

Sierra Signals

Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club
Auburn, CA
An ARRL Special Service Club

October 2004

P.O. Box 1005, Newcastle, CA 95658

At the Key of S.F.A.R.C.



2004 Calendar of Events

(Operating Events in Italics)

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REPEATERS

145.430 (-0.6 MHz/PL 162.2)

440.575 (+5.0 MHz/PL 94.8)

223.860 (-1.6 MHz/PL 100.0)

CLUB NET

All welcome to check in
Thursdays, 7:30PM, K6ARR/R
145.430

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Friday of the month,
7:30PM at the Auburn
Library, 350 Nevada St,
Auburn

CLUB BREAKFAST

Last Sat of the month at
Susie's Café, Cirby at
Riverside, Roseville - 8:00 AM

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Oct 2-3 *Calif. QSO Party*

Oct 8 *White Elephant Sale*

Oct 10 *NA Sprint (RTTY)*

Oct 15-17 *PACIFICON 2004*

Oct 30 *Club Breakfast*

Nov 5-7 *ARRL Sweepstakes (CW)*

Nov 12 *Regular Meeting*

Nov 5-21 *ARRL Sweepstakes (SSB)*

Nov 27 *Club Breakfast*

Dec 3-5 *ARRL 160 Contest*

Dec 10 *Christmas Party*

Dec 18 *RAC Winter Contest*

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National Ham News

"Where In Blazes Am I"

This is an abbreviated issue ... not much input, and I'm about to leave for the summit of Monitor Pass. I'll meet up with the usual suspects, and we'll activate Alpine County for the California QSO Party as N6A. Alpine County (pop ~1,600) has no active hams so we're likely again to be the only opportunity for that county. Hope to work you.

73, Fred K6DGW

President's Message

Well, it is that time of year to look through your shack for items that you no longer use and which another ham might like. Please bring your items to the October meeting. Unfortunately, there is no place to dispose of left over items so if an item does not sell, please be prepared to take it home.

Dottie is leading an effort to put together a "care package" for the young men who helped us at Field Day a year ago. They have been deployed to Kuwait, and a thank you at Christmas would surely be welcome. If you can, please contribute to the fund at the October meeting. Thanks !

We need candidates for the officers and director's posts for 05. If you have ever thought you could do the job, or a better job, please give your name to Bob, KG6BQG. It is always time for some fresh blood, new ideas and new directions. Please consider standing for office!

Well, that is about it from here. I guess I will go to the shack and see what I might bring to the White Elephant sale. See you then.

Rob, WW6G

Meeting Minutes ***September 10, 2004***

Pursuant to discussion of the Board, members are asked to bring "readily sale-able" goods to the white elephant sale to be held at the regular October meeting. Because we shall meet in our usual meeting place, there is no ability to dispose of items, so if an item does not sell at the White Elephant sale, the member bringing such an item will be asked to take the item back.

Rob, WW6G, read the minutes prepared by Bob, WA6ULL, who could not attend. Upon motion duly made by Richard, WA6RWS, seconded by Bob, KG6BQG, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the report. Donna, KD6PJN, gave the treasurer's report and upon motion duly made by Bob, KG6BQG, seconded by Casey, W7IB, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the report.

All members are asked to think of ideas for the grand prize raffle at the upcoming Christmas dinner. If you have an idea, please give it to any officer or director.

Upon motion made by Bob, KG6BQG, and seconded by Gary KQ6RT, and unanimously carried, the Officers, Directors and membership wish to express their gratitude to Fred Jensen for the absolutely superb effort he has given to the preparation of the club newsletter each month. In addition to being the

editor, Fred has also contributed many articles which have made the newsletter an item that many members sincerely look forward to each month. THANKS FRED !!

All members are encouraged to prepare articles, long or short, for the newsletter. Lets create some great content and great reading.

Marc W. North, W6SQL, joined the club during the meeting. Mark offered to take over the web site which was begun by Justin, KG6NYD, and to host it on his infrastructure. Upon motion duly made by Casey, W7IB, seconded by George, KG6LSB, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept Marc's offer and as an expression of appreciation, waive his membership fee.

Dottie, K6DMS, suggested putting together a "care package" for the young men who helped at Field Day last year. They have been deployed to Kuwait. To achieve this, the treasurer will take up a collection at the September and October meetings to create the "care package". The proposition was put to the members to match, from club funds, the amount collected up to a maximum of \$100. By voice acclamation, the proposition carried the membership unanimously. Dottie agreed to put the package together and arrange for shipping. George will look into how shipping is done. Please bring your donation to the October meeting !

After a video presentation on Amateur Television presented by Rob, WW6G, the meeting adjourned.

VE Report

Reported by Rob, WW6G

The VE team has located a new location for testing. Testing will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at Raley's located at the intersection of Douglas Boulevard and Auburn-Folsom Road in Granite Bay. Testing will begin at 8:00AM. The site has been secured through 05.

If you are interested in taking an examination, or if you know someone who is, please come by. Also, Raley's evaluates groups using the facility by the number of people attending, so if you are in the area, please stop by and say hello.

Lee Reisenweber, K3RGD/VP2VE SK

We have received word that Lee, K3RGD, passed away on Feb 21, 2004 at the San Juan VA Medical Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Lee was a Captain in the Marine Corps, and spent some time in this area. His family is trying to compile some history for his grandson Conner who did not know his grandfather and is requesting anyone who might have known him and could contribute stories and anecdotes to contact them at dlb@borgmangroup.com

40 and 30 Years Ago at the SFARC

Reported by Gary, KQ6RT, SFARC Historian

The following document has been certified as being 'Authentic' by CBS news.

Forty Years Ago at SFARC

Minutes of SFARC October 14, 1964

Meeting was called to order, and minutes were approved as read.

A film on "A Sense of Anticipation" was enjoyed by all.

Jim Carman was reimbursed for the ticket he bought for the ARRL convention as was approved by the members at the last meeting.

Joining RACES was discussed and it was brought out that neither of the two heads of the agency that the secretary contacted showed up at the meeting or answered his letter to them. It was decided to wait and see what develops from their side.

A discussion of perhaps changing the meeting dates of SFARC was had but no decision.

A committee was formed to find a new meeting place now that the club has outgrown the family home idea. Myrle Carman, Faly Ford and Clayton Goodpastor were put on this committee and will report at the next meeting.

The president mentioned on the club having a nice SFARC dinner meeting with wives and a guest speaker and or a film, etc. No decision but all seemed to like the idea.

Mentioned that the members should think about nomination of SFARC officers for next year.

Refreshment committee for next meeting is Frank Carman and Dick Lund.

Otto Ruud won the Cal TV gift certificate.

Bob Twaddell won the Lombard's gift certificate. Jack Shrawder won the Zackit gift certificate.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. Weger, WA6EMU
Secretary

Thirty Years Ago at SFARC

Oct. 12, 1974

K6CBP received a gift (long-term loan) of \$300.00 worth of duplexer by Ken-WA6EMU, who also installed antennas atop tree at K6ARR's QTH.

73,

Gary, KQ6RT



Oct 15 - 17, 2004

San Ramon Marriott Hotel
San Ramon, CA

Mark your calendars for Pacificon 2004! The ARRL Pacific Division Annual convention will return to the really great venue at the San Ramon Marriott. Presented by the Mt. Diablo ARC, it promises to surpass the incredible 2003 production.

Information at www.pacificon.org and you can purchase tickets to all of the forums and activities on-line via PayPal. The NorCal QRP Club will be hosting the 10th annual QRP Forum concurrently. Antenna Seminar (Fri), the Swapmeet (moved to Sun AM), and multiple tracks of seminars for the entire weekend.



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As I said at the beginning, this is a very abbreviated issue. I still have some packing to do, it's 1930 PDT, and I have an oh dark thirty get-up tomorrow. Good news is that I finished the Elecraft K2 and it goes with me. Look for us this weekend

73,

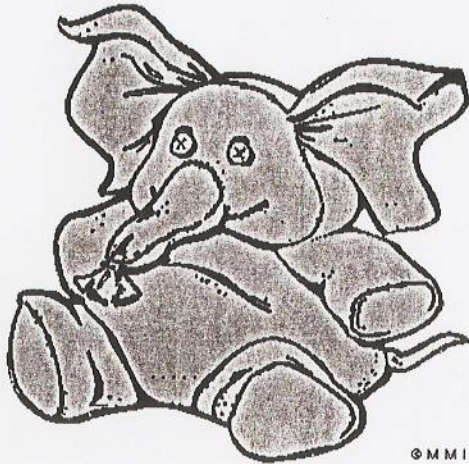
Fred K6DGW

White Elephant Sale

October 8, 2004 - 7:30PM

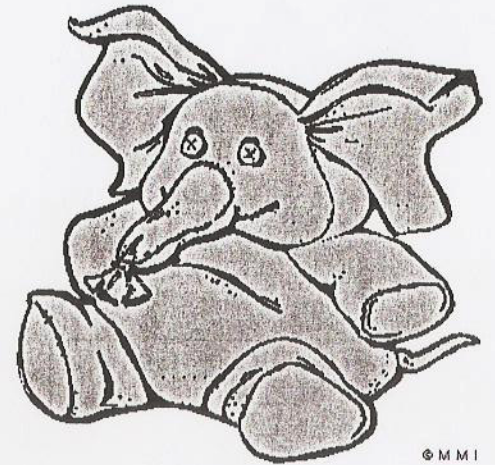
Auburn Library, 350 Nevada St., Auburn, CA

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