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REPEATERS

145.430 (-0.6 MHz/PL 162.2)
440.575 (+5.0 MHz/PL 162.2)
223.860 (-1.6 MHz/PL 110.9)

CLUB NET

Thursdays, 7:30PM, W6EK/R
145.430

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Friday of the month,
7:30PM at the Auburn City Hall,
1215 Lincoln Way, Auburn CA

CLUB BREAKFAST

Last Sat of the month at Mel's Diner
1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn 7:30AM

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Calendar of Events

**September 8th:
Club Meeting**

**September 22-24th:
Unofficial Club Campout**

**September 30th:
Club Breakfast**

**October 15th:
Cystic Fibrosis Bike Ride
from Loomis**

**October 21st:
Enduro**

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Dear SFARC Members,

We, Sydnie and Taylor, would like to thank all the members who donated at the last two club meetings. We raised \$175.65 to go towards our Washington DC trip in the spring. We really appreciate all that you have donated.

*Sincerely,
Sydnie and Taylor Rousch*

Wendy, KK6HSK

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SFARC CLUB PICNIC ON SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2017



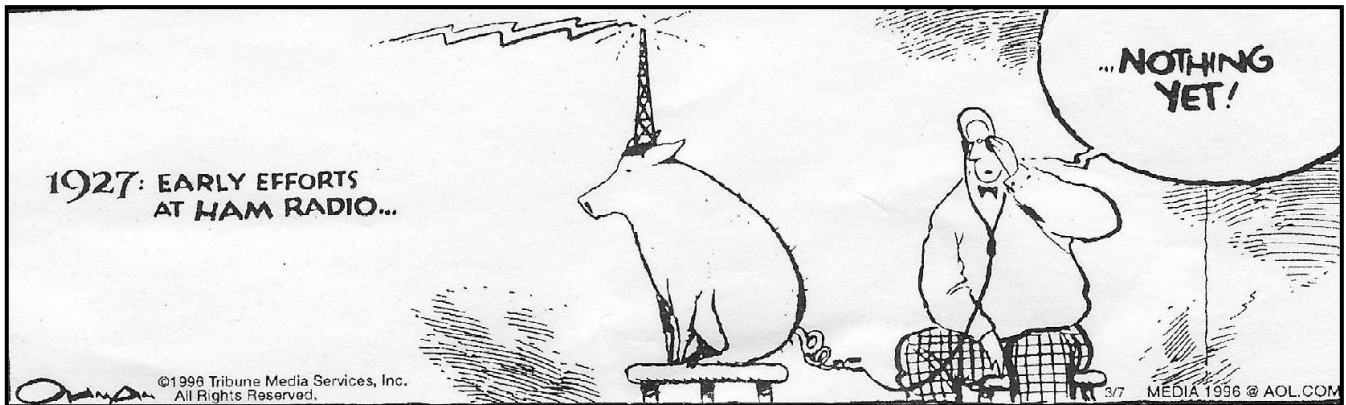


We have a face to face meeting September 9th (Saturday) from 9:00 to 10:30 at the Auburn Veterans Hall. I am looking for a topic for the meeting. Also I will have badges for those who do not have badges and have sent me a passport style photo of themselves.

On September 29, 30 and October 1, Placer County ARES will have a booth at the Auburn Home and Garden Show. I have the Saturday and Sunday covered, but need some help for Friday. Please contact me if you can help.

For Sunday's net I will report back on my talk with Mike Romero from Placer County Public Health.

Carl, N6CKV
Placer County ARES EC



The White Elephant Sale October 13, 2017!!!



The White Elephant Sale is next month!! We have several people that have told me they are bringing some very interesting and special items this year, but as usual we are still looking for more donations! All we ask is to let us know a little about the items you bring in.

Please put a note on what you bring letting everyone know what it is; parts radio, working gear, parts box, miscellaneous stuff, etcetera. If you are going to donate something outstanding please let me know so we can let everyone know in advance.

Remember all of your donations and proceeds of this Auction help make our Christmas party the best in the area!!

~ Tyghe, W6TJR



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2017

The SFARC Board meeting for August commenced at 1800 hours at the Sizzler restaurant in Auburn.

Roll Call: President Orion-AI6JP, Treasurer Sharon-KK6RGV and Director Bob-K6UDA were absent. Guests included AI-NI2U and Richard-WA6RWS.

REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS

VP Report: Mike-KK6GLP began discussion with tonight's antenna building presentation/workshop. Carl-WF6J will be providing materials for the presentation. Mike also advised JOTA-Jamboree On The Air will be held this year at the Newcastle Train Depot.

Secretary's Report: Bruce-K6BAA had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Mike-KK6GLP reviewed Sharron's financial spread sheets with the board. Mike also reported a check to SFARC from the Enduro organization was received and deposited.

Directors:

Andrew-KC6O is working on nominations and invites club members to run for office. Additionally, Bi-laws are awaiting publishing.

Greg-KO6TH will be filming tonight's presentation/workshop.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

Repeater: Richard-WA6RWS updated the board on the repeaters status. Advised he needs Sharron to resolve the repeater bank account issues with Wells Fargo.

Membership: 118.

VE: AI-NI2U reported there were 19 candidates resulting in 12 Technicians, 5 General and 1 Extra.

Refreshments: Wendy-KK6HSK and her daughters will provide tonight's refreshments using the proceeds for a fundraiser.

Field Day: AI-NI2U, Chairman; presented to the board a request to fund \$ 176.46 in additional costs to field day.

Old Business:

Club Inventory: All club members in possession of club property need to email a list or item description to the club secretary.

New Business:

Mike-KK6GLP reported Orion-AI6JP renewed the club's ARRL affiliation as a Special Service Club.

Richard-WA6RWS suggested making a check list for each officer's duties so incoming newly elected officers can assume the duties listed.

Meeting adjourned at 1855. Submitted by *Bruce Anderson, SFARC Secretary*

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2017



The SFARC General meeting for August commenced at 1930 hours at the Auburn City Hall Rose Room, Vice President Mike-KK6GLP presiding. President Orion-AI6JP, Treasurer Sharon-KK6RGV and Director Bob-K6UDA were absent. Mike led approximately 29 members and guests in a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. An introduction of Officers, members and guests followed.

REPORTS:

Vice President's Report: Mike-KK6GLP briefly discussed the agenda and reviewed this evening's activities.

Secretary's Report: Bruce-K6BAA requested input for the club newsletter; advised a welcome letter was available for new members and guests, and a reminder to the membership to sign the attendance sheet.

VE's Report: Al-NI2U reported there were 19 candidates resulting in 12 Technicians, 5 General and 1 Extra.

Satellite Report: Greg-KO6TH briefed members on ISS packet activities. Bob-WE6C asked Greg to post Yahoo alerts for ISS passes over Norther California.

Refreshments/Drawing: Wendy-KK6HSK and her daughters provided tonight's refreshments using the proceeds for a fundraiser. Aaron-KG6TVT reviewed items planned for the drawing

Club Picnic: Jeremiah-W6DLO updated members on his preparations for August 19th's picnic to be held again at Applegate Park.

Brian-AI6US gave a presentation of the unofficial club camp out to be held at Stumpy Meadows Reservoir September 22-24 and encouraged members to make their reservations for RV/Tent spaces.

Presentation: Carl-WF6J and his assistants conducted a well received and fun antenna work shop for participating club members.

General Announcements: The Club Net meets every Thursday at 7:30pm; Board and General Meetings occur on the 2nd Friday, Board meeting is held at **Sizzler Restaurant** in Auburn, and General meetings at 7:30pm at **Auburn City Hall**. The Club breakfast is held on the last Saturday at **Mel's Diner** in Auburn; an Elmer Net is held the first and third Wednesday night at 7:30pm on the 2m repeater. See www.w6ek.org for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 2130. Submitted by Bruce-K6BAA, Club Secretary



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Hello,

The SFMARC would like to announce that we will once again be running our 10 week CW for beginners course. This course will be 10 weeks long held once a week for 2 hours (7PM until 9PM) each Wednesday evening in Carmichael. If you, your club members, or someone you know are interested in taking our CW class we encourage you to sign up **NOW**. This class is made available to **EVERYONE** that wants to take it. You do **NOT** need to be a licensed operator to join our class. We have locked a start date for the class, we will begin Wednesday evening **September 13th** (Ending November 15th).

Everyone can benefit from this course! For those with no Morse Code knowledge this is an excellent course where you or your friends will be taught the complete International Morse Code alphabet, numbers, pro-signs, how to adjust and send on a Morse Code straight key and more interesting general information than one brain can store! The goal of our course is to have all students up to speed around week 6, and on the air! This is also a great opportunity for those of you who may have already taken our course before. This class offers a chance for returning students to brush up on their code, increase their speed, build on-air confidence and get a better understanding of the 'pro-signs' that CW radio ops use on-air.

The CW class is **\$50** for new members, and only **\$20** for returning members who bring their previously supplied Morse Key and Oscillator. As always, as a new student you will receive a **FREE** Morse Code straight key and a Code Oscillator to keep at the completion of the course. These items are worth more than \$40 by themselves.

Now for the important part... This is a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE COURSE!** We will Limit the amount of students who are able to take this course. Therefore it is very important that you make your payment **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to secure your seat in this class. We do not take walk-ins at the door.

To make payment by check you must **FIRST** send an email to admin@w6sfm.com to indicate that you are interested and you are going to make your payment. We will hold your seat for 7 days from your email while we await your payment to come:

If you prefer, you may also pay via PayPal or Credit Card. PayPal and CC payments will be charged an extra \$2.00 for credit card processing fees. If you would like to make your payment this way please send an email to admin@w6sfm.com to request an electronic payment you can make on-line.

If you have **ANY** questions please do not hesitate to email us back at your convenience. Thank you and we hope to see you at our next class! 73,

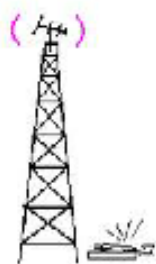
Michael
N6MQL
President W6SFM SFM ARC



W6SFM

Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club
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Eleventh Annual Sacramento Valley Hamfest



Saturday, Sept 16, 2017

0700 to 1200 Hours

Presented by Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

65 McBean Park Dr. (Hwy. 193), Lincoln CA

Bandstand Parking Lot

License Exam Sessions



Drawing Prizes



Buy and Sell

Ham Radio Related Stuff Only

\$10 per space - Approximately 9' x 12'

Bring your own tables

Refreshments Available

Hamfest Info at WWW.WPARC.US

Talk-in Frequency
147.300 (+) 179.9



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2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ e-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Associate Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ email: _____
Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____ Application is: (New / Renewal)

Dues / Donations:

Membership: yearly* \$22.00 or 20x _____ Name Badge: \$ 10.00/15.00 Yes (special name) _____
Associate: yearly* \$ 7.00 Repeater Donation: \$ _____
Auto Patch Donation: \$ _____ Newsletter Booster: \$ _____
Misc. Donation: \$ _____ Christmas Donation: \$ _____ ARRL member? (Yes/No/Life) _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ Please add \$1 if paying via PayPal

*Prorated dues for NEW Members/Associates Only

July	\$ 20/6	October	\$ 14/3 + following year
August	\$ 18/5	November	\$ 12/2 + following year
September	\$ 16/4	December	\$ 10/1 + following year

New---New---New---
Multi-year DISCOUNT Membership
****\$20 per year for 2 or more years (new or renewal)**

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