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WEEKLY CLUB NET

Thursdays, 7:30PM

W6EK 2m Repeater @ 145.430 MHz

Primary Net Control Operators:

Dave Jenkins (WB6RBE)

Orion Endres (AI6JB)

Chip Bautista (KM6MDF)

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 (KW6U)

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, CA

CLUB EVENTS

SFARC Board Meeting

November 13 @ 6 PM

[Online via Zoom](#)

SFARC Club Meeting

November 14 @ 7:30 PM

Confluence Church or [Online via Zoom](#)

1101 Auburn Ravine Rd, Auburn, CA

POTA Activation and Picnic

November 16 @ 10:00 AM

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

45211 County Road 32B, Davis, CA

Breakfast Social

November 29 @ 7:30 AM

The Original Mels Diner

1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn, CA

Radio Direction Finding

November 29 @ 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)

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)



Well, here we are in November—another year nearly in the books. I hope you've all been able to squeeze in some radio time lately. As for me, I'm currently crammed into an Airbus en route to Texas, packed in like a sardine. Naturally, I brought along my FTX-1, just in case I can sneak in a little operating time. Better to be prepared than not! I've got a few trees at my destination that should do nicely for hanging an antenna.

There's still plenty to do before the year wraps up, but I'm happy to report that we have a full slate of nominees for 2026. I truly believe the club will remain in good hands as we head into the new year. You should have received an email a couple of weeks ago listing all the nominees—we'll be voting on them later this month.

Also, don't forget: the RSVP is now open on the website for our annual Christmas party! I hope you can make it. It's shaping up to be a great evening with food, trivia, and tacos. The crew is already hard at work making sure everything's ready for your enjoyment.

As we approach the end of my second term, I just want to say—it's been a blast. I'm honored to have served as your president. But don't worry, you haven't seen the last of me yet. I'll still be around, pestering you all just the same.

73,

Aaron – W1ATB

President, Sierra Foothills ARC

LOOKING FORWARD

SFARC Vice President | Jim Zheng (W6JCZ)

As the year comes to an end I'm looking forward to the festivities of the holiday season. The club Christmas party is just a month away, and I'm excited to help out with setting things up this year.

Later this month we'll have a club POTA outing on the 16th. Bring your portable radio equipment, a filling lunch, and enjoy the great outdoors with SFARC members. It's always interesting to check out what others have put together to operate away from home and I'm hoping to find out a little about what you've got!

Our monthly club breakfast is on the 29th, right after Thanksgiving Day. Whether you had a little or a lot the night before, come join us and talk about how you spent the evening while enjoying great food and stick around for radio direction finding afterward!

73 and stay warm,
Jim W6JCZ



THE MAHA MOVEMENT

SFARC Member | Gerry Brentnall (WA6E)

Attention all hams, thinkers, and lovers of illogical logic: our club is proud to join the nationwide movement to **Make America Healthy Again** — not through exercise or diet (let's be reasonable), but through **mental gymnastics** of the highest order! Your participation will strengthen the nation — or at least provide free entertainment for your fellow operators.

That's why we invite you to the most entertaining brain exercise of the season:

The Annual Christmas Party Trivia Extravaganza!

Now, don't worry — there will be no push-ups, no kale, and absolutely no membership dues to a gym you'll never visit. Here at SFARC, we know true health begins not in the body, but in the mind — particularly the part that says, "I have absolutely no idea what's going on, but I'm having a great time." At this year's Christmas Party Trivia Extravaganza, we'll test your hearing, your eyesight, and your grip on reality. Expect audio mysteries, visual riddles, and deeply important philosophical questions.

It's all part of our mission to keep minds limber, laughter flowing, and good sense safely out of reach. So dust off your thinking cap, limber up those neurons, and prepare to be delightfully confused. This year's scientifically unproven MAHA-uncertified trivia questions include:

The Hearing Test:

Can you identify the mystery voices in our audio challenge? Could be a famous person, a radio legend, or possibly that one guy from Field Day who never stops talking about antennas. Tune your ears, sharpen your instincts, and remember: in ham radio, everything sounds like static until you tune it right.

The Vision Test:

We'll stretch your optical reasoning with drawings that form common phrases. Like "I/stand" (I understand), or "bee + leaf" (belief) and yes, some of them will make you groan audibly. It's the only time staring at doodles counts as cognitive exercise. A picture may be worth a thousand words, but tonight it's only worth one or two — if you can find it.

The Deeply Philosophical Portion:

How many holes does a straw have? One? Two? None? Infinite? The correct answer may reveal more about your worldview than your operator's license ever did. Prepare to argue your case with the passion of Socrates on the repeater.

And prepare to tackle life's other truly profound mysteries, such as:

- Is pineapple on a pizza genius or a crime?
- Can you cry underwater?
- If Cinderella's shoe fit perfectly, why did it fall off?
- And the age-old enigma: does a hotdog count as a sandwich?

And remember — under the MAHA philosophy, there are **no wrong answers**, only **creative misunderstandings**. It's all part of the mental wellness program designed to make your brain stretch, your sides ache from laughter, your holiday spirit rise like a freshly tuned signal and provide fodder for future QSO's.

So join us for an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and the kind of confusion that's actually good for your mental health. Bring your wit, your wisdom, and your willingness to be utterly baffled. There will be prizes, bragging rights, and more head-scratching than a bad day with a soldering iron.

Date: December 13, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Confluence Church, 1101 Auburn Ravine Rd, Auburn, CA 95603.

Together, we'll Make Amateurs Healthy Again (MAHA) — one laugh, one riddle, and one bewildered expression at a time.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

SFARC Membership Coordinator | Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)

Congratulations to the newest members of SFARC who were voted in at October's general club meeting!



Carson B Haines Jr WB6GON

Mark Marshall K06ITR

Richard Clark K06JUF

Jamie Aitken K06KWT

We have 4 new members to vote on at the next club meeting on October 10.

Jeff Hankins K06KVZ

Gary Wray W6GLW

Jack Gibbs KK7WQB

Robert Schuman WB6MUZ

Kerry Schuman KI6PAL

Joseph Cawood KF7LPU

Jeremy Graff K06KUL



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GROUPS.IO <https://w6ek.groups.io>



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SFARC Secretary | David McBrayer (N6OJJ)

10/09/2025 @ 1800 PDT

OPEN the MEETING 1801 PDT

Call to Order Aaron - W1ATB

Approve previous month's Board Minutes

as submitted/amended: W1ATB – No requests for discussion—
Approved as submitted.

OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Pres. Jim – W6JCZ Two 'In the Shack' presentations tomorrow

Secretary Dave – N6OJJ Nothing to report

Treasurer Ron – KA6UAI With Smitty's assistance, Discontinuing use of VENMO to handle cash transactions. Changing to 'Privacy.com' which allows the Treasurer to create 'Virtual Credit Cards' to process cash transactions.

Income: membership: \$62; classes: \$90; campout: \$307, trailer: \$289.96.

Expense: campout: \$240.89.

Director Greydon – KC6SLE Nothing to report

Director Jim – WA8MPA Church pantry needs: cash, dry goods-paper items, etc.

Director Mark – W2MWK Nothing to report

other members present: Clyde-AB4CC, Brian-AI6US, Smitty-WB1G, KO6TH-Greg,

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Repeater (Station Trustee) Clyde – AB4CC Repeater license renewal up-in-the-air at the currently closed FCC.

License 'expires' 11 October 2025.

Repeater Committee Brian – AI6US Nothing to report

Newsletter Jim – W6JCZ Requesting members submit more articles for the Club's '**Sierra Signals**' newsletter.

Webmaster Smitty – WB1G Not present.

Social Media Officer Smitty – WB1G	Now have 1200 Facebook group members.
Information Officer Smitty – WB1G	Set up a Dropbox account for Campout participants to add their pictures for club use.
Groups.io Aaron W1ATB/Smitty WB1G/Dennis WU6X	
	Nothing to report
Membership: Jeff – KW6U	335 currently +4 to vote in. Quorum will be 67. Will keep HamClubOn-Line electronic vote option going forward.
VE Exam Brian – AI6US	VE account balance: \$318.20. Exam session: Oct. 6. Four upgrades to General.
Volunteer Events Coord Chip – KM6MDF	Not present
Contest Chair Orion – AI6JB	‘State’ QSO Parties in October/November. Remind members the club score is an aggregate of the submitted individual scores. Be sure to include SFARC as the sponsoring club.
Scholarship Earl – K6GPB	Not present The Board requests a report of the exact amount in the Fund.
Drawing Chair Ray – KK6AM	Not present
Refreshments Mark – W2MWK	Nothing to add.
Secretary- Dave N6OJJ joined the meeting at 1820.	
Nomination Committee Brian – AI6US	Committee members: Brian-AI6US, Chip-KM6MDF, Pam-KN6GTK, Ray-KK6AM. Have experienced many rejections. Office of President: Mark W2MWK Office of Vice President: Jim WA8MPA and Greg KO6TH will share candidacy;

Secretary: open;

Treasurer: Ron – KA6UAI and Laurie will share the position.

Christmas Party Don-WB6LPJ

Not present

Budget & Dues Aaron – W1ATB

BOD agreed to meet over Zoom on Monday 15th at 6:30PM to kick off the budget planning process.

Mark - Although he was a proponent of increasing Dues back in the April/June time frame events of the last few months (Donations and income from the Club Store) would make it hard to propose an increase at this time. There seems to be agreement that this discussion would be better next year unless the 2026 budget indicates otherwise. There seems to be agreement that this discussion would be better to have next year unless the 2026 budget indicates otherwise.

Campout –

no update

Picnic Chair Aaron – W1ATB

Date – October 5 Location: TBD more info after the Campout

Dues Investigatory Committee

see above

OLD BUSINESS

General Meeting Jim – WA8MPA

Paper items and cash are most needed.

PCARES Scott – KM6RFB

Nothing to present

Scholarship Fund

Laurie has a real concern the historical treasury logs in previous years have not been as complete as they should be re donations to the club. Ron and her are putting better accounting practices in place going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Trailer Update Aaron W1ATB

Appointment with DMV next week.

EVENTS UPCOMING

Club Mtg	Oct. 10, 1930 Confluence Church gym
Campout 2025	Oct 18-21 @ Stampede Reservoir
Sat. Breakfast	Oct. 25, 0730 Mel's Original Diner, Grass Valley Highway at Luther Road, Auburn, CA

ADJORN

1928 PDT

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SFARC Secretary | David McBrayer (N6OJJ)

10/10/2025 @ 1930 PDT

OPEN the MEETING 1940 PDT

Call to Order	Aaron – W1ATB
Pledge of Allegiance	

OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vice Pres. Jim – W6JCZ	Not present
Secretary Dave – N6OJJ	Nothing to report at this time.
Treasurer Ron – KA6UAI	Nothing to report
Director Greydon – KC6SLE	Not present
Director Jim – WA8MPA	Library may be seen in Lobby.
Director Mark – W2MWK	Nothing to report

Welcome Guests/New Members/New Licensees

Guests: Bob Shuman WB6MUZ, Kerry Shuman KI6PAL

New member: Chris Bushman WB6EEQ

Prospective Members: Jerry Kwong KO6KQE, Adam Thomas KO6KJJ.

Quorum: Current membership = 335

Need 67 members “present” (20%)

NOT MET (25 in the room,

18 on ZOOM = 43)

All Member “VOTES” at this meeting will be taken as e-votes sent to all current members as of the day before this meeting by “HamClubOnline” within 5 days after this meeting closes as it is more likely to result in more than 20% member participation threshold being met. The e-vote tally and results will be placed at the end of these Minutes before posting to the Monthly Newsletter on W6EK.org.

CLUB BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2025 meeting

No negative comments.

VOTE: Moved to e-vote.

New member introductions;

Jeff KW6U (New callsign)

Motion by Brian AI6US / Second by Mark W2MWK to Hold an E-vote to:

Accept the membership applications of:

Carson B Haines, Jr WB6GON,

Mark Marshall KO6ITR,

Richard Clark KO6JUF,

Jaime Aitken KO6KWT.

Greg Larkin KN6WGV, new radio communications coordinator for Western States Endurance Run (WSER), in appreciation of SFARC’s support for the 2025 Run, presented a \$500 check from WSER to SFARC Repeater Fund.

Budget-2026 Budget ZOOM workshop will be held the week of October 26. Date/Time to be announced.

Introduction of 2026 Nominating Committee:

Brian AI6US, Pam KN6GTK, Chip KM6MDF, Ray KK6AM.

2026 Officer nominee's:

President: Mark W2WMK

Vice-President: Jim WA8MPA with Greg KO6TH (together)

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Ron KA6UAI with Laurie (together)

Director: Frank KG9M

Director: Steven KO6EBQ

Director (2nd term): Greydon KC6SLE

The e-vote will be conducted via HamclubOnline to all current members of the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club as of September 11, 2025. Results of September e-vote are at the end of this Minutes document.

Presenter introductions

Program 1 Member shack – Aaron K6ABJ

Break

Program 2 Member shack – Leandro KN6ZRX

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Repeater (Station Trustee) Clyde – AB4CC	Not present
Repeater Committee Brian – AI6US	Everything is good
Newsletter Jim – W6JCZ	Not present
Webmaster Smitty – WB1G	Not present
Social Media Officer – WB1G	
Public Information Officer – WB1G	
Groups.io Aaron W1ATB/Smitty WB1G/ Dennis WU6X	W1ATB – Nothing to report
Membership Jeff – KW6U	Currently: 335 members (4 new this month) E-vote for accepting 4 new members will be sent to all current members by HamClubOnline this weekend.
VE Exams Brian – AI6US	September 1 session: 4 exams; upgrades to General, Next Exam session: November 3.
Volunteer Events Coord Chip – KM6MDF	Nothing to report
Contest Chair Orion – AI6JB	More State QSO Parties this month.
Scholarship Earl – K6GPB	Not present
Drawing Chair Ray – KK6AM	Time to retire; Pam KN6GTK will take over in December
Refreshments Mark – W2MWK	Nothing to report

Nomination Committee

Brian AI6US, Ray KKS6AM, Pam KN6GTK, Chip KM6MDF

President: Mark W2MWK Vice-President: Jim WA8MPA + Greg KO6TH (jointly)

Treasurer: Ron KA6UAI + Laurie (jointly) Secretary: Bob N6EMS

Director: Frank KG9M

Director: Steven KO6EBQ

Director: Greydon KC6SLE (2nd term)

Christmas Party Don – WB6LPJ

Not present

PC-ARES – Scott KM6RFB

Shakeout” on Oct. 16. ARES has been quiet.

Satellite Report – Greg KO6TH

ISS image downlink: 145.800MHz.

EVENTS UPCOMING

Sat. Breakfast Oct. 25, at 0730 at Original Mel's Diner, Grass Valley Highway at Luther Road.

Fox Hunt Oct. 25, at 0930.

Club Board meeting Nov. 13, 1800 on ZOOM.

Club Mtg Nov. 14, 1930 Confluence Church – Gymnasium

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Net – Every Thursday @ 1930 (145.430, PL=162.2)

Elmer Net – Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday @ 1800 (145.430, PL=162.2)

All Node Net – Every Monday @ 1800 (145.430, PL=162.2)

In the Shack – Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday @ 1930 on ZOOM

Coffee Break Net – Every morning @ 0730 (145.430, PL=162.2)

Any QST's from members? – WA8MPA: \$300 was donated tonight to the Confluence Church's 'Food Closet'.

ADJORN

2118 PDT

HamClubOnline - Election Results (SFARC)

Sierra Foothills ARC

New Member Vote - October 2025 RESULTS:

(Voting from 2025-10-15 06:50 PDT thru 2025-10-25 10:00 PDT)

#1: New Member Vote

This is a vote to approve the following applicants into the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club:

Carson B Haines Jr WB6GON

Mark Marshall KO6ITR

Richard Clark KO6JUF

Jamie Aitken KO6KWT

1. YES - Accept these new applicants in to the club (104 votes, 99.0%)
2. No - Do NOT accept these applicants into the club (0 votes, 0.0%)
3. Abstain (1 vote, 1.0%)

Election Statistics:

105 ballots cast, 336 ballots sent = 31% voted

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