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K6ARR & Club Repeater
145.430 (-600, PL 94.8) or
223.860 (-1.6 MHz)

CLUB MEETINGS Second Fri.
of the month, 7:30 PM Auburn
Library 350 Nevada St. Auburn

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET
Check Event Calendar For Dates
and location

CLUB BREAKFAST
Last Saturday of the month
Susie's Country Cafe
Roseville Hwy. 80 & Riverside

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* 1996 roll over Board Member

Club Meetings & Events

Dec	1	Officers' Elect Meeting
Jan	10	Program Meeting
Jan	17	Emergency Serv. Briefing
Jan	22	Emergency Board and Member Special Mtg.
Jan	25	Club Brkfst @ Susie's Cafe Transmitter Hunt, and Emergency Serv. Preparation Mtg.
Feb	2	Board Meeting
Feb	14	Program Meeting
Feb	22	Club Brkfst - Susie's Cafe and Transmitter Hunt
Mar	8	Garage Sale
Mar	14	Program Meeting
Mar	29	Club Brkfst @ Susie's Cafe
Mar	30	Ham Hunt and Fund Raising Brunch
April	6	Program Meeting
April	11	Birthday Celebration & Awards Pot Luck General Meeting
April	26	Club Brkfst @ Susie's Cafe

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President's Shack . . .

My appreciation and gratitude for the honor of being SFARC's President in 1997. I and numerous members see a bright future for the Club in 1997. I plan to be very accessible and communicative to

President's Shack, cont'd.

the membership as well as with the board. While I frequently travel during the week and my "work" is performed away from the local area, I plan to catch up on communications when I am home. I have just completed a tentative 1997 Calendar of Events. Please be sure to pick up a copy of this calendar at the next Club meeting. Also, quarterly portions of the year's events are published within each newsletter. My focus for 1997 is: 1) to ensure exciting program meetings, 2) hold fund raisers to pay for the Club's operating expenses that just can not be covered by membership dues, 3) promote a friendly, professional club that is dedicated to community and emergency service amateur radio communications, 4) maximize club membership, 5) apply the bylaws as the guiding principles for all our actions, 6) emphasize the promotion of amateur radio communications through our area, establish on-going mutual interest partnerships with other local Ham clubs, offer technical programs to improve all our operating skills and encourage advance licensing. As I talk with each of you, I will be listening to what you want from the Club and what you have to help achieve it. One of my first actions was to work with a meeting relocation team to identify a new meeting place. The rent at the Fire House and its general accessibility had become undesirable. Over twenty sites were inspected. The final choice was the Auburn Library at 350 Nevada Street. See the map on the last page of this newsletter. Meetings will need to continue to be on Fridays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. I am unable to regularly attend meetings in the middle of the week. I regret I missed the SFARC's annual Christmas Party. School kept me away from the fun and great food. I heard that our outgoing officers put on a great party. A dynamic presentation of the power and danger of electricity and gas will be the subject of the January meeting. All family members will want to attend and learn safe practices for

all kinds of situations. If you have special knowledge that would be of interest to SFARC members, contact KA6KUT Dave our Vice President and Field Day Coordinator. We have a few meetings without confirmed programs. Remember we all hold the key to the club's future--we will get back what we give. So let's look forward with a positive, cooperative, can do outlook.

73's KC6LOE Greg

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**Kudos and Appointments**

KC6LIX Jan Huttula for her ARRL appointment as Amateur Emergency Services Coordinator for Placer County, Sacramento Area. This appointment was made by ARRL Section Manager, W6RFF Jettie Hill. Jan has also agreed to be SFARC's Co-Newsletter Editor and Temporary Secretary.

KE6DJE Wayne Mikel for his SFARC appointment as SFARC Amateur Emergency Services Coordinator.

KC6RUO Matt Diridoni for his SFARC appointment as Club Refreshment Chairperson and SFARC Co-Newsletter Editor.

Melissa Mikel for accepting the special appointment as Secretarial Assistant.

WB6RBE Dave Jenkins for being a Co-Net Controller and a Net Control Station.

KE6TEL Gary Cunningham for being a Net Control Station.

KA6KUT Dave Peden for accepting the appointment as Field Day Chairperson.

My apologies to anyone I have forgotten. I will include you next month with a gentle reminder.



GENERAL MINUTES - Nov 8, 1996

(KC6LIX Jan) Present WA6ULL Bob Boeckman called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Officers Present President WA6ULL Bob, Board of Directors W3PMP Bob Glenslade, KE6MJC Fred Campbell. Officers with excused absences KB2DLE Henry Sparks, W6PYX Jim Venneman, W6JDT Bill Aston. WA6ULL explained that Vice President KB2DLE Henry Sparks was in San Diego and Treasurer W3PYX had moved to Concord. Appointed Secretary KE6NTZ Linda Ganske was not present and WA6ULL commented he had not heard from her nor knew how to contact her. He asked KC6LIX Jan to take the Club minutes of the election. WA6ULL XYL, Linda assisted Bob in the meeting. Approximately 19 members were in attendance. Members introduced themselves. WB6EDR Dick Wilkins commented he soon will be traveling around the country with his XYL Pat and unable to attend future SFARC meetings for about two years. W6SUP Bob Metke gave a VE Report on the next tests. KC6RUO Matt Diridoni announced how to determine what pot luck item to bring to the SFARC's Christmas party on December 13, 1996, at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall. AC6QP Lewis Tuttle made a Amateur Radio School report. There was much discussion about holding the Club meeting on another night. WB6EDR Dick thought that more people might come if the club meetings were held on some other night. Thursdays were resolved as the possible better date. A motion was made, a discussion followed, and a vote took place. The third Thursday of each month passed as a more night. A discussion was held about the increased cost of the Fire House as a meeting room. WA6ULL pointed out that the Club did not have adequate funding to cover the \$40 a month cost to meet in the Fire House. He said that Henry had

talked to the City of Auburn about why the costs had gone up and what other rooms might be available. There was a discussion and decision that the new officers if there were any would have to decide this. WA6ULL Bob announced that the main purpose of meeting was to elect new officers or to disband the Club. WA6ULL explained the Club was very low on funds—only a few dollars, would not have enough money to run the Club through the next year, and did not have nominees to run for all offices. Bob mentioned that the in 1996 the club had \$1,776 in operating money and \$1,775 in expenses. Thus, the Club had about \$1.14 at this time. He pointed out that the insurance had risen from \$260 to \$327. The Newsletter cost \$350, World Radio \$60, Electricity for repeater \$270, Office Expenses \$20, the Holiday Party fund had only \$130, ARRL expenses were \$146, Field day \$0, \$96 in food, Picnic \$40, Pot Luck Chicken \$45. Member KC6LIX Jan, past president of SFARC, reminded WA6ULL that the club has been in similar situations throughout its history. Fund raising could be done by the new officers. W6RFF Jettie Hill had been elected as President under similar circumstances and had turned the club around. The Club bylaws allow for nominations during election night. WA6ULL commented he didn't generally concern himself with the bylaws or Robert's rules of order but was sure Jan would mention what needed to be done. WA6ULL was prepared to review some figures about the fiscal straights of the Club. However, he decided to go along with the groups urging to have an election. Persons consenting to be nominated, nominated and who were elected are: President KC6LOE Greg Huttula - Roseville, Vice President KA6KUT Dave Peden - Meadow Vista, Treasurer KC6LIX Jan Huttula, W3PMP Bob Greenslade, N6SHD Dave Hund, W6LOE Chuck Eder. Bob congratulated members who were elected and present. He mentioned that maybe KE6NTZ Linda Ganske might want to continue to take minutes when she came to the meeting for the

new officers. Someone would need to find out how to contact her. He had not heard from her. KC6RUO and KC6LIX commented that they thought she had recently moved and had not heard her on the K6ARR repeater for a while. KC6LIX said, the new President would likely try to contact her, and would decide about renewing the appointment, especially since no one new whether or not she was interested in continuing her membership or doing the secretarial duties. KA6LNC Jon Tiernan talked about his recent Auburn Ham activities and that the Auburn PD needed another group to work with it and the ham station John and a four other hams used to use. John said, "the PD needs volunteers to help the VFW on the Independence Day Parade." WB6EDR Dick Wilkins talked about how to rebuild a radio club. The meeting ended at 9:08 p.m. Respectfully recorded by, KC6LIX Jan Huttula

HAM (VE) TEST DATES

License or Upgrade tests will be given:
Feb. 5, 26, 1997

PRE-REGISTER REQUIRED

FEE IS \$6.25

Contact W6SUP Bob Metke
783-7610

Let W6SUP know if you have any special needs, e.g. in-home test, support, assistance due to a disability.

SFARC License Upgrades

Congratulations to N7EUQ Roger Hedgpeth - SFARC member. He is now an Extra Class Licensee. He tells us he soon may be heard with a new 1 x 2 Vanity call. XYL Linda should be studying soon and join the cosmos with Roger who has been elated ever since learning the good news.

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Thurs. 7 - 9 P.M.
First Class - March 6 - 20
Second Class - April 3 - 10

Summer Sessions - Maidu Library -
Senior Wing 1515 Maidu Dr.
First Class - July 11, 25, Aug. 8, 22 Fri.
9 - 11 a.m.
Second Class July 18, Aug.
1, 15, 29
9 - 11:00 a.m.



Reservations and Questions
Call Instructor
AC6QP Lewis Tuttle 771-2336

SFARC Dues Renewal

As of January 23, 1997 we have received multiple applications for membership. Members in 1996, dues will be delinquent by January 31, 1997. We are seeking new members for our dynamic, friendly, professional Club. Please send in your membership application today. See back of this newsletter for a copy of the application form. *Memberships are subject to review and approval.*

Creating Our Future

What lies behind us and what lies in front of us are but tiny matters as compared to what lies within us - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Board and Membership Meetings and Actions

December 1, 1996 - Newly elected officers met, President Elect KC6LOE Greg Huttula, Vice President Elect KA6KUT Dave Peden, Treasurer Elect KC6LIX Jan Huttula, W3PMP Bob Greenslade, N6SHD Dave Hund, W6LOE Chuck Eder, and Vice President Henry Sparks attended the meeting. President Elect KC6LOE explained his enthusiasm for being 1997 SFARC President and his plans and expectations to regain fiscal solvency for the Club to ensure it remained a professional and community service minded club. He explained that he had not been able to identify an address or telephone number for 1996 appointed secretary KE6TNZ Linda Gankske but that he hoped to contact her soon and provide her with the same information he was sharing here and to learn if she wanted to be part of the team. KC6LOE made it clear that he wanted all officers to be available to club members and to serve as elmers to promote ham radio and the purpose of SFARC. Board members elect pledged their support, provided comments, and reviewed KC6LOE's package of information and tentative calendar of events. KA6KUT donated \$100 to SFARC's treasurer. This money was donated to ensure SFARC returned to a monthly newsletter. KC6LOE said it was his intention to return the newsletter to a monthly publication and that KC6LIX and KC6RUO would be publishing the newsletter every other month. KC6LIX will be doing the January newsletter. KC6LOE also intends to again publish a fiscal report and minutes of meetings. He will use the bylaws to administer the action of the club. Board meetings will be held monthly unless there is no needed

business. KC6LOE stated he hoped to have a transition meeting with the outgoing officers. KB2DLE Henry commented that he was glad to see that the group was earnest and positive about the direction of the Club. Henry felt hopeful about the club's future.

January 22, 1997 - The Board and a quorum of the membership dismissed the secretarial appointment and membership of Linda Gankske KE6NTZ.



Solving Problems

Not everything that is faced can be changed.
But Nothing can be changed until it is faced.
James Baldwin

Sunshine Report



Well Wishes: KA6KUT Dave Peden reports that KK6GC Rosie is not doing well. He hopes she will rally back to reasonable health soon. He has postponed a trip to New Zealand until he is assured she recovers. N7EUQ Roger Hedgpeth has been recovering from pneumonia and a infection. Never the less, he helped out numerous hours at the Woodland shelters and for Emergency Animal Rescue Services (EARS). **SFARC Past President KB2DLE Henry Sparks** is recuperating and recovering from his recent illness. Cards and calls are welcome. Way to go Extra Class Licensee N7EUQ. **Travel:** Member **WB6EDR Dick Wilkins** is a travel'n guy with XYL Pat. He is off to see the Americas. They will be adventuring for two years while another ham and his family will be keeping their home in fine running order. Good luck to the Wilkin's family. **Silent Key:** Our apologies to WA6DHK Betty Evans, SFARC failed to mention months ago the passing WB6TI

Carroll Evans. He was a pioneer member of SFARC. Many of you may remember Carroll and his contributions to SFARC.

SFARC Members and Area Hams Help Out during Floods

During our first Club Meeting, I had the pleasure of recognizing SFARC members for volunteer efforts, e.g. staffing shelters, Red Cross Centers and animal rescues. Members recognized were:

N7EUQ Roger Hedgpeth
KE6DJE Wayne Mikel and XYL Melissa
KC6LOE Greg Huttula
KC6LIX Jan Huttula
KC6RUO Matt Diridoni
KA6LNC John Tiernan
AC6QP Lewis Tuttle
KE6MJC Fred Campbell
KE6TEL Gary Cunningham
WA6ULL Bob Boeckman and XYL Linda
W6SUP Bob Metke
K6GKR Jerri Metke
K6DGW Fred Jensen
N6RYO Whitey Huntington
K6HLO Doc Metke
KE6RTM Ron Kirby
K6ARR Jim Carmen
KA6WUX Ken Cooley
T.J. Hosslil

Members who were in reserve:

WA6VLS Carl Crump
KD6GQS Aleen Brimmer
WB6RBE Dave Jenkins

Some members had the opportunity of a day or two notice and others only had moments. Members worked shifts in accordance with the demand, a few hours to several days. My XYL, KC6LIX, Jan, ARRL Placer County Emergency Services Coordinator, managed to get 7 and half hours sleep in two days while she served as the central dispatch and communications coordinator. I worked an all night shift with

KE6DJE at the Wheatland Shelter. It was my first disaster service experience. I found it rewarding and humbling. I encourage each of you to get involved in similar events and assist in any way you can. The need is great in such situations. The experience provides growth to the soul.

I understand KC6LIX, Jan will be sending all operators who helped out a ARRL certificate of appreciation. At the next meeting I will acknowledge all present who assisted but who may not be SFARC members. Again Kudos for your professionalism and community service effort.

SFARC's December and January Breakfasts

The monthly breakfast club continues to have a good turn out of area hams and their XYL's, OM's, and LO's. Approximately 15 to 20 people have ventured out in the rainy weather for breakfast. Come join us for friendly banter, general personal stories, ham radio problem solving, and suggestions to the President and officers.

SFARC Emergencies Services Application Form

KC6LIX Jan Huttula, ARRL Placer County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Coordinator, and KE6DJE Wayne Mikel, SFARC's Emergency Services Coordinator have been putting together an Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Services Application Form. If you are interested in volunteering to provide or support Emergency Service Communications, ask for this application form. The application lets the Emergency Services Coordinator know who to contact when and what help they can provide. Want to help and have questions, call KE6DJE Wayne 645-0565 or KC6LIX Jan, 786-3530.



Repeater Emergency Use January 1997

(KC6LOE Greg) Special thanks to K6ARR for the 72 hours use of the repeater during the recent floods. He monitored the operations and kept things running smoothly behind the scenes. KC6LIX Jan Huttula, KC6RUO Matt Diridoni, KI6UF John Winans, and N7EUQ Roger Hedgpeth shared shifts as emergency net control and dispatched hams to various areas. SFARC member T. J. Hossli and Scanner monitor extraordinaire, provided up-to-the-moment emergency reports. Kudos to all.

SPRING REPEATER SITE CLEAN UP PLANNED

On May 3, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, join a group of hams to clean up our repeater site. Each spring a group of us having a social event and accomplish a spring clean up. The repeater site needs a little TLC in the form of weeding and general clean-up. A willing body, some garden tools, and a few empty 30 gallon trash cans are all that are needed. Those willing can go to a local restaurant for lunch. Contact KC6LOE at 786-3530 to join the group. Given the unpredictability of the weather and the need to pre-arrange access to the site, the date and time may change. So call KC6LOE Greg to be on the group list. Thank you for helping out.

Great Drawing Prizes are Back

Have you noticed. Meeting drawing prizes are extra nice again. Generally, you can expect to buy 3 tickets for a dollar with one free ticket if you are wearing your SFARC badge. The four to ten Drawing prizes range in price from a few

dollars to fifty dollars or more! Monthly drawing proceeds go to the purchase of future drawing prizes. KA6WUX Ken Cooley will be staffing the Drawings. Thanks Ken for volunteering for this fun and key job. Watch for Ken's ticket sales announcements, e.g. the siren and flashing "orange" light.

Be watching for special drawing tickets are now on sale for a 2 meter antenna. Tickets will be two (2) for a dollar. The drawing will be held when we cover the cost of the antenna.



Rabbit (Transmitter) Hunt January 25, 1997

(Roseville, K6GKR, Gerri Metke) SFARC's last Rabbit Hunt was planned for January 25, 1997. Due to the severe storm warnings and flood conditions, the hunt was canceled by organizer, W6SUP Bob Metke. The next hunt is now scheduled for Saturday evening, February 22, 1997, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. First, Second, and Third Place cash prizes are the rewards to the first three participants who locate the hard to find transmitter. To these spirited hams the real reward is the adventure itself and the skills that are learned from the hunt.

If you want to know more, contact W6SUP Bob at 783-7610 or listen to the SFARC's Thursday night net.

Wednesday Night 10 Meter Net

(KC6LOE Greg) Regrets to those of you who were looking forward to re-instituting the Wednesday night 10 meter nets. The initial start up date has again been postponed. My FT-101 went ka-put! Anyone wanting to volunteer to be a 10 meter net control station, please contact me at 786-3530. I am hoping

to start up the net and looking for a couple of other SFARC members to serve as net controls.

Team Building

As a rule of thumb, involve everyone in everything.

Field Day 1997

June 27, 28, & 29

Interested in Honing your Emergency Services skills? Like roughing it?

Enjoy the camaraderie of Hams?

Call Vice President

KA6KUT Dave Peden

1997 Field Day Chairperson 878-2708

Club Fund Raising Events

A spring Club Ham Hunt and pancake Brunch is planned as a fund raiser as well as a garage sale. If you are interested in helping the club raise money or want to contribute money, please contact K6GKR Jerri 783-7610.

Donation Receipts

Year-end receipts to members who gave money and/or in-kind contributions to SFARC have been mailed out by the Treasurer KC6LIX. Jan. If your contribution was not acknowledge, it is because no record could be found. Contact KC6LIX if you believe you should have received acknowledgment of a contribution. Board action and perhaps member action will be needed for any substantial requests.

March 3 - Club Garage Sale

Please contact W6SUP Bob at 783-7610, Garage Sale Coordinator with any donations you may have for the Club's Spring Garage Sale. All proceeds will go to keep the club solvent in 1997.

March 30 Ham Hunt and Pancake Brunch Fund Raiser

On March 30, 1997, SFARC plans to have its first annual Ham Hunt and pancake brunch Fund Raiser. Meet at 1222 San Simeon for the brunch and camaraderie with Ham Hunters. Participants will be hunting for a transmitter as usual. However, this time the prize will be a delicious Ham. Pre-registration for the Ham Hunt is requested. Contact K6GKR Jerri at 783-7610.

April 11 - Birthday and Awards Celebration

Have nominations for SFARC's annual birthday party and awards presentation? Can you think of Club members who deserve one of the following awards?

- Oldest Living SFARC Ham
- Most Technically Competent Ham
- Longest Held License
- Excellence in Service to SFARC
- Most Dedicated SFARC Ham
- Most Professional SFARC
- Life Time Achievement and

Send your nominations to SFARC's 38th Birthday Awards Nominations Committee, 1222 San Simeon Dr., Roseville, CA 95661-5365 by March 30, 1997. All SFARC former, current members in good standing and their friends are welcome. A pot luck is planned. SFARC will provide, decorations, awards, and Lasagna. Bring your favorite dish, beverage,



and utensils. Attendance cost will be \$3.00 per person. The food and fun will be well worth the nominal fee. Contact KC6LOE Greg at 786-3530 with offers to help out at the function.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

OCTOBER 10, 1997

Loomis Library

Call KC6LOE Greg 786-3530 for pick up of items. Please have them ready, clean, and attractive for sale. Proceeds of items go to SFARC Christmas party.

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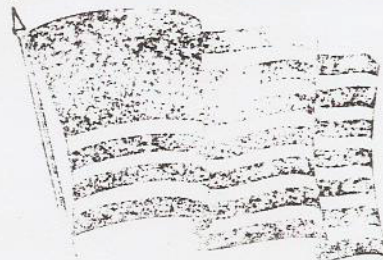
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Thanks for all the support!

To join the SFARC Newsletter
Boosers, give the Treasurer \$5 or
more!



Directions to Auburn-Placer Co. Library
SFARC General Meeting Room
350 Nevada St., Auburn, CA

From Sacramento:

Take 1st exit-Maple St.
go up hill, left over I-80 overpass,
left on Fontage Rd.,
Right on Nevada St.



Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club
1222 San Simeon Drive
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(916) 786-3530

To:

28 JAN 1997 PM

From Reno:
Take Nevada St. exit.
Look for Library Sign.

The library sits off Nevada St.,
go down the short street, all the way into
a driveway. There is ample parking spaces

The Beecher R.m is to the left of the front
doors. The Garden Theater is to the right
of the building.

