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### WEEKLY CLUB NET

Thursdays, 7:30PM

### W6EK 2m Repeater @ 145.430 MHz

Primary Net Control Operators:

Dave Jenkins (WB6RBE)  
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Smitty (WB1G)

### COFFEE BREAK NET

365 Days A Year 7:30AM – 10AM

### W6EK 2m Repeater @ 145.430 MHz

Primary Net Control Operators:

- Brian Gohl (AI6US)
- Gerry Brentnall (WA6E)
- Theta Brentnall (WA6EWF)
- Tom Newman (NN6H)
- Orion Endres (AI6JB)
- Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)

Standby Net Control Operators:

- Smitty (WB1G)
- Don Hay (WB6LPJ)
- Aaron Bond (W1ATB)

### CLUB MEETINGS

Second Friday of the month,  
Confluence (formerly Crossroads)  
Church @7:30 PM  
1101 Auburn Ravine Rd, Auburn

## CLUB EVENTS

### SFARC Christmas Party

December 7, 2024 @ 5:00 PM  
Confluence Church

1101 Auburn Ravine Rd, Auburn, CA 95603

### Breakfast Social

December 28, 2024 @ 7:30 AM  
The Original Mels Diner

1730 Grass Valley Hwy #2885, Auburn, CA 95603

### Radio Direction Finding

December 28, 2024 @ 9 AM  
Location TBD

Visit our [website](#) for more information

## REPEATERS

### 145.430 MHz (-0.6 MHz / CTCSS 162.2)

- AllStarLink: 51018
- EchoLink: 4128
- Wires-X: W6EK-2M-ROOM (62545)

### 223.860 MHz (-1.6 MHz / CTCSS 110.9)

- AllStarLink: 56039

### 440.575 MHz (+5.0 MHz / CTCSS 162.2)

- AMS – Fusion C4FM & Analog FM
- Wires-X: NorCal Repeater GRP (43847)
- YSF: US-NorCalRptGrp (06040)

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**SFARC President | Aaron Bond (W1ATB)**

Greetings all,

Well another year nearly finished and I thought it would be a good time to reflect on the club's activities for the year.

We had a busy year! We had a great Hamfest in March out in Loomis. Several hundred ham's attended from all over the area and we gave out some great prizes! Many good deals were had, as well as many donuts and cups of coffee consumed. I can't wait until the next one, which is almost here!

We had an awesome field day this year out at the Georgetown airport and campground. The event was well attended, and SFARC came in either 2nd or 3rd for North America. Either way, well done and wow!

Some of the other events the club held are Hot RF Nights (with plenty of "hot"), Donuts in the Park, October Picnic in the Park, several POTA events including a club event where we used the W6EK callsign, and of course, the much loved annual Christmas Dinner Extravaganza!

2025 is almost upon us, and we are of course going full steam ahead on our event planning. Upcoming events include HamTrak II "Back on Track" in March, as well as our next annual Hamfest (also in March), the 2025 Field Day, a club campout, Hot RF Nights, POTA events, picnics, and other good stuff.

Work will continue on getting the repeater beefed up and working at 100%, and of course we will be working with the community groups supporting such events as the Tevis Cup. There will be plenty of opportunities to upgrade your licenses, get new hams licensed, and to elmer (and be elmered!).

I want to thank all of the officers in the club, as well as all of the volunteers that have participated in any event throughout the year. Thank you all for making our club the greatest in the Northern California area. I constantly hear from Hams' how impressed they are on how active our club is, how many nets we have, classes we put on, and the quality of those classes.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and I will see you all in the new year!

Aaron W1ATB  
President SFARC

# **LOOKING FORWARD**

**SFARC Vice President** | Jim Zheng (W6JCZ)

Can you believe 2024 is nearing its end? We've had a year full of fun and we'll be wrapping it up with the club Christmas party on Saturday, December 7. I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you at the Confluence Church gym for a night of festivities, a perfect way to celebrate all we've accomplished this year.

Don't forget, we'll be meeting at Mel's in Auburn at 7:30 AM on the 28th for breakfast, followed by a fox hunt at 9:00 AM. Hopefully you've kept your appetite after all the parties and gatherings and can join us for great food and social time.

It's been an honor serving as the club vice president, and I look forward to an awesome 2025.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season,

Jim Zheng

W6JCZ



## **PICTURES FROM NOVEMBER'S POTA ACTIVATION**

On November 9 members of SFARC set up and operated portable stations at the Beals Point Recreation Area overlooking Folsom Lake. We had a great turnout, including people going about their day at the park wondering what all the antennas were about. We even had some ham operators from the area come by and observe our activities, including one from less than a mile away who stopped by after our signals were heard on all bands from his QTH!



Smitty (WB1G) and Jon (KI6RT) pausing for a selfie.



Jim (W6JCZ) setting up the FT8 POTA station on 15M.



Gary (KQ6RT) working 20M SSB.



Simon (K6DXN) showing new tech Jeremiah (KO6GQP) the in's and out's of POTA.

# **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

SFARC Membership Coordinator | Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)

**Congratulations to the newest members of SFARC voted in at last month's general club meeting.**



Stuart Turner (N6DVM)  
Craig Clark (AK6EO)  
Stuart Clark (WA6BTK)  
Peter Whitworth (KO6EOE)  
Edward Gibson (KO6FXR)  
Dan Jerger (KO6FOH)  
Patrick Leiser (AK6JP)

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