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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>

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 –

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

ARRL 10m Contest

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

5:00 PM

Christmas Party

Crossroads Church Gymnasium

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

7:30 PM

Placer County ARES Net

SFARC Repeater 145.430

MONDAY DECEMBER 11

6:00 PM

All-Node Net

W6EK 2M Repeater: 145.430 -600,

PL162.2 and AllStarLink: 51018

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

6:00 PM

SFARC Leadership Tech Summit

Google

Meets: <https://meet.google.com/uei-zfsg-smh>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: *Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)*
Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club | President



President's Message

Christmas Party

Wouldn't you know it, the **Sierra Foothills Feliz Navidad Holiday Party** is upon us! On **Dec 9 from 5:00pm to 9:30 at the Crossroads Church Gymnasium**. We will Trip the Lights Fantastic! Ok, there will not be dancing this year, but it sounded good for a party. We will have a wonderful meal provided by Maria's Tacos, Gerry – WA6E's Trivia extravaganza, (*have you been practicing your trivia*), and prizes! We also hand over the reigns to the incoming Officers, as is our tradition. I do have to say, the Party Elves did a fantastic job, once again, planning for this event. **Jon – KI6RT** did an amazing job with the selection of prizes, **Jim – WA8MPA** with decorating and arranging the space. And of course, the Head Elf, **Gerry - WA6E** herding the rest of them in the right direction for setup and serving, shopping, etc. The list goes on! There are many others who help directly and indirectly. Thank you to all who continue to support these events for club members to enjoy! It is always fun to get together and celebrate, but we must remember to help others celebrate as well. If you are attending, please bring food donations to the party. The support we give to the food closet goes directly to the local Auburn community and is greatly appreciated. They can also take cash or general gifts cards, which can be used to shop for families in need. Bringing a little joy to others, or, at least alleviating worry, is what this season is about. Cheers!

Foxhunt

The weekend of Thanksgiving was a very nice foxhunt at Recreation Park. This was a bring your family and friends event, an entry level introduction into foxhunting. This foxhunt was less of a race and more of a saunter as we lollygagged along, enjoying our walk around the park, pointing our antennas in any direction of a signal. There were challenges, of course. An unplanned, but unique challenge of a malfunctioning fox. The fox would emit a short signal, then not again for a very short, strong signal, followed by a long gap before getting the signal again. Talk about challenge! It turns out, it was caused by a low charge in the battery where the transmitter would cause a voltage drop cutting the signal short and cause a reboot of the fox. After the reboot, the whole cycle would repeat. Now that's a challenge! Albeit an accidental one. Nevertheless, we all had a great time. There were a few prizes handed out the survivors, I mean, participants leaving everyone in good cheer. Thank you to the Foxhunt Team, Brian AI6US, Jon KI6RT, and Doug W2VX for setting this up. It was foxhunt to remember.

Membership

It is that time of year to renew our memberships. For many club members, memberships are due. You will likely get a renewal email from **HamClubOnline**, If you have not received a notice at the time of this newsletter, go to **w6ek.org/membership** and log in to HamClubOnline to view your account status. If you have trouble logging in, or see an issue, please get in touch with me directly at km6rgo@gmail.com, I will be happy to help fix any issue. The normal renewal time is Jan 1 for annual memberships. As a reminder, email addresses using the email forwarding from arrl will not be supported in the future and will be phased out. There have been repeated interruptions and breaks in the forwarding service to be considered reliable. Please be sure to use another email address to get club information and keep login access to your account. Also, please leave a phone number for members to contact you. HCOL has healthcare industry level security to keep your information safe. This information is only available

for club members to contact each other and not for any other purpose. There are also tutorials on how to use HCOL. As always, we are happy to keep your Sierra Foothills ARC experience a great one!

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

73!

Jeff – KM6RGO

LOOKING FORWARD

By: *Greydon Hicks (KC6SLE)*

Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club | Vice President

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Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club. Vice President

November 21, 2023

We are now Looking Forward to December. Amazing. In place of our regular second Friday Club meeting, we'll be having our annual end-of-year holiday celebration. Once again, we'll be having a Feliz Navidad Party orchestrated by Gerry WA6E. Thank you, Gerry! Festivities begin Saturday, December 9 beginning at 5 PM. Please sign up and RSVP if you are planning to attend.

And before we say goodbye to November, there will be a special fifth Wednesday of the month, November 29 at 7:30 PM, technical Zoom presentation hosted by Jon Kim, KI6RT. Our guest presenter will be Ed Fong, N9TAX. Many of you will remember Ed's excellent Zoom presentation earlier this year on the J-Pole antenna. Directions on how to join the Club Zoom room are on this Club site.

My second term as the SFARC Vice-President is coming to a close. It has been both my privilege and honor to serve this Club in this capacity. I want to thank all the presenters over the past two years who have shared their knowledge and experience at our Club meetings. And I want to especially thank Greg, KO6TH, for arranging the "Show Us your Shack" presentations we have all enjoyed.

Congratulations to next year's SFARC VP, Jim Zeng (W6JCZ), and thank you for your confidence in me as a Club Director next year. Much appreciated.

73,

Greydon KC6SLE, SFARC VP



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



We have 6 new members that were voted on during the November general club meeting.

- Eshaan Bara Ko6AVQ
 - Michael Cunningham K0VQR
 - Marc Loranger WA1KXV
 - Kevin Osborne Ko6BMC
 - Don Preisler KM6JQE
 - Geoffrey Richard Ko6AKE
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2023-11-09

Minutes - SFARC Board Meeting on ZOOM

Called to order: 1802 PST

Approve October Board minutes - accepted as submitted.

Present:

President- Jeff Morgan, KM6RGO.

Vice-President- Greydon Hicks, KC6SLE

Secretary- Dave McBrayer, N6OJJ - Re donations from Runs: were they YES. when? Not in Minutes. Joe will present at Jan or Feb.

Treasurer- Rob Newburn, KM6YKX - nothing to present

Director- Joe, K6SAT - nothing to present

Director- Jon, KI6RT. resigned effective 2023-12-31 (job workload).

Director- Smitty, WB1G - nothing to present.

also present: ; Brian, AI6US; Jim, WA8MPA;

Greg, KO6TH; Gary, KB7QWC; Earl K6GPB; Mark W2MWK;

Steve, W1VUE; Charlie W6SOM; Jim W6JCZ; Aaron W1ATB;

Brian, KM6MDM; Mike, K0VQR;

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 - Canyons Endurance Run has \$350 donation to SFARC Repeater Fund.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Repeater (Station Trustee) - Clyde AB4CC - not present

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

Greeter/Sunshine – Pam, KN6GTK - not present.

Newsletter - Bob, K6ZLY - nothing to report

Webmaster / Social media / PIO - Smitty WB1G -

social media sites (FB) at 448 members. xmas party promo posted, fox hunt promo

PIO:

Groups.io - Dennis, WU6X - present count: 290 participants.

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

applications; Currently active: 280 members.

VE exams - Brian, AI6US - Nov. 6. 4 exams administered / 3 passed, 1 for Tech: bradley KO6BYP;

General: upgrade ; . Next VE exams: Dec. 4.

Scholarship Committee - Earl, Jim Jupin, + board member. could use 1 more member.

Volunteer Events Coordinator - Chip, KM6MDF - not present

Contests - Dennis, WU6X -

upcoming Contests in Nov: CQWW DX CW, ARRL Sweepstakes SSB, 160m, 10m

Drawing - **new chair: Ray, KK6AM**

Hamfest 2024 - **chair position open. 3rd Sat. in March., 3-16.** Orion has a written manual including "Roles & Responsibilities" to hand off to the new chair.

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

Refreshments - Mark Koehler, W2MWK - won't be at xmas party. Greydon will handle the water for x-mas.

Nomination/Membership vote Committee - Gary, KB7QWC: (quorum for 11-10: 56)

voting helpers Earl K6GBP, Chip KM6MDF, Pam KN6GTK.

December meeting/party. Dec. 9. - Gerry, WA6E. Greydon motioned to raise budget (not to exceed) to \$4000, from \$3500. passed by acclamation. Final authorization vote to be held at General meeting 2023-11-10.

OLD BUSINESS

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

developed first "Business Card" of several Amateur radio flyers. Sample cards were reviewed at General Meeting, received well by members.

Scholarship Committee: Earl, K6GPB; Jim, WA8MPA; Jeff, KM6RGO; Greydon, KC6SLE met to layout program.

Repeater Committee: RFP sent out for repeater work.

Budget: Jeff KM6RGO led: Jon KI6RT offered Motion to APPROVE Budget, Greydon KC6SLE Seconded, PASSED by Acclamation of members present/on-line.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship Committee - nothing presented.

Budget: Rob KM6YKX, presented a draft budget plan for 2024. Much discussion. Will

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.

Next Board meeting: January 11, 2024.

Events/Upcoming

Monthly Breakfast - Nov. 25, 0730. "The Original Mel's", 1730 Grass Valley Hwy, at Luther Road.

Fox Hunt - Nov. 25, 0900; Doug W2VX & Jon KI6RT leading

Christmas Party - Dec. 9

Adjourned: 1930 PST

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: **2023-11-10**

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.

Many U.S. military Veterans present tonight.

Board members present:

President- Jeff, KM6RGO.

Vice-President- Greydon, KC6SLE (on ZOOM)

Treasurer- Rob, KM6YKX.

Secretary- Dave, N6OJJ.

Director- Smitty, WB1G. (not present)

Director- Joe, K6SAT (not present)

Director- Jon, KI6RT.

Club Business

Quorum met: **YES**. 39 in person + 28 on ZOOM = 67.

280 members / needed 56 'present' to meet quorum.

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

New Members acceptance vote: _ new applications (from August);

Eshaan Brar Ko6AVQ, Michael Cunningham K0VQR, Marc Loranger WA1KXV, Kevin Osborne Ko6BMC, Don Preisler KM6JQE, Geoffrey Richard Ko6AKE.

Motion to ACCEPT by Smitty WB1G. **2nd** by Aaron W1ATB.

Motion **PASSED** by acclamation.

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 (incumbent)

Director: Mark Koehler W2NWK

Director: Jim Jupin WA8MPA

Director: Greydon Hicks KC6SLE

As they were announced, identified selves to the membership present.

The Informational parts of the meeting continue below:

Repeater needs a new antenna pole (wood). Bid requests sent out. Budget overview.

motion by Dan, KN6WQU to add \$500 to Christmas Party budget, raising to \$4000. 2nd by Scott, KM6RFB. 2 on ZOOM voted NO.;

59 (ZOOM & in person) voted YES. Motion carried by acclamation of in- person vote.

Budget for 2004: \$10,483 motion to accept Earl, K6GPB, 2nd by Gary, KB7QWC. Motion carried by Acclamation.

ELECTION using paper ballots.

Officer nominations **elected** by secret ballot.

Program 1: James N6OZH, (powerpoint): "Loma Prietta, October 17, 1989".

BREAK

Committee Chair Reports:

Repeater - Clyde, AB4CC. not present. 220 repeater will be down weekend of Nov. 17 to add Allstar.

Greeter - Pam, KN6GTK.

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

Next exam session: Dec. 4, 2023.

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

Volunteer Events - Chip, KM6MDF- nothing on the volunteer events list until Spring.

Newsletter - Bob, K6ZLY - nothing to report

Satellite - Greg, KO6TH - space station:

PIO - Smitty, WB1G - ___ not present.

Website - Smitty, WB1G - ___ not present

Social Media - Smitty, WB1G - ___ not present

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

Contests - Dennis, WU6X - upcoming in November:

Membership - **need new chair** Jeff KM6RGO announced: Currently 280 members.

Refreshments - Mark Koehler, W2MWK

Drawing - **new chair: Ray, KK6AN**

Scholarship Committee - Earl, K6GPB; Jim, WA8MPA; Greydon, KC6SLE

Equipment Donations / Library - Jim, WA8MPA

Calendar of club events:

Oct. 21 - Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) was held. Orion AI6JB &

Brian AI6US, Meadow Vista Park, setup at 0800, Scouts present 1000-1300.

Nov. 25 - 0730, Club breakfast at Mel's, CA-49 at Luther Road

Nov. 25 - 0930, Foxhunt to follow breakfast at Regional Park (North Auburn) - led by: Doug W2VX & Jon Ki6RT

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

Jan. 11 - next Club Board Meeting (ZOOM), doors open at 1700; dinner at 1800.

Nets (on W6EK repeater):

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

Monday's: All-Node Net, 1800

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

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

Thursday's: SFARC Weekly Net, 1930-2030

2nd Friday/month: SFARC monthly meeting, 1930-2100

QST's from members: none

Adjourned at: 2110

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy Holidays - Merry Christmas

Please send me a message telling something that you have done this year that you found interesting in this fun hobby. Did you create something, make something, repair something, or buy something that you can share the joy with the rest of us. This hobby is a great collection of "somethings" :-)

I was able to get my new "barn find" boat anchor cleaned up and working somewhat.



72/73 -.- -.... --. .-. -.- Bob-K6ZLY r.wold@comcast.net

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