. **

The Editor

HAM TEST DATES

License or Upgrade tests will be given-

January 10, 1996 - January 31, 1996

February 7, 1996 - February 28, 1996

March 6, 1996 - March 27, 1996

April 10, 1996 - April 24, 1996

May 8, 1996 - May 29, 1996

June 12, 1996 - June 26, 1996

YOU MUST PREREGISTER

Fee is \$6.05

Contact: **W6SUP Bob Metke - 783-7610**

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FOX HUNT

January 27, 1996

After the Club Breakfast
Susie's Cafe - Roseville

Meet 9:00 a.m.
at

511 OAK STREET, ROSEVILLE

GOODBYE - HELLO

It's goodbye to Matt Diridone, editor of the club newsletter, and hello to a new team, Ralph & Beverly McCune as editors. Matt did such a splendid job, it will be a hard act to follow. WELL DONE MATT! Matt will be continuing his contribution to the Club by coordinating the Snack Bar for the members.

We would enjoy your suggestions or ideas of what you would enjoy in your Newsletter, and contributions are encouraged. Please indicate if we may make any changes to the material.

Your offerings may not make it into print at exactly the time you expect to see it, but we will certainly review all items.

Any comments, suggestions or submittals, Please mail to:

Ralph or Beverly McCune
5921 Mallard Ln
Citrus Hts, CA 95621

We are excited at learning and doing something we haven't done before.

KE6DJB/KE6DJA

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

All the White Elephants SFARC members were able to round up were auctioned October 13, 1995. Len Taylor was our very able auctioneer again this year and \$486.00 were gathered into the treasury. Thanks Len for a job well done.

Many of our bidders went home with a VCR, or two in the bargain. Everyone was super, but a great big THANK YOU goes to K6HLO Doc and XYL Patty Metke for their very generous donations to help insure our success. Also, thanks to KC6LOE Greg and KE6DJB Ralph for transporting items to the sale.

We saw to it there was no trace that any White Elephants had been there at all !

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party this year was not a "Blow-out", but it was a very festive and enjoyable evening. Everyone brought something they like, and prepare well, so this year was no different. Someone was so thoughtful, they got two pieces of Lemon Pie: one for themselves, and one for spouse, who was serving. They enjoyed their pie, left the table to see if spouse was ready for a piece of pie; returned after a short time, and began to enjoy the other pie. When questioned, the response was "Did I do that?" It REALLY was good Lemon Pie. I won't tell who missed the pie - or even who ate the pie!

Prizes were being won fast and furious -too fast to get them all down. However, W6ULL Bob Boeckman won the 2 Meter radio. Multiple winners were N6RYO Whitey, KC6LIX Jan, N7EUQ Roger, AC6QP Lew, K6GKR Geri.

THANK YOU to:

The Kitchen Crew: W6SUP Bob and KE6DJB Ralph; The Set-up Crew: W3PMP Bob and XYL Irene, KE6DJA.

To the many who made cleanup a breeze.

Without all your help, we would not have such a nice place to have our Party.

For those of you who missed the grand event - Sorry. Keep us in mind for Christmas '96!

Has anyone else noticed how REALLY GREAT N6RYO Whitey, sounds on Thursday Nets now?? He won the amplifier at the Christmas Party. See what you guys missed??

FIELD DAY '96**LOOK FOR DETAILS SOON**

Coordinator for Field Day

KC6RUO MATT DIRIDONI - 487-1969

REMEMBER WHEN

- Remember When ... all I wanted was to get my EXTRA CLASS, go on "CW", get a vanity call and show the wife that radio wasn't my WHOLE life?
- Remember When...all I wanted was to get the NO CODE, buy a little hand held, and be on the air. Now that I have my EXTRA CLASS, several handhelds, A 10 meter mobile, HF, a small antenna farm -all I want is a 10 element beam, a new HF and MORE POWER.
- Remember when...all I wanted was a new handheld, but didn't have the money. The wife was in So. Calif., I had three young birds, and this friend told me how to buy, using the credit card. Buy now-wait 30 days for the bill, sell the birds, pay the bill off in the next 15 days, wife will never know! Soooo...bought radio, birds died, wife came home early!!!!
- Remember When...all I wanted to know was just a little more, everyone said just pass the test, get the license and then look for answers. Sooo...still looking!!
- Remember When...when we just wanted a little motorhome, short trips, no out of pocket "money" for HOTEL or RESTAURANTS. Sooo...we have the motor home, no short trips, no meals, no hotels, no restaurants, see each other on week-ends. . .

To be continued. . . .

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Any resemblance to you or anyone you know
is purely intentional. The Editor

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Net Loss

In most sports, emotions are an integral part of the game. In tennis, however, love means absolutely nothing at all.

John J. Daly

From Saturday Evening Post - *Post Scripts*

WHAT HAMS THINK

by Mike Herman, KC9NF

Mike published a list of 75 quotes, These are just a few.

- Antennas always fail during storms.
- Police dispatchers never understand ham phone patches.
- The heavier a piece of equipment, the weaker the table you place it on.
- Sellers always leave manuals at home.
- Hams never read equipment manuals first.
- When you demo a radio you're trying to sell, no one answers your CQ.
- You always find an item you've just purchased offered cheaper at another hamfest booth.
- There's never enough help at Field Day with setup and tear-down.
- Magmounts are rated 10 MPH lower than your current speed.
- You are always one person short when lifting a tower off a truck.
- Every club president disappears from all club activities after their term.
- Hams who pass the Extra Class exam always say it was effortless.

From Wheaton (Ill.) Community Radio Amateurs "Hamletter" -
AA9LU, Editor. Printed in ARNS.

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WHITE ELEPHANTS

Start Rounding up your herd
NOW

I'm giving my spouse diamond earrings
For his birthday present this year:
He was so thoughtful on *my* birthday
When he gave me the fishing gear!

Rosemary Perry

From Saturday Evening Post - *Post Scripts*
Sound Sort-of familiar? Hm-m-m-m-

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"THAT 'S NOT MY JOB"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, but they didn't. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody should do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could do.
 Author Unknown via W6SUP/K6GKR

An oldie but goodie - Worth Reprinting
 from Oct. '88 SFARC Newsletter

THE DUES ARE DUE

Dues are due now. If your dues are not paid by January 31, 1996, this will be your last issue of the SFARC Newsletter. **Please mail your dues Today.**

Bulletin -

K6GKR Geri Metke had surgery-did well and is recovering at home.

N7EUQ Roger Hedgpeth is on crutches, but healing is progressing on a condition resulting from his last foot surgery. He is still interviewing for employment. We wish you success.

WA6FSO Lowell Morris is using a wheelchair for assistance waiting for a hip replacement.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR
 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Through a Glass, Darkly

Vision is definitely affected by glasses, especially after they have been filled and emptied a few times.

Mrs. E. O'Brien

From Saturday Evening Post - Post Scripts

ROSEVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE 1995

PARADE! Did I hear that right?? Well, yes you did. Roseville had their annual Christmas Parade November 18, 1995, and SFARC Amateurs were there. The weather was gorgeous, there was a very nice turnout of spectators to cheer the various paraders along the route. Communications seemed to go very well, with only a couple of "glitches" - KA6WUW, Martha had a dead battery, at the very end of the parade, K6GKR, Geri, got a wrong button on the keypad, which put her out of our "reach". Also, a very unique situation for KC6LIX, Jan. Jan said she was working where there were amplifiers and other equipment being moved, connected, and disconnected. This apparently affected her handheld radio. It stopped sending or receiving. She did a brief inspection of the equipment, couldn't find any apparent reason for the malfunction. The time had come to visit the Ladies Room, where she placed the handheld on the floor - Jan was going to check it out more carefully when she completed the mission to the Ladies Room. However, the radio began to "communicate" all on its own. So - the lesson here seems to be - if your radio doesn't have all its batteries, and doesn't seem to be communicating, put it on the floor of the Ladies Room (Maybe the fellows should get permission for this particular "repair".

SPECIAL THANKS TO -

KC6LOE-Greg, KC6LIX-Jan, N6RYO-Whitey, KM6KV-Bill, AC6RD-Dave, KC6RUO-Matt, KE6DJE-Wayne, K6RCW-John, K6ABJS-Puma, KA6KUT-Dave, KE6IKS-Erick, N6SHD-Dave, AB6GQ-Fred, KE6MJC-Fred, KA6UWX-Ken, WA6HYO-Dick, AC6QP-Lew, W6SUP-Bob, K6GKR-Jerri, N7EUQ-Roger, KA6WUW-Martha, KB6CMX-Shannon, KE6DJB-Ralph, KE6DJA-Bev

GOOD JOB EVERYONE

Food for Thought

In Siberia, one winter, a small bird had fallen from its nest to the snowy ground. A peasant saw the half dead bird in the snow, picked it up and put it under his shirt, next to his body to try and revive it. As the peasant walked along he came upon fresh animal dung that was still steaming, and since he had a long way to go, he put the bird in the dung pile for warmth and went on his way. Shortly, the bird began to warm up, became able to move a bit, and also began to sing. A Passing wolf heard the bird singing, investigated, and left only a few feathers to show the bird had ever been there. The moral of this story is: **He who puts you into "IT" is not always your enemy - and- He who takes you out of "IT" is not necessarily your friend...**

A Russian Folktale - Origin Unknown

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COMMENTARY BY MIKE KELLY

At a Budapest zoo: Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.

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