



Welcome to SFARC, Auburn, CA

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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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Al Martin, NI2U

Calendar of Events

February 2nd:
Groundhog Day



February 9th:
Club Meeting

February 14th:
Valentine's Day



February 19th:
President's Day



February 24th:
Club Breakfast

March 17th:
Hamfest

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President's Message

By Orion Endres – AI6JB, President

Hello All!

Dues Are Due

The New Year is here and that means Dues are Due! A single year's membership is \$22, but, if you pay for 2 or more years, it is \$20 per year. Please go to our website, download a membership application, fill it out, and send it to Sharron, our Treasurer. You can pay via PayPal, send her a check, or bring it with you to February's meeting. Thank you!

Western States & Tevis Cup Surprise

Ralph, W6RWL, dropped by the January Board meeting and presented the Club with a donation to the Repeater Fund. Thank you Ralph and the Western States/Tevis Cup folks for your generous support!

The Western States is June 23-24 this year and the Tevis Cup is July 28. They need radio operators for both of these events and training sessions. If you would like to help out, please contact Ralph at W6RWL@arrl.net.

Hamfest 2018 ... T-minus 43 days!!

Hamfest 2018 is on Saturday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day this year. Why not make it a part of your St. Paddy Day's celebration? And a celebration it will be!! There are many exciting things happening this year.

The Grand Prize will be a **Honda Generator!!** We started crowdfunding, i.e. Passing the Hat at January's meeting, and have already collected over \$235 so far!! We have two members who challenged each other with \$50 donations. They are now challenging you to match or better them!! Bring your wallets and get the word out to the Ham community!!

Bruce, K6BAA, and Bob, K6UDA, will be our featured presenters this year! Bruce will show the hot new digital mode FT-8 that everyone is talking about. Bob will conduct a DSTAR University teaching everything you need to know to get into DSTAR. You will not want to miss either session.

Now's the time to talk up Hamfest! Get on area repeaters and ask folks if they are planning to come to Hamfest. Check into weekly nets and make QSTs announcing the Hamfest. Download flyers from our website and post them in public places. With a 124 members, you are our best marketing team.

What's an International Grid Chase?

The ARRL International Grid Chase started January 1st this year. It is a yearlong world-wide event open

to all Hams. All you have to do is make contacts and log them using Log Book of the World! Very simple!! Operators get a point for every unique band and mode contact made to a new Maidenhead grid square. All bands and modes recognized by LoTW count. It doesn't matter whether you are chasing grids or working a contest. All QSOs uploaded count. Each month the leader board is reset zero, so you have a chance each new month to be the top Ham. You can find the leader board at <https://igc.arrrl.org> Check it out. As of this moment, out of 19,995 entries, here are the SFARC leaders:

Dennis, WU6X, 340 pts, Ranked 979
 Fred, K6DGW, 311 pts, Ranked 1,154
 Peter, WB6POT, 191 pts, Ranked 2,363
 Carl, N6CKV, 131 pts, Ranked 3,600
 Doc, KM6K, 129 pts, Ranked 3,651
 Brian, AI6US, 117 pts, Ranked 4,005
 Orion, AI6JB, 58 pts, Ranked 6,803
 Mike, W6QB, 4 pts, Ranked 15,938

Get out there, make those QSOs, and have fun!!

Orion Endres, AI6JB

President

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*Jef N5JEF and
 Mike KK6GLP
 visited Joe KN6FH
 today at
 ManorCare.*

*Joe was in good
 spirits and looks
 forward to
 building his loop
 antenna.*



AL N19U, CASEY W7IB, BILL WV6J, AND ANDREW KC6O WENT TO GRASS VALLEY FOR TESTING. WE JOINED ANOTHER TEAM AND TESTED 31 CANDIDATES.

16 BECAME TECHNICIANS. CONGRATULATIONS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT AL N16U

Submitted by Bill WV6J



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2018

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

Roll Call: President Orion-AI6JB along with Vice President Mike-KK6GLP, Secretary Bruce-K6BAA, Treasurer Sharron-KK6RGV, returning Director Greg-KO6TH, Director Brian-AI6US and Director Mark-W8BIT. Guests were Bob-K6UDA, Scott-K6SVW, Laura-K6LVW, Toni-KK6JPJ, Jim-WA8MPA, Birton-N6UG,, Herb-KM6JBI and Dennis-WU6X.

REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS

Presidents Report: Orion-AI6JB submitted the agenda and asked for officer, board and committee chair reports.

Vice President's Report: Mike-KK6GLP had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: Bruce-K6BAA submitted the club equipment list to board members. Orion requested the list to be forwarded to Richard-WA6RWS and AI-NI2U for review. Brian-AI6US added there are several lap tops not listed.

Treasurer's Report: Sharron-KK6RGV reported on the club's finances and distributed copies to each board member. Orion then reviewed each budget line with Sharron making numerous changes to be listed on her next budget report. Ralph-W6RWL presented to the board a donation from Tevis and asked that the repeater phone patch continue to be funded as it can be crucial to emergency communications.

Directors:

Mark-W8BIT had nothing to report.

Greg-KO6TH had nothing to report.

Brian-AI6US presented to the board a proposed donation receipt to be issued for donations to the club. Brian also proposed an automated donation option.

Repeaters: Birton-N6UG updated the board on the repeaters status.

Web: Herb-KM6JBI briefed the board on the club web site status and updates. Bob-K6UDA advised the Yahoo Groups are not maintained by Yahoo to current trends in social media. He suggested the club to diversify its social media options. Birton-N6UG also recommended updating the technology.

Memberships: Orion-AI6JB advised he needed assistance calling members to remind them to renew membership. He distributed a list of club members to the board and asked for personal phone calls to those on the list to encourage or thank members for renewal.

Club Contest: Dennis-WU6X advised the board of upcoming contests.

Facebook: Mark-W8BIT briefed the board on its current status.

Drawing: Orion-AI6JB advised Andrew-KC6O will assist Aaron on prizes and additions to the drawing budget will be made. Mark-W8BIT suggested publicizing and selling drawing tickets earlier for more substantial prizes.

New Business

Hamfest: Orion-AI6JB reviewed and submitted the budget. He asked for a motion to approve the

Hamfest budget. Mark-W8BIT made the motion, Brian-AI6US seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bob-K6UDA requested and received permission to address the general membership meeting regarding D-Star and DMR proposals for the club repeater.

The meeting adjourned at 1857. Submitted by Bruce-K6BAA, Club Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2018



The SFARC General meeting for January commenced at 1930 hours at the Auburn City Hall Rose Room, President Orion-AI6JB presiding. All Officers and Directors were present. Orion led approximately 37 members and guests in a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. An introduction of Officers, members and guests followed.

REPORTS:

President's Report: Orion briefly discussed the agenda and reviewed this evening's board meeting.

Vice President's Report: Mike-KK6GLP briefed members about a future Bob Heil Skype presentation to the club. Mike also updated members on Joe-KN6FH's recovery from a recent fall.

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.

Treasurer's Report: Sharron-KK6RGV advised she is accepting membership dues and no longer has club patches for sale.

VE's Report: 5 candidates passed during the last session.

Activities: George-KG6LSB had nothing to report.

Satellite Report: Greg-KO6TH briefed members on a new satellite: Fox-1D.

Refreshments/Drawing Aaron-KG6TVT reviewed items planned for the drawing and announced he will no longer conduct the drawing due to a conflict with employment. Replacement volunteer needed! George-KG6LSB reported on refreshments for the break.

Hamfest: Orion-AI6JB advised the membership of the preparations for the rain or shine March 17th event and invited members to donate cash for a Honda generator prize to be given away at the Hamfest. A hat was passed around the meeting for donations.

Yahoo: Dennis-WU6X advised the membership on the Yahoo group status which is at over 119 subscribers.

Facebook: Mark-W8BIT advised there are 38 members on the club Facebook page. He is linking the

club calendar and yahoo.

Membership: Currently at 124. Renew your membership!

Club Contest: Dennis-WU6X advised 8 members of the club participated in the California QSO Party resulting in members getting first and second place positions for the counties they represented.

Club librarian: Jim-WA8MPA reviewed the club's library and check out procedures.

Presentation: Frank Hampton gave an interesting presentation on his experiences as an Army radio operator during the Korean War, serving with the 3rd Division "The Rock of the Marne" Artillery.

New Business: Bob-K6UDA gave a presentation proposing a D-Star conversion to the club 220 repeater as it is underutilized. This sparked a lively discussion among club members and further exploration of the proposal is anticipated.

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 2145. Submitted by Bruce-K6BAA, Club Secretary



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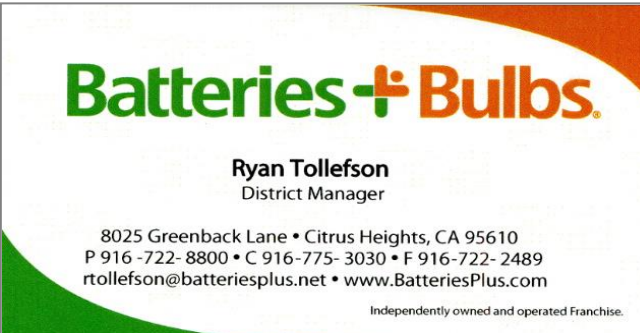
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New Dialing For Greater Sacramento Area


Beginning on February 10, 2018, residents and businesses with the 916 area code must dial 1 + area code + telephone number for all calls. Once consumers have a 279 area code, they too must dial 1 + area code + telephone number for all calls.

WHY?

This change paves the way for a new 279 area code that will be added to the geographic area currently served by the 916 area code. Existing numbers will not change, but calls will not go through unless dialed as 1 + area code + telephone number.

9-1-1 UNAFFECTED

Consumers can still dial three digits to reach 911. Other three-digit codes, such as 211, 311, 411, 611, 711, and 811, can also be dialed with just three digits where they are available.



Learn more: www.cpuc.ca.gov/916areacode

On February 09, 2017, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved an overlay that will add the new area code 279 to the 916 area code region. Under the overlay plan, current 916 Area Code customers can keep their numbers, but as of February 10, 2018, all calls made from the 916 Area Code will have to be dialed using 1 + area code + 7-digit telephone number. This means that all calls in the 916 Area Code that are currently dialed with 7 digits will need to be dialed using 1 + area code + 7-digit telephone number.

- Beginning August 12, 2017, customers in the 916 Area Code may begin using the new 1 + 10 digit dialing procedure (1 + area code + telephone number) when placing calls. If customers forget to use the new dialing procedure and just dial the seven-digit telephone number, calls will still be completed until February 10, 2018.
- Beginning February 10, 2018, callers must use the new 1 + 10-digit dialing procedure for all calls. After this date, if customers do not use the new dialing procedure, their calls will not be completed and a recording will instruct them to hang up and dial again.
- Beginning March 10, 2018, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers using the 279 area code.

Dialing 1 + area code + 7-digit telephone number does not change what a call costs and does not mean that a call is a toll or long distance call. Calling areas and rates will not change - what is a local call now will remain a local call. Calls to 911, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811 will not be affected, and will continue to be dialed with 3 digits.

The overlay will primarily affect the greater Sacramento area, which includes parts of El Dorado, Solano, Sutter, Yolo, Placer, and Sacramento Counties.

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2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Associate Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ email: _____

Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____ Application is New / Renewal (circle one)

ARRL member? Yes / No (circle one)

DUES / DONATIONS:

Membership: yearly * \$22.00 or 20.00 X how many years _____ = \$ _____ *** see below Multi-year Discount

Associate: yearly \$7.00

Repeater Donation: \$ _____

Auto Patch Donation: \$ _____

Newsletter Booster: \$ _____

Misc. Donation: \$ _____

Christmas Donation: \$ _____

Name Badge \$10 or \$15 (circle one) ** see below for type of badge requested Name on Badge _____

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

** Clip Badge = \$10; Magnetic Badge = \$15

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

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date: _____ Treasurer: _____ Secretary: _____ Roster: _____

Payment: _____ Check Number: _____ Cash: _____ PayPal: _____