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WEEKLY 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

REPEATERS

145.430 (-0.6 MHz / PL 162.2)

- Wires-X: W6EK-2M-ROOM (62545)
- Allstar: #51018
- Echolink: #4128

223.860 (-1.6 MHz / PL 110.9)

- Allstar #56039

440.575 (+5 MHz / PL 162.2)

- AMS / Fusion
- Wires-X: NorCal Repeater GRP (#43847) – FULL TIME
- YSF: 06040 US-SierraNorCal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<https://calendar.w6ek.org>

Monday, November 6 @ 7:00 PM

In-Person SFARC VE Testing

Auburn Crossroads Church South Campus

Thursday, November 9 @ 6:00 PM

SFARC Board Meeting

Club Zoom Room

Friday, 11/10 @ 7:30 PM

SFARC General Meeting & Elections

Auburn Crossroads Church South Campus
& Club Zoom Room

Saturday, 11/18 @ 7:30 PM

SFARC Tech Class GOTA

Location & Time TBD - Check
www.w6ek.org

Saturday, 11/25 @ 7:30 AM

SFARC Club Breakfast

Mel's Diner, 1730 Grass Valley Hwy
#2885, Auburn, CA 95603

Saturday, 11/25 @ 9:00 AM

SFARC Monthly Fox Hunt

Location & Time TBD - Check
www.w6ek.org

- Presidents Message (Election Time)
- Looking Forward with SFARC's VP
- Membership Updates

- Board Meeting Minutes
- General Meeting Minutes
- From The Editors Desk



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: *Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)*

Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club | President

Elections

Elections are coming up at the November meeting! This is always exciting as the end of the year wraps up and a new year is getting planned out. Elections are always held at our November General meeting each year. Make sure you don't miss this meeting, it is important to meet quorum so we can operate effectively. The election committee has worked hard to build a list of great candidates for office. We think you will appreciate the offering. They are as follows:

President, **Aaron (W1ATB)**

Vice President, **Jim (W6JCZ)**

Treasurer, **Brian (KM6MDM)**

Secretary, **David (N6OJJ)**

Director, **Greydon (KC6SLE)**

Director, **Mark (W2MWK)**

Director, **Jim (WA8MPA)**

We will hold the election according to Sierra Foothills ARC bylaws. You can find them on our website in our files library. If you want to know how the sausage is made, feel free to read them. Every member should feel comfortable with how we operate as a club. As always, we are here for you, and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with any of the board members.

Repeater Committee

The Repeater Committee has been working out a list of upgrades and repairs. The team has identified the repeater pole is in need of replacement. We are actively looking for qualified contractors to do that. Some contacts have been made and we hope to have a better understanding of what it will take in the near future. Along with the pole, the committee is identifying vault improvements, system upgrades and services we no longer use. Due to this review, it was recommended to the board to discontinue phone patch services. Western States Endurance Run and Tevis Cup no longer use phone patch and do not require it of us. The board opted to discontinue phone patch services at this time. There are many future capabilities we hope to bring forth in the coming months. The repeater is the heart of the club, we are working to keep it in tip top shape into the future.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is only a month (or so) away! It seems to sneak up on us every year. Mark your calendars on December 9 at the Crossroads Church Gymnasium for an evening of fun, games, prizes and holiday cheer! Look for more information on w6ek.org as we get closer to the date.

HamClubOnline

At the meeting last month, we held a special drawing with a **Grand Prize of a Yeasu FT70DR ht radio**. Congrats to Evan AJ6OR for the win! All of this was to encourage members to log in and review their ability to log in, as well as, review their membership data for accuracy. We found a couple of adjustments needed, so I am grateful to those who let me know. If you have not yet logged in, please take a moment to do so. One critical piece of information is



your contact info. We need to have an email address so we can notify you of your membership status, as well as a phone number for members to contact you if needed. Keep in mind, this is only for members use. If you do not want the club's excellent weekly notices, you can always unsubscribe from the weekly email itself. But, please be sure the HCOL email is up to date. All of this is to ensure your membership with Sierra Foothills ARC is managed correctly and easy for you. You can always go to [Membership - Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club \(W6EK\)](#) where you will see the HamClubOnline logo, click on that. There is also a link to a help video. But, of course, if you need even more help, there is a form to let us know, or just contact me directly.

73!

Jeff – KM6RGO

LOOKING FORWARD



By: *Greydon Hicks (KC6SLE)*
Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club | Vice President

October 14, 2023

The next SFARC meeting will be November 10, 2023, at 7:30 PM in the Crossroads Church Campus Gym, 1101 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn.

For November James Hutchings, N6OZH, will be sharing with us his experiences establishing and handling emergency communications during the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. And Scott, KM6RFB, will be discussing emergency preparations and emergency service

opportunities within our local area.

And elections for the SFAC officers and directors will be at the November meeting as well!

December will be the annual SFARC holiday celebration which once again is being coordinated by Gerry, WA6E. Thank you, Gerry.

January 2024 we will be continuing our presentations on electronic components with a discussion on the use of Crystals in Amateur Radio electronics.

73,
Greydon KC6SLE, SFARC VP

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



We have 7 new members that were voted on during the October 13, 2023 general club meeting.

- Robert Jackson WN6AMS,
- David Mailcoat KD6PDG
- Allen Mason Ko6AGW
- Michael McCrum KN6ZCF
- Kenneth Moon KK6QMP
- Bruce Moyer KN6QIX,
- Ben Weiss WB5QWAL

We have 6 new members to vote on at the next club meeting on November 10, 2023.



- Michael Cunningham K0VQR
- Kevin Osborne KO6BMC
- Don Preisler KM6JQE
- Marc Loranger WA1KXV
- Diana Christian Bond KN6ZYT
- Geoffrey Richard Ko6AKE

SFARC ONLINE



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/12/2023

Minutes

October 12, 2023

SFARC Board Meeting on ZOOM

Called to order: 1800 PDT

Approve August Board minutes: Accepted by Board members present as submitted.

Present:

President- Jeff Morgan, KM6RGO.

Vice-President- Greydon Hicks Comments on transition to new board

Secretary- Dave McBrayer, N6OJJ - comments re Web site, Media tab:

SFARC Invite Card, Presidents List, and Social Media.doc pages need updating or replacement.

Treasurer- Rob Newburn, KM6YKX - nothing for meeting

Director- Joe, K6SAT

Director- Jon, KI6RT, not present.

Director- Smitty, WB1G, nothing to present.

also present: Clyde, AB4CC; Brian, AI6US; Jim, WA8MPA; Greg, KO6TH; Gary,

Robert Wold, K6ZLY; _Earl K6GPB; Mark W2MWK; Steve, W1VUE; Charlie W6SOM, Jim W6JCZ.

introductions around

Quorum: minimum 1 Director + 4 Officers = **MET**

Officer REPORTS

Greydon KC6SLE - Nothing to report

Rob KM6YKX - nothing to report

Smitty W1BIG - nothing to report

Jon KI6RT - nothing to report

Joe K6SAT – nothing to report

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Repeater (Station Trustee) - Clyde AB4CC - not present

meeting October ____ will be on alternate Monday's. On main Club event calendar.

Greeter/Sunshine – Pam, KN6GTK - not present. did send out card for _____

Newsletter - Bob, K6ZLY - nothing to report

Webmaster / Social media / PIO - Smitty WB1G - been some abuse on Facebook group. abusers banned.

social media sites at 450 members.

PIO: Brian AI6US will present the new business cards at general meeting tomorrow.

Groups.io - Dennis, WU6X - present count: 291 members.

Membership - **chair position open** (by Jeff KM6RGO) - 7 new

applications; Robert Jackson WN6AMS, David Mailcoat KD6PDG, Allen Mason Ko6AGW, Michael McCrum KN6ZCF, Kenneth Moon KK6QMP, Bruce Moyer KN6QIX, Ben Weiss WB5QWAL. Currently active: 271 members.

VE exams - Brian, AI6US - Oct. 2. 6 exams administered / 2 passed for Tech; 3 General. Next VE exams: Nov. 6.

Volunteer Events Coordinator - Chip, KM6MDF - not present

Contests - Dennis, WU6X - California QSO Party, was on Oct. 7/8.

upcoming in October:

- Nevada QSO Party
- Arizona QSO Party
- Pennsylvania QSO Party
- South Dakota QSO Party
- Netherlands QSO Party
- New York QSO Party
- Stew Perry Top Band Challenge (160m)
- Telephone Pioneers QSO Party
- Illinois QSO Party

Drawing - **chair position open.**

Hamfest 2024 - **chair position open.** Orion has a written manual including "Roles & Responsibilities" to hand off to the new chair.

search committee to find Chair meeting on Zoom 10-19.

Refreshments - Mark Koehler, W2MWK - plenty of water on hand.

Nomination Committee - Gary, KB7QWC: Nominees to present their statements at Oct meeting.

December meeting/party. Dec. 9. Gerry

OLD BUSINESS

Elmer/Mentoring: Smitty, WB1G, met with Greydon, KC6SLE;

developed first "Business Card" of several Amateur radio flyers. Sample cards to be reviewed at General Meeting.

Scholarship Committee: Earl, K6GPB; Jim, WA8MPA; Jeff, KM6RGO; Greydon, K6SLE met to layout program.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget: Rob KM6YKX, presented a draft budget plan for 2024. Much discussion. Work to continue.

Greydon KC6SLE, motion to combine general and repeater accounts to provide membership oversight.

second by. Rob, KM6YKX, Votes AYE unanimous, Votes NAY - none. Present final output to Club in Nov.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). results: Brian leading, with Orion at Meadow Vista Park, October 21, 10a-13p. HF and W6EK repeater.

California QSO Party. results: great propagation to WA and on 20m.

Maker Faire. results: none presented.

Hams in the Hills. results: none presented.

Events/Upcoming

Monthly Breakfast - Oct. 28, 0730. "The Original Mel's", 1730 Grass Valley Hwy, at Luther Road.

Fox Hunt - Oct. 28, 0900; Doug W2VX & Jon KI6RT leading

Christmas Party - Dec. 9

Adjourn: 1935 PDT

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/13/2023

Minutes 2023-10-13 General Meeting

President Jeff KM6RGO welcomed individuals to this monthly meeting.

The event was called to order at 1930 by President Jeff, KM6RGO, who opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present:

President- Jeff, KM6RGO.

Vice-President- Greydon, KC6SLE.

Treasurer- Rob, KM6YKX.

Secretary- Dave, N6OJJ.

Director- Smitty, WB1G. (not present)

Director- Joe, K6SAT (not present)

Director- Jon, KI6RT.

Club Business

Quorum met: **YES**. 41 in person + 22 on ZOOM = 63.

271 members/need 54 to meet quorum.

August General meeting minutes have been distributed. Accepted by members present as distributed.

Board meeting updates:

HamClubOnLine may be used for elections: discussion.

Business Card update: Smitty WB1G has designed a club 'business' card. First run of cards at back of meeting room. Everyone encouraged to pick up a few and make comments, please.

New Members acceptance vote: 7 new applications;

Robert Jackson WN6AMS, David Mailcoat KD6PDG, Allen Mason Ko6AGW, Michael McCrum KN6ZCF, Kenneth Moon KK6QMP, Bruce Moyer KN6QIX, Ben Weiss WB5QWAL.

Motion to ACCEPT by Gary KB7QWC. **2nd** by Aaron W1ATB

Nomination Committee- Gary KB7QWC leading.

Officer Nominations for 2024:

President: Aaron Bond W1ATB

Vice-President: Jim Zheng W6JCZ

Treasurer: Brian Fulkerson KN6BKB

Secretary: Dave McBrayer N6OJJ

Director: Mark Koehler W2NWK

Director: Jim Jupin WA8MPA

Director: Greydon Hicks KC6SLE

As they were announced, each person gave a verbal statement to the membership present (in person and on-line).

The Informational parts of the meeting continue below:

Prize Drawing and rules overview.

Program 1: "Show us your Shack" Peter WB6POT

BREAK

Program 2: "Deployment Preparation & Training" Scott Read KM6RFB / NNA9KL (FEMA SHARES)

Committee Chair Reports:

Repeater - Clyde, AB4CC. not present

Greeter - Pam, KN6GTK. sent out a few Get Well cards.

VE Exams - Brian, AI6US exam on Oct. 2 had 2 candidates, 2 exams, 1 new Technician; 1 General upgrade. Next exam session: Nov. 6, 2023.

Exam classes - Orion AI6JB: Technician: Oct. 17.

Volunteer Events - Chip, KM6MDF- nothing on the volunteer events list for now.

Newsletter - Bob, K6ZLY - nothing to report

Satellite - Greg, KO6TH - space station packet radio offline, crossband repeater offline as well. Annular ring solar eclipse tomorrow morning, about 0920.

PIO - Smitty, WB1G - not present. New business cards announced by Jeff KM6RGO. Available for members at the Secretary table.

Website - Smitty, WB1G - not present

Social Media - Smitty, WB1G - not present

Groups.io site - Dennis, WU6X - currently: 291 members

Contests - Dennis, WU6X - upcoming in October:

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Membership - **need new chair** Jeff KM6RGO announced: Currently 271 members.

ARES- Scott, KM6RFB- AEC Placer County

Refreshments - Mark Koehler, W2MWK

Drawing - **need new chair (any volunteer?)**

Scholarship Committee - Earl K6GPB

Equipment Donations / Library - Jim WA8MPA

Calendar of club events:

Oct. 21 - Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) Orion AI6JB & Brian AI6US, Meadow Vista Park, setup at 0800, Scouts present 1000-1300.

Oct. 28 - Club breakfast at Mel's, CA-49 at Luther Road

Oct. 28 - Foxhunt to follow - led by: Doug W2VX & Jon Ki6RT

Nov. 9 - Club Board Meeting (ZOOM), 1800

Nov. 10 - Club General Meeting, 1930.

Dec. 9 - Club Meeting/Christmas Party chair: Gerry WA6E

Nets (on W6EK repeater):

Daily: Coffee Break Net on W6EK repeater, 0730-1000

Monday: All-Node Net, 1800

Wednesday: 1st/3rd, Elmer/Mentoring Net, 1930-2030

2nd / 4th, In the Shack (ZOOM), 1930

Thursday: SFARC Weekly Net, 1930-2030

2nd Friday/month: SFARC monthly meeting, 1930-2100
QST's from members: none

Adjourned at: 2137

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Have you built anything for the hobby lately? Possibly something very small or maybe very large that might interest others. Please consider writing a paragraph or two to share with the rest of us what you have been up to. We are a large club and others would love to hear about it.

73 K6ZLY Bob Wold r.wold@comcast.net

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