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

CLUB NET

Thursdays, 7:30PM, W6EK/R 145.430

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Friday of the month,
Crossroads Church @7:30pm
1101 Auburn Ravine Rd, Auburn

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

March 11th @ 7:30pm
Club Meeting

March 16 - 17th
Hamtrak to Reno

March 19th
Loomis Hamfest

March 26th @ 7:30am
*Club Breakfast
@ Mel's Diner*

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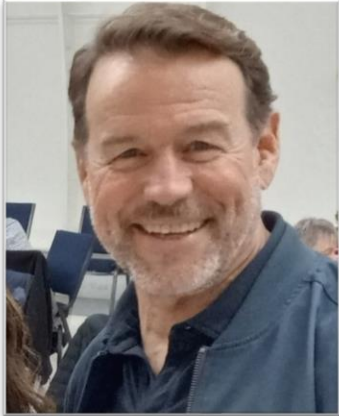
*Join us every morning @ 7:30am
for the Coffee Break Net on the
W6EK repeater 145.43, PL 162.2*

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President's Message

*By Jeff Morgan – KM6RGO
President*

Greetings!

It sure was nice to see so many folks at our **Sat Breakfast** at **Mel's Diner** on Highway 49 in Auburn last Saturday. We nearly filled the room with 32 attendees! As always, when a group of Ham's get together, we chat about everything under the sun including all subjects Ham. Problems solved, new ideas presented, all with a smile. A very nice time for all.

Many of us then met at the Crossroads Gymnasium for our first **Quarterly Workshop**. This workshop was dedicated to the **Radio Direction Finding** build. A big thank you to **Doug W2VX** and **Greydon KC6SLE**, for sourcing materials and manufacturing RDF kits ready to be built by willing RDF participants. Also, several Elmers helping us builders put them together! **Doug W2VX**, **Greydon KC6SLE**, **Jon KI6RT**, **Brian AI6US**, **Greg KO6TH**, **Tom NN6H**, **Ray KK6AM**, and of course **Jim WA8MPA** for arranging the use of the gymnasium, free to the club! (I hope I didn't leave someone out!) A great big thank you! I look forward to our future Quarterly Workshops.

Club Meeting March 11

After a couple of months on Zoom only, we are now going back to our **hybrid in-person and Zoom** meeting. **Brian AI6US** has been dialing in the AV Technical side of things for those who cannot attend in person. We are also looking for a **Zoom Room Greeter**. Perhaps someone who is on Zoom would like to welcome Zoom checkin's? Let **Greydon KC6SLE** or myself, **Jeff KM6RGO** know if that is something you might want to do. Check out **W6EK.org** under our meetings tab for the link to join. The **Board Meeting** will be at **6:00pm** with the **General Meeting** at **7:30**.

HamTrak is coming up on **March 16-17**. **Hamtrak** is an informal trip on Amtrak to Reno with what hopefully, will be a beautiful trip through winter train ride through the mountains. Look for a link on **W6EK.org** on the main page for more information. **All hams** are invited, not only club members.

Hamfest

ALL HANDS ON DECK!! HAMFEST is just around the corner! After a two-year absence, **Hamfest** will return to the **Loomis Train Depot** on **March 19**. All Ham swap meets are fun, but the **Sierra Foothills ARC Hamfest** is the best! It also takes a lot of volunteers to pull this off and we need your help. Please contact **Orion AI6JB** at ai6jb@arrl.net to see what you can do. It's not a lot of work and quite fun to be a part of this. We need you! See you there.

Membership

There are still a few folks out there who have not renewed their memberships. If you are behind, the roster this month will have a column of your status year. If you have questions about your status, please contact our **Treasurer, ROB KM6YKX**, and he would be happy to look it up for you. If you are not yet current, you may also receive an email noting that. Unfortunately, if you are not made current by the end of March, you may be dropped from the roster. We would hate to see you go!

Final Thought

The news, it seems has been full of one terrible event after the other. Several of our members have also had a trying time personally and with close family members. It is easy to ruminate over and state of the world and how we think it affects us. What I find wonderful about Ham Radio is the resilience of our

community. Ham's tend to be self-sufficient and creative. Thankfully, we also have each other to lean on when needed, contributing to the well-being of others as well as ourselves. It is this sense of community that keeps us grounded (pun intended) and for that, I am grateful. Stay healthy, mentally and physically, and have a great month!

73!

Jeff Morgan - KM6RGO
SFARC President



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Video Conference Zoom Meeting

February 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff KM6RGO at 6:00 PM. In attendance in addition to Jeff were Vice-President Greydon KC6SLE, Treasurer Rob KM6YKX and Directors Gerry/WA6E, Amir N6ADL and Smitty K9CCO, Secretary KG6UCS Orson, webmaster Herb KM6JBI, members Brian AI6US Jerry W6GU Greg KO6TH and trustee Clyde AB4CC.

The January minutes were accepted as submitted.

WA6E Gerry Hamtrack event still happening some people have confirmed they are going.

Febuary 26th Radio Dir Finding workshop \$20 donation min required 5 spots left

Asking for volunteers for Drawing Chairman, Public info Officer and Picnic Chairman.

BrianAI6US volunteered to be our VEC.

Gerry WA6E volunteered to be Winter Field Day chairman.

Loomis Hamfest to be held March 19th.

Canyon Endurance run April 23

Western States Run June 25

The 220 antenna installed. Repeater lease is still up in the air.

Still need volunteers for HamFest.

No new news on the website work. Photos still not moved

Motion by GreydonKC6SLE to approve \$180.00 for shelves at the in-person meeting location seconded by AmirN6ADL. Passed.

Members expressed an interest in coffee and doughnuts in the park again.

Rob brought up that we may want to update the club business cards and add a column on the members list for spouses names.

May need a Hold Harmless doc for repeater site.

Looking for a new location for VE testing

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Video Conference Zoom Meeting

February 11, 2022

President Jeff KM6RGO welcomed individuals to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Jeff KM6RGO who opened the meeting by leading The Pledge of Allegiance. All Board Members were present.

Last month's meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

Three items found in budget audit and all were corrected. Thank you to those who participated.

Radio Direction Finding club build event February 26th Sign up now to reserve your spot, 5 left. \$20.00 donation required to cover component cost

Ham Swap Loomis March 19, 2022 volunteers needed contact AI6JB Orion

A huge thank you to Barbara Anderson for her 10 yrs of service to the club doing the newsletter. She stepped down from the position and the club thanked her with a gift card to her favorite restaurant. Jim Marchetti to take over in her place.

The new members are :

William Faulkner KK6TLC	James Goldstein KN6QNJ	Nancy, Holhler KI5OZZ
Shawn Home W7AZC	Thomas Nguyen KE6KUT	Roger Olds KK6BUQ
Shannon Lile K6TNY	Irene Lile WB6RAF	

Smitty WB1G motioned and Gerry WA6E seconded. Motion passed Welcome new members

Tech-Ten

Smitty WB1G gave a riveting talk all about Audio in the Shack

This month's Show Us Your Shack was one shared by Scott KK7AIR and his caboose shack

Satellite report given by greg KO6TH

Groups IO report given by Dennis WU6X

General Announcements by President Jeff KM6RG

The club is looking for a new in person testing venue, public info officer, picnic Chairman and Drawings Chairman.

Prize tonight was an Abbree Antenna won by KA6UAI cool T-Shirt won by K6NYC

HamTrak will be March 16 and 17, 2022. Buy your train tickets to Reno, making sure that you specify Train and not Bus, for the trip over the, hopefully, snow covered summit, spend the night, your choice of hotels and return the next day. Not an official club event so you need to make and pay for your own train tickets and hotel room.

Contact Orion AI6JB for info on upcoming license classes

Bridge com 220 repeater is ready for install.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM. Submitted by Orson KG6UCS



From the (new) Newsletter Editor's Desk:

First and foremost, I owe the club an apology for my lapse in getting the newsletter out on time. A near perfect storm of events occurred and I failed to let Jeff and the other club officers know about said 'storm'. Please accept my apology for the significant delay in publishing the March 2022 newsletter.

Writing is one of my favorite things to do – I'm even a published author! Any time I can combine that love of writing with something else I love like Amateur Radio it brings me great joy. Filling Barbara's shoes will be tough, but thankfully she is willing to guide me along and help me avoid (most of) the pitfalls that may come along. I would like to reiterate the message that Jeff had in his February President's Message about Barbara's 10 years of producing the newsletter – what a tremendous contribution to this club, and to Amateur radio! **THANK YOU BARBARA!!**

Here's a tiny bit about me. I grew up in Los Altos, CA and loved playing 'Army man' with my friend Randy and our *walkie-talkies* – that started my addiction, ahem, I mean love of radios. In 1983 I drove a tow truck while waiting to go into the Navy and again, I was using radios, and the fire was stoked. Then, in the Navy I was an in-flight Avionics weapon systems technician on the Lockheed P-3C Orion – radio nirvana for me at the time.

Fast forward 20 years after I left the Navy and I finally got my technician license and the rest is history. I've been licensed for 12 years now and became an Amateur Extra in June 2021, just in time for Field Day. I'm also involved with HARTnet (Hospital Amateur Radio Team net) in the Sacramento Valley region.

I'm married to Lisa, the love of my life for 35 years now. I have two daughters, one son, all are grown and living their lives, and a lovely granddaughter who I get to see every day. We live in Antioch, CA and my (middle kid) daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live with us.

The boring stuff: I work for UC Davis Medical Center supervising the Information Technology Business Resiliency/Disaster Recovery program.

I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve the club, and Amateur Radio as the newsletter editor. If you have any information for the newsletters, ideas, recommendations, events you've heard about, etc., please don't hesitate to send it to me. Even if you 'think' someone else has probably sent it to me, send it anyway – assume they haven't. 😊 Email: kd7g@arrl.net or james@jamesmarchetti.com – either way, I will get your email.

Thank you & ***be radio active!!***

73,

Jim – KD7G



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2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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