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WEEKLY CLUB NET

Thursdays @ 7:30PM

W6EK 2-Meter Repeater

Net Control Operators:

- Smitty (WB1G)
- Orion Endres (AI6JB)
- Chip Bautista (KM6MDF)
- Dave Jenkins (WB6RBE)

COFFEE BREAK NET

Everyday @ 7:30AM – 10AM

W6EK 2-Meter Repeater

Net Control Operators:

- Gerry Brentnall (WA6E)
- Theta Brenthall (WA6EWF)
- Smitty (WB1G)
- Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)
- Tom Newman (NN6H)
- Orion Endres (AI6JB)
- Don Hay (WB6LPJ)
- Brian Gohl (AI6US)

CLUB MEETINGS

Second Friday of the month @ 7:30 PM

Crossroads Church South Campus

Gymnasium (Use Dairy Road Parking Lot)

1101 Auburn Ravine Rd, Auburn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SFARC Boarding Meeting

January 11th, 2024 @ 6PM

Location: Club Zoom Room

SFARC General Meeting

January 12th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Location: In Person or in the club Zoom room

Monthly Breakfast

January 27th, 2024 @ 7:30 AM

Location: Mel's Diner in Auburn

In The Shack

January 24th, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Location: Club Zoom Room

Monthly Fox Hunt

January 27th, 2024 @ 9 AM

Location: Pre-meeting at Mel's Diner in Auburn.

Fox Tender: Jon (KI6RT)

Monthly Breakfast

January 27th, 2024 @ 7:30 AM

Location: Mel's Diner in 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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)

Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club President (2022-2023)



Christmas Party

What a fantastic Feliz Navidad Fiesta this year! It was nearly a month ago, but, I can still remember the taste of Marias Tacos and smarting from missed trivia answers. It was a successful evening with 117 attendees! It was sure nice to see so many members and spouses enjoying themselves. A great big thank you to Gerry – WA6E, for once again, shepherding the team. And it was a big team! Jim – WA8MA, arranging the location and decorations, Smitty – WB1G as DJ, Rob – KM6YKX for food pick up, Gerry – WA6E Trivia, Greydon and Lisa, Brian and Lynn, Don and Michelle, Jon, Pam, and others who served the food and drink. (I hear it was the best place to visit with people since they all had to come through the food and refreshments line). Since everyone was helping clean up, I think it was the fastest clean-up of any Christmas party! Again, a big thank you to Gerry for taking the lead on this successful event.

FoxHunt

After the Sat breakfast, the Fox was remotely turned on and the hunt started! This Foxhunt was especially great as it introduced several new hams to foxhunting. For a moment, we were short on Elmer's! Well, the fox was cleverly placed at the Placer County Courthouse near the front steps. You can imagine the reflections from that building. After the fox hunters found their way to the courthouse, the hunters were treated to the Placer County Courthouse Museum. Gold history, Native American history, and a Telegraph morse code interactive display. How fun! Foxhunts are held monthly immediately after the Saturday Breakfast at Mel's on Hwy 49 on the last Sat of every month. Foxhunt's are open to the public as you do not need a ham license to use a radio for foxhunting. It's a great way to introduce ham radio to family and friends.

Happy New Year!

There is something special about this time of year. It's always nice to visit with family and friends, renewing our bonds and sharing memories. The excitement grows with each activity until we settle down from the flurry. In the afterglow, we finally get the chance to reflect on the past year. Looking back is a good exercise, honoring our accomplishments and reviewing things we have learned. Very soon, we begin to turn our attention to the coming year. What will this next year bring us?

For me, it will be a chance to properly move into the shack and enjoy the hobby I started six years ago. I will spend a bit more time with my XYL, and grand kids, and go back to being "just a member", continuing to enjoy the many hams I have come to admire.

There are many people I would like to thank for their support over the last two years as President of the club. Somehow, the general meetings happened supported with sound and Zoom, the nets continued, the bookkeeping was done, the club records were kept, Hamfest happened, Field Day was wonderful, Hot RF Nights was founded, and Feliz Navidad was celebrated. I will not bore you with the full list people, as everyone was helpful whenever they could. The spirit of service in Sierra Foothills ARC is alive, well, and thriving. It has been a privilege to serve, and I am grateful to have played a small part in the long history of this club.

Happy New Year and 73!
Jeff (KM6RGO)



LOOKING FORWARD

By: **Jim Zheng (W6JCZ)**

Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club Vice President

January 8, 2024

As we transition into the new year and welcome our newly elected officers, SFARC would like to wish you and yours Happy Holidays and Best Wishes.

Our next club meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on January 12 at the Auburn Crossroads Church South Campus Gym. Topics for the night include Earl's (K6GPB) presentation on crystals, and Scott's (KM6RFB) presentation on emergency preparedness training. A live stream will be provided via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

I am honored to serve as the Club's Vice President for this new year, and look forward to arranging our monthly meetings, getting to know more members, and making a difference in the community.

73,
Jim (W6JCZ)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

We have 9 new members to vote on
at the next club meeting on January 12, 2024

- Ramon Nuguit (KO6KW)
- David Lichtenhan (K6DCL)
- Christina Spring (AK6DU)
- Christopher Cotter (KO6CGP)
- Michael Mithcell (KN6WYK)
- Earl Gray (KD7SJT)
- Richard Manies (N6DT)
- Corey Wilson (KG6PUN)
- Bradley Rice (KO6BYP)



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THE LOOMIS HAMFEST IS BACK FOR 2024!

Get your gear, grab your wallet, and get ready for a super swap at the Historic Loomis Train Station on March 16th. Admission is free with doors opening at 7 AM for buyers. If you want to sell some gear, \$10 gets you a spot, first come first serve with setup at 6 AM.

We'll have coffee and donuts, Elmer tours, a test table for buyers, some cool prizes, and much more.

Want more information? Check out all the details at hamfest.w6ek.org.

Please help us spread the word!!

THE FIRST HAM SWAP OF THE YEAR IS COMING!



BTH ANNUAL **LOOMIS** **HAMFEST**



Join the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club for HAMFEST 2024!

Get your gear, grab your wallet, and get ready for a super swap.
We'll have coffee and donuts, awesome prizes,
Elmer tours, a test table, presentations, and so much more.

SAVE THE DATE: March 16th, 2024

More information can be found @ hamfest.w6ek.org

Sellers need to bring their own tables, chairs, pop-ups, generators (no shore power available)
No equipment will be provided.

SELLERS \$10
Setup at 0600

**FREE ADMISSION
AND PARKING**

TALK IN FREQUENCY
146.535

When

Saturday, March 16, 2024
0700 to 1100 Hours

PRIZES COMING SOON

Where

Historic Loomis Train Depot
5775 Horseshoe Bar Rd, Loomis

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy New Year!

Here is something that I ran across just the other day.

The Ham

By: James C. Wheeler (W5IO) | jc@ec47.com

There is this bunch of guys I know,
Who like to talk on the radio.

Around the clock both night and day,
They never run out of something to say.

They talk to each other about this and that,
About problems of the world and how to combat.

New Friendships are born both far and near,
While enjoying this hobby they hold so dear.

They provide the world and our nation,
With a constant flow of information.

From humor to technical the subject may run,
It's all in good taste it's all in fun.

While old timers tell of how to home brew,
Some sit and talk while sipping a few.

Newcomers join in rather timid at first,
Only to learn they could have done worse.

A wonderful hobby this ham radio game,
Compared to some it may seem rather tame.

Then comes along a need or disaster,
And no others can act any faster.

They load up their gear without hesitation,
And head for the field with emergency stations.

They ask for no pay they cannot accept,
All this is for caring no fees are set.

This is the time when there is no phone,
But because of their hobby you can call home.

Your family assured that you are okay,
Re-enforces the spirit they work this way.

And when it's all over they return to their shack,
Resume their chatter and never look back.

Please consider sending me a short note with ideas for content to be included in our Newsletter.

73,
Bob (K6ZLY)
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