

Sierra Signals

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

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Idaho Adoption – Part 2

(Submitted by Fred, K6DGW)

Well, I've gotten several emailed requests to finish the story I began in the December issue so I will and then we'll move back onto ham radio stuff.

When we saw the town's photograph, we were overwhelmed, to understate it. "Belonging" is about as close as any of us can get to describing how we felt, but it really goes so far beyond that. With one photo they had told us we belonged to them and they cared about us better than any words could have. When we had managed to regain some composure [it took awhile], we talked about how to

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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

Thursdays, 7:30PM, K6ARR/R

145.430

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Friday of the month,

7:30PM at the Library, 350

Nevada St, Auburn CA

CLUB BREAKFAST

Last Sat of the month at Susie's

Café, Cirby at Riverside, Roseville

- 8:00 AM

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thank the people in this town. We had very little available to us to send, but we did have an AF Polaroid camera and film. We took a group photo with the timer which was a bit disappointing. The Polaroids weren't very large, and with all our gear and helmets on you couldn't see faces much, so we used up nearly all the rest of the film taking photos of us in pairs.

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2008 Calendar of Events

[Dates are local unless otherwise indicated]

Jan 5	VE Session
Jan 11	Regular Meeting
Jan 26	Club Breakfast
Feb 2	VE Session
Feb 8	Regular Meeting
Feb 23	Club Breakfast

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In Memory



Rob Carpenter
WW6G, sk

I wanted to print the following article last month but I was unable to obtain permission in time. This is a reprint of an article from the Intel company newsletter. It was written by Bob Hufnagel.

Rob Carpenter passed away on Friday, Nov. 2 as he was preparing to attend the 2nd Annual Virtualization Summit, a conference he championed that brought together Intel and the academic community. Rob, who worked at the Folsom site, was a leader in virtualization and the application of the technology to increase performance, lower cost and extend security and manageability in the enterprise. He was recognized internally and externally for his work in the field, and was the author of the [first IT video whitepaper](#).

During his 10 years with the company, Rob's outstanding contributions to Intel and the industry have shaped us all.

A native of New York, Rob is survived by his son Justin. He was an avid Yankees fan and could be counted on to have the latest standings of his team. Rob enjoyed playing guitar, wood working, and communicating with his ham radio friends. As a Zen Buddhist, Rob brought a keen insight to life and his relationships with peers and friends. Rob was a teacher at heart and was often leading discussions on a multitude of topics from religion to the latest virtualization techniques, to abstract number relationships. He taught law at Albany School of Law, math and physics at Bard College and was an Intel U instructor.

Rob's perspective, openness, and friendship will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate to know him.

In Memory



Pat Cook
WD6ECC, sk

I am still in shock....I have just had verification my dear friend Patricia Cook, WD6ECC, passed away Friday the 28th of December, 2007 from an unexpected hart attack. Pat was one of the warmest loving caring lady HAM operators I have ever met. I will miss her and her caring emails she frequently sent me, along with contacts from her from her rolling walker with 2M and 20M rigs and battery attached. All who knew her were certainly blessed by her compassion.

Ted, W7XRX, her husband, will be coming to live down this way for the rest of the winter. I am sure he can use some outreach from all of us when he gets here.

There will be a memorial locally....date not set yet.

Chuck Minton

In Memory

John (Ed) Ahlstrom
KQ6CK, sk

Richard, WA6RWS, read in QST that John (Ed) Ahlstrom, KQ6CK, is a silent key. He was always a large contributor every year to the club even though he was a life member.

Thirty Years Ago At The SFARC

(Reported by Gary, KQ6RT)

January 12, 1978

The regular January meeting was called to order by the president at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: \$171.05. The Treasurer reported 26 paid up members to date.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Club purchase green and white badges. Motion passed.

Tom, WB6UBF presented the Technical Committee report.

It was moved and seconded that the Technical Committee present a plan at the next regular meeting regarding upgrading the 440 machine with touch tone control. Motion passed.

A tentative date of February 11th was set for the Club dinner to be held at the Auburn Hotel – price \$5.50.

The next regular meeting of the Club will be held in rm. 602 at Placer high School.

It was announced that a 'Swap Shop' will follow the Thursday night roll call on WR6ADI.

A Radio Class will be conducted at Sierra College by Len Taylor, WB6HGS starting at 7:00 p.m. on December 31, 1978. Classes will meet on Tues./ Thurs. from 7 - 10 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to establish a board of directors consisting of three (3) members. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Al Schweigert, Secretary

73,

Gary - KQ6RT

Idaho...

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Everyone wrote a letter to the town thanking them, and we shipped it all off to our COC on the next refueling run and they mailed it for us. Right around the end of that mission, we heard that they had gotten our package and had made a little display of their photo, ours, and our letters in a corner of the town hall lobby along with a few other historical things. Terry was subsequently injured, and ended up in the USAF Hospital at Lackland AFB in San Antonio to recover. He remained in the Air Force and retired as a SMSgt, and now lives in FL with



his wife. They had two more kids, and are likely to be great grandparents in the not too distant future, thanks to Brent's kids [Brent is the 2 year old on his Mom's lap in that photo]. The photo is Terry on an earlier mission in Thailand.

The town really had adopted all of my guys and me. Despite Terry's premature departure on the medevac, the packages continued, pretty much on a weekly basis. We did 2 more years on missions supporting Army Airborne and Marine infantry units, and they all marveled at this steady stream of great things to eat, wear, read, and use [nice alternative to the C-rats] and all the support we got. I finally wrote to the town to tell them that we had received a rotation date, and we'd be coming home very soon. We got their last package at Bien Hoa two days before we were to leave. They had noted on it, "If the team is gone, give this to another troop."

A little over 20 years later, I was working for a DoD contractor in their Sacramento office and had occasion to go to Idaho Falls for a couple of days of project meetings with one of our sub-contractors. Knowing that this might be as close as I'd ever get, I took an extra day and drove up to Terry's town. Terry and his family were long gone of course, but the town looked pretty much like the images I had in my mind from the descriptions from the townsfolk and Terry, and it clearly wasn't a hotbed of suburban development. I found the town hall ... on the town square which was a park. And sure enough, in a corner of the little lobby area, I found the display. They had enlarged our group photo to 8x10 [pretty grainy], and had it side-by-side with theirs. Our others were around the big ones, and our letters were in a binder on the counter.

I don't know how long I stood there. Seeing their photo was a transport in time and space, and I didn't manage to hold it together much better than the first time I saw it. I lost two more of my troops after that mission, and seeing their faces in those photos was both truly great and very tough. Leafing through the binder, I found my letter. At some point, an elderly lady came up behind me and asked me if I'd like to hear the story behind the display. She sort of startled me and, with my usual social ineptness, I blurted out, "I know the story, ma'am. I'm Skip, that's me with TJ in that picture, and I wrote this letter" ... at which point she proceeded to have her heart attack. Well, almost.

Recovering well for someone her age, she made me promise not to move, and shortly the 4 or 5 folks who worked in the town hall were out with me. Before I had finished trying to thank them, townsfolk were streaming in from outside. Some were the kids in the family photos they had sent to us in their letters, now grown. Then the school let out and their kids came in. Kodak stock probably rose that day, a huge number of photographs were taken. I finally had to leave to catch my flight at the Falls. I seriously doubt that I came even remotely close to communicating to them the incredible impact their support had on us, but at least I got to try.

Andrea and I currently have 9 adopted troops, a lot more than we usually do, but there are extenuating circumstances. Jeffrey ... E-7 82d Airborne in Baghdad has been ours for 3 years now, first in Iraq, then Afghanistan, and now Iraq again. others, Tyler, Brian, and Joel, are his troops who are chronically short on mail. We have an 82d troop in Afghanistan, two Marines in Iraq, and a female Soldier in an Engr Co. running a float bridge on the Euphrates River. And James in the 3rd Air Cav at Mosul is the son of Mike, KD9KC in El Paso who is a member of a Cactus Intertie affiliate and a friend [and a very proud Dad!].

And in the Small World Department: Three years ago, our troop came home leaving us troopless in Iraq, and we hit anysoldier.com Andrea suggested going to the latter half of the alphabet since they probably got less action. I ended up on the "T's" for no good reason and found Jeff in the 82d in Iraq. My guys and I were airborne troops, we had been on mission with the 82d twice, we needed a Soldier in Iraq, Jeffrey had a little over half his tour to go, and one of my troops is a "Jeffrey." Reasons for picking a troop do not need to be rationalJ

He came home, stayed in touch, deployed to Afghanistan for a year, came home, and is now in Baghdad. Along the way, he introduced us to his family at Ft. Bragg, and birth family large and mainly in the southwest. Somewhere in this, and we're not sure when or how he did it, he became our 3rd son. His Dad, John, was an Army intelligence officer in Vietnam. After a couple of email exchanges, John wrote to me, "I shook hands with a 1Lt leading an incredibly scruffy, unshaved USAF combat comm team that was recovered to Pleiku on a couple of CH-3's ... really heavily armed for AF weenies ... in black gray combat gear, and still in parachute harnesses. I was there to debrief them and I really wanted to do it upwind of them. Was that you?" Our mission had ended in a firefight when the "other guys" found us, we'd been up for 2 days or so and in our clothes for nearly a month, and he said he realized we needed

to crash and he'd come back when we were awake. We were debriefed a day or two later, but by someone else.

All I remember getting off the aircraft was wanting to find a place for my guys to sleep and I don't remember an Army officer. We were pretty distinctive however, especially in the odor department, and hadn't shaved in a month; we were dressed as he described; we did only one recovery to Pleiku; and my comrade Tom who had the other airborne team in our unit and would have looked like us never was at Pleiku, so it's very likely John and I met there. What are the odds that 40 years later and half a planet away, I would randomly pick that officer's yet-to-be-born son from a yet to be conceived web site on a yet-to-be-invented Internet?

I hope everyone had a great Christmas season, we'll head back to ham radio now.

73,

Fred K6DGW

Re SKIP: One of my troops had been a Navy-brat growing up and began calling me "Skipper" as we started night jump school. That quickly became "Skip" which they still use today. At the suggestion of one of my guys who is a ham, I began using it in the NAQP's, sort of to make everyone copy my exchange and not rely on the pre-fill from the FCC database. They also gave me a several other nicknames, usually after I had done or said something particularly lame which seemed to occur fairly often. None of those are fit for publication and you won't be hearing any of themJ

December Meeting Minutes

(Reported by Leslie, K7NYE)

The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club held their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 14th. The event was well attended, with many club members, their spouses and other family members in attendance. The event started at 6:30 PM with a buffet dinner, including turkey, ham, stuffing and other side dishes brought by the attendees. After dinner, our President, Don Hay, WB6LPJ gave thanks to the 2007 slate of SFARC officers and directors for their support of the club. Casey McPartland, W7IB and Leslie Nye, K7NYE made public recognition of certain SFARC members. They handed out certificates of merit to several individuals within SFARC who had made a special contribution to the club during this last year, as well as poking fun at some of our other SFARC members who could stand the public ribbing.

Once the acknowledgments were made, the women's drawing was performed, with our "First Lady", Michelle Hay, KD6QQW and Secretary, Leslie Nye, K7NYE presiding over the festivities. Gene Freeland, KG6NYH conducted the regular club drawing which included the standard fare (i.e. the infamous atomic clock), as well as a separate drawing for a \$250.00 cash grand prize. George Simmons, KG6LSB (coincidentally, our club Treasurer) was the lucky winner of the cash drawing and vowed that he'd use the money wisely, not for *another* vacation to England.

The Christmas party ended around 9:30 PM. Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped with set-up and clean-up for the party. A very special thanks to Debbie Cunningham, KF6LXN and to Gary Cunningham, KQ6RT for all of their extraordinary work to make the 2007 party a successful one.

Respectfully submitted:

Leslie, K7NYE

Secretary

The Rocklin Police Department NET instructors are trained by personnel from the Sacramento Regional Citizens Corps Council and the Sacramento Regional Office of Homeland Security. The Police Department will be expanding the presentations in 2008 offering presentations at the Police Department, our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and community groups.

BE READY!

Let us show you how

Rocklin Police Department

Emergency Preparedness Training Class

When: Tuesday January 15, 2008 7 P.M.

Where: Police Department Community Room, 4080 Rocklin Road

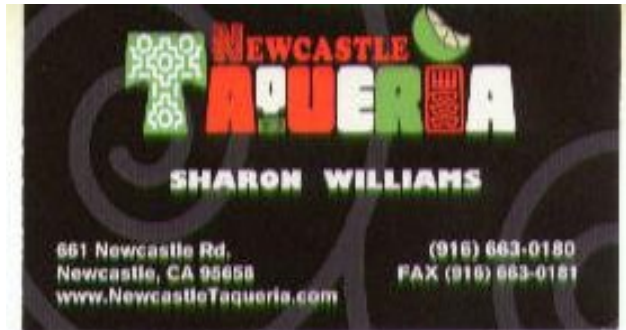
Wherever you live, work, or go to school, it pays to be ready and prepared to deal with all types of natural and man-made disasters. Here in the greater Sacramento area, we are subject to fires, floods, severe storms, extreme heat, power outages, earthquakes, gas leaks, plane crashes, disease and/or flu pandemics, and a host of other possible situations. The potential for an act of terror adds yet another dimension to disaster awareness and preparedness.

Since we can only do our best to prevent man-made disasters and terrorism, and since we certainly can't control "mother-nature", it's only a matter of time before a minor or major incident occurs in or around the Rocklin area.

In an effort to better prepare our community for potential disasters, the Rocklin Police Department will be conducting a Neighborhood Emergency Training (NET) class Tuesday, January 15, 2007 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 in the Community Room (EOC) at the Police Department. This 1½ hour NET presentation will provide valuable information on topics such as:

- Creating a family disaster plan
- Assembling home and portable disaster supply kits
- Sheltering in place
- Evacuation procedures
- Preparing for and responding to specific disasters

Being prepared reduces the fear and anxiety often associated with traumatic events, lessens the impact of disasters, helps people and their neighbors survive, and plays a major role in allowing police, fire, and medical personnel to focus on those who really need attention. Most importantly, it also reduces the need to seek out food, water, and other essential supplies when thousands of other people are trying to do the same thing.



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