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145.430 (-0.6 MHz/PL 162.2)  
Wires-X, Allstar, Echolink  
440.575 (+5.0 MHz/FUSION)  
223.860 (-1.6 MHz/PL 110.9) Allstar

#### 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

#### CLUB BREAKFAST

Last Sat of the month at Mel's Diner  
1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn 7:30AM

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## Calendar of Events

### Field Day – 2022

June 25th 11:00PDT to  
June 26th @ 14:00PDT

### Ham in the Hills

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am departure time  
from Recreation Park

### General Club Meeting

June 10th @ 7:30pm

### Club Breakfast

June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am  
@ Mel's Diner

### Clearnode Net

Mondays @ 7pm, W6EK 2M  
repeater

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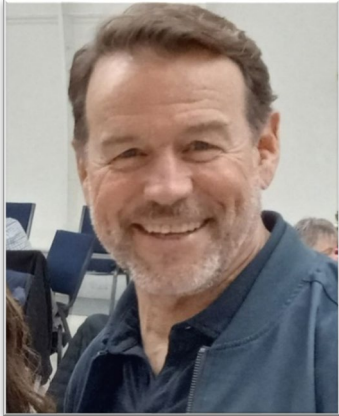
*Join us every morning @ 7:30am  
for the Coffee Break Net on the  
W6EK repeater 145.43, PL 162.2*

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## President's Message

*By Jeff Morgan – KM6RGO  
President*

### Hello all!

I can't believe it's been a month since our last newsletter. We had quite a few activities and fun in May, but now it's time to look forward to the big events in Jun. We have two major events, along with a smattering on smaller ones. Our club is busy! A little recap of the past couple of weeks, in no particular order, and what is coming up.

### Western States Training Run

A little recap of the **Western States Training Run**. The repeater was in use Memorial Day weekend for a training run in preparation for the **Western States 100**. As always, **Joe, K6SAT** and the communications team pulled off another successful event in support and preparation for the main event of the **Western States 100** coming up. There are always lessons to be learned, however, it sure is hard to tell, as a casual listener, the hard work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes to look so good. They are on track to support the runners and support teams for the race **Jun 25 and 26**. Please keep in mind, the repeater will not be available for normal use that weekend, except for true emergency traffic.

### Club Meeting June

On **Fri, June 10** is our next monthly meeting at the **Crossroads Church Gymnasium** in Auburn. For those who cannot come in person, we will also be present on Zoom. The Zoom link is on the [w6ek.org](http://w6ek.org) website under the meetings tab. Join us! Check out **W6EK.org** under our meetings tab for directions and the link to join on Zoom. The **Board Meeting** will be at **6:00pm** with the **General Meeting** at **7:30**.

### Georgetown Flyin

The **Georgetown Flyin on May 28** was quite the event! It was my first time at this event and well worth it. A group of our members, headed up by **Brian AI6US**, and hosted by **Scott KK7AIR** in his hanger, (Quite the backdrop with three beautiful airplanes in the background) set up a great display of ham equipment for folks to browse and learn about the hobby. They also set up HF and VHF radios to get people on the air (pun intended) during the event. It was great talking to new people interested in the hobby, and renewing interest in folks who have been away for a while. The crew represented the club well, and had a great time while doing so.

### Field Day

Did you know that **Field Day** is coming up? The biggest event on the hamshack calendar is this month! Planning is going well, thanks to the dynamic duo on the case. **Gerry - WA6E (Batman) and Herb – KM6JBI (Robin)** have things well in hand. Of course, help is always appreciated. The biggest help of all would be to let us know if you will be there. There is a survey on **W6EK.org** that will help us keep track. It is helpful to know how many folks plan to visit or stay for dinner. There will be a world class BBQ, **Sierra Foothills ARC** style, and a head count helps us keep the cost appropriate. Hope to see you there! One last thing. Unfortunately, there has again been saddening news lately. The kind of news where everyone feels terrible and there are no good answers. While grieving, naturally, people look for solutions to sometimes unanswerable questions. We are a community of 'get things done' mindset, with each of us racking our brains on what to do about it. I am reminded of a famous quote I considered, listening to the repeater. I will paraphrase, "Accept the things I cannot change, The courage

to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference". I was once again, impressed and encouraged, by the thoughtfulness and politeness of the discussions by members of our club. By and large, we are thoughtful community, and that brings me hope. Have a wonderful month and I hope to see you soon!

**73!**

Jeff Morgan - KM6RGO  
SFARC President



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

### **Video Conference Zoom Meeting**

### **May 13, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff KM6RGO at 6:05 PM. In attendance in addition to Jeff were Vice-President Greydon KC6SLE, Treasurer Rob KM6YKX and Directors Gerry/WA6E, Secretary KG6UCS Orson, members Brian AI6US and Greg KO6TH.

The April minutes were accepted as submitted.

Asking for volunteers for Drawing Chairman, Public info Officer ( WB1G to fill position for now) and Picnic Chairman.

Georgetown Fly in May 25

Western States Run June 25

Hot RF Night July 8 short outdoor meeting

club camp out discussed for September of October

220 repeater should be operational by 5/14/22

No new news on the website work. Accessibility reader needs attention

Looking for a new location for VE testing

Christmas Party is going to be at the Cross Roads Church. Mexican food theme and \$14 per person.

Online security was brought up for members emails and basic info. This needs looked into. Also a tech learning summit was suggested for learning all the new programs the club is using.

Need volunteers for Field Day to be worker bee's. Field Day shirt design accepted Motioned by Greydon and seconded by Rob. VE testers are ready for Field Day and are looking for a place to test in Auburn area on a monthly basis.

Member outreach was discussed. Should be a standard email sent out by club email so recognized by members.

Greydon submitted an idea for meeting prizes. Showed us a multi-function meter idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.




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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### Video Conference Zoom Meeting

#### May 13, 2022

President Jeff KM6RGO welcomed individuals to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Jeff KM6RGO who opened the meeting by leading The Pledge of Allegiance. All Board Members were present. Except N6ADL and WB1G Last month's meeting minutes were accepted as submitted.

Georgetown Fly-in May 28, Field Day June 24-26, Western States June 25-26. Hot RF Night July 8

The new members are :

Paul Pellitier KN6JNN

David Kassis K6CIM

Burl Kelton K6BEK

James Leighton KK6USM

Russel Harper KJ6NVT

Scott Read KM6RFB

Chip KM6MDF motioned and Ray KM6LMR seconded. Motion passed Welcome new members

Tech-Ten

All things digital on the W6EK repeater by NN6H. He gave us an accelerated run down of what our repeater can do on digital.

Tech Twenty

Health and Safety for outdoor activities by KN6MJB. He gave us a comprehensive talk on what you may want to bring with you when you leave home for any reason.

General Announcements by President Jeff KM6RG

The club is looking for a new in person testing venue, a Public info officer (WB1G will fill for now), a Picnic Chairman and a Drawings Chairman.

Prizes tonight were a Compass won by Paul KN6JNN, Med kit won by Bill KM6LNR and another by Mike K6YMM.

Contact Orion AI6JB for info on upcoming license classes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM. Submitted by Orson KG6UCS

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## Club Presentation

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Once again, thank you to everyone who attended this month's SFARC meeting on May 13th, Friday the 13th! Good to know we have lots of risk takers in the club. Between those attending in person and those joining by Zoom we had about 70+ club members in attendance. Those joining in got to enjoy a great Tech-Fifteen talk by Tom, NN6H, on the digital capabilities of the W6EK repeaters, how to utilize those capabilities, and the proper protocols for use. Thank you, Tom! And then at our main presentation Thomas, KN6MJB, gave us great insights on how to include safety and safety preparedness into all the great outdoor activities that we are all going to be enjoying this Spring, Summer, and Fall. Thank you, Thomas, for helping keep all of us safe and healthy.

What is next? Well in June we'll have an informational presentation on the club's planning and participation in Field Day 2022. Gerry, WA6E, and Herb, KM6JBI, will lead a panel discussion on preparations for this year's Field Day among the various individual team leads. And then we'll have a "Show us your shack" hosted by Greg, KO6TH. Who will be the mystery shack for June? I always enjoy seeing other's radio shacks and all the creativity that goes into them. A great way to get ideas for your own shack.

A reminder that SFARC general membership meetings are on the second Friday of each month, start at 7:30 pm PST at the Crossroads Church in Auburn, 1101 Auburn Ravine Road (please use the Dairy Road entrance and parking lot). We are planning on a hybrid meeting consisting of a combination of both in-person and Club Zoom-Room attendees. Members planning to attend through the club Zoom-Room can do so by connecting to [www.w6ek.org](http://www.w6ek.org), selecting the "Meetings" tab, then following the Zoom meeting login directions (note that Board meetings are not available on the club's Zoom-Room).

In person attendees that are club members are also invited to come early and attend the SFARC Board meeting which runs 6 to 7 pm at the same location. I encourage all members to attend a board meeting now and then just to witness how the Board functions on behalf of the SFARC members.

As always, I would appreciate hearing your feedback on past presentations, and your desires and ideas for future club meetings topics and presentations. Many of you have already submitted ideas which is most appreciated. And...do you have a topic you would like to present to the club? If yes, please contact me at [vicepresident@w6ek.org](mailto:vicepresident@w6ek.org).

73s, be safe, and enjoy!

Greydon, KC6SLE  
SFARC Vice President

## Club Volunteer Events

Date	Event	Contact
June 25th ~ 26th	<a href="#">Western States Endurance Run</a>	<a href="#">Joe, K6SAT</a>

## Club Radiosport

Click [here](#) to download ARRL & Non-ARRL contests for the month of June.

June VHF/UHF (above 50MHz) contest - <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>



**Who/What:** Members of the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club will be participating in the national amateur radio Field Day exercise. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of amateur radio. Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN! This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

**When:** Saturday, June 25th @ 11 am PST till Sunday the 26th @ 2 pm PST

**Where:** [Georgetown Airport Campgrounds](#), Georgetown, CA

**Contact:** [Gerry WA6E / Herb KM6JBI](#)

Next Field Day planning meeting June 16th @ 6:30 pm on Zoom.

**Planning on attending Field Day?** Please RSVP, so that we can plan on how much food to purchase for Field Day. [Click here to RSVP](#). **Deadline to RSVP is June 15th.**

[Click here](#) to view SFARC Field Day 2022 radio operator sign-up sheet.

For those who are interested in VE Session. The club will be sponsoring testing on Saturday the 25th @ 2 pm. There will be a \$14 testing Fee. You will also need a FRN from the FCC. If you do not have one click [here](#) to be directed to the FCC page.

Hope to see you there!

## Events

**Hams In The Hills:** The next Hams in the Hills event will be Soda Springs Road on July 9. This is a county/Forest Service Road generally from Robinson Flat Campground to Soda Springs off Interstate 80. Many breath-taking views and a few side-trips to make for some great fun. More details to follow!

If you are interested, just send me an email (jeff.sims929 -at- gmail -dot- com).

Jeff - K6BSY





## From the Newsletter Editor's Desk:

Welcome to June my fellow Amateur Radio Operators!

If you have any information for the newsletters, ideas, recommendations, events you've heard about, etc., please don't hesitate to send it to me. Even if you 'think' someone else has probably sent it to me, send it anyway – assume they haven't. 😊 Email: [kd7g@arrl.net](mailto:kd7g@arrl.net) or [james@jamesmarchetti.com](mailto:james@jamesmarchetti.com) – either way, I will get your email.

Thank you & ***be radio active!!***

73,

Jim – KD7G



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**Dues / Donations:**

Membership: yearly\* \$22.00 or 20x \_\_\_\_\_ Name Badge: \$ 10.00/15.00 Yes (special name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate: yearly\* \$ 7.00 Repeater Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Auto Patch Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Booster: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Misc. Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL member? (Yes/No/Life) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Prorated dues for NEW Members/Associates Only

July	\$ 20 /6	October	\$ 14/3 + following year
August	\$ 18/5	November	\$ 12/2+ following year
September	\$ 16/4	December	\$ 10/1 + following year

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