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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

May 7th @ 8 am

Coffee and Donuts in the Park

Recreation Park in Auburn

Then, immediately following Coffee
and Donuts in the Park...

Ham in the Hills

Click here for flyer

May 7th, 9:30 am departure time
from Recreation Park

May 13th @ 7:30pm

General Club Meeting

May 28th @ 7:30am

Club Breakfast

@ Mel's Diner

May 28th @ 8 am

Georgetown E36 Airport Fly In

Clearnode Net

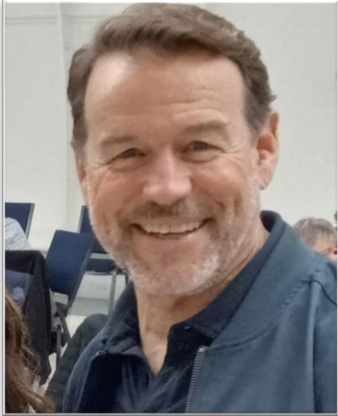
Mondays @ 7pm, W6EK 2M
repeater

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President's Message

*By Jeff Morgan – KM6RGO
President*

Happy Spring!

As we move into Spring and summer, we are kicking into the high season for outdoor activities. Starting things off for the hobby was our **first foxhunt** in a while. The weather has been fabulous, so, if you can, get outside, bring your radios and check into the repeater from somewhere other than the familiar cave like feeling of your cozy ham shack. It's good for the body, good for the soul, and good for the eyes to see natural light, rather than the soft warm glow of the radio screen and logging program. Several groups are getting together for outdoor fun, maybe you can join us!

Canyons 100

I listened in to the Canyons 100 and was extremely impressed by the skill and professionalism of the radio operators volunteering. I am always impressed by the dedication of our volunteers in the ham community. Kudos to Joe, K6SAT and the communications team for a successful event. It's a practice for the Western States 100 coming up in Jun (25-26). If you want to volunteer, check with Joe to see if he has everything covered. I'll bet he would be happy to hear from you.

Foxhunt

A little blurb about the FoxHunt. On Sat, Apr 30, Brian - AI6US organized a wide area foxhunt using our newly built gear from the workshop, to build on newly acquired skills for radio direction finding and map skills. The hunt was designed so others listening into the repeater could follow along. A big thank you to Brian - AI6US for heading it up along with Tom - NN6H, Doug - W2VX, Greydon – KC6SLE, and Greg – KO6TH, for elmering those of us developing our skills. Plenty of lessons learned and tons of fun!

Coffee and Doughnuts in the Park

If you are itching to get outside and be in the company of an excellent group of people, then come have coffee with us at Recreation Park in Auburn for Coffee and Doughnuts. Call it a mini picnic with cool weather and treats to start our day off right. It also happens to be a meeting point for other activities going on that weekend. Several in the group are heading off on a road trip, (and off road) named Hams in the Hills. They need to fuel up on Doughnuts before they go!

Club Meeting May

On Fri 13 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 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 Fly-in

If you like airplanes and you like Ham Radio, look no further than the Georgetown Flyin on May 28. There is a lot in common with pilots and Hams. You'll get a chance to hang out in the hangars and discuss both! We will set up a club display in one of the hangars to share with the pilots. Come and enjoy the day!

Field Day

Of course, the pièce de résistance for summer is the ARRL Field Day. It takes quite a bit of planning for a successful event. Thankfully, our crack team lead by Gerry WA6E and co-chaired Herb KM6JBI are on hot on the case. Things are coming together nicely. However, we still need help in a couple of areas. Our next Zoom meeting will be on May 5 at 6:30 pm. Please join us and see the inner working of how the club really ticks!

Have a beautiful spring and I hope to see you out there!

73!

Jeff Morgan - KM6RGO
SFARC President



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Video Conference Zoom Meeting

April 08, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff KM6RGO at 6:00 PM. In attendance in addition to Jeff were Vice-President Greydon KC6SLE, Treasurer Rob KM6YKX and Directors Gerry/WA6E, and Smitty K9CCO, Secretary KG6UCS Orson, members Brian AI6US Orion AI6JB and trustee Clyde AB4CC. Amir N6ADL participated via speaker phone.

The March minutes amended to reflect new members missed last meeting and were accepted as submitted.

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

Loomis Hamfest report given by Orion AI6JB

Canyon Endurance run April 23

Western States Run June 25

Repeater lease is still up in the air.

No new news on the website work. Photos still not moved

Coffee and doughnuts in the park scheduled for May 7th 8am Recreation Park Auburn motioned by WB1G seconded by KG6UCS

Looking for a new location for VE testing

Several website tools were requested, club events signup tool, email owners list, add spoused to roster, Facebook widget request

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Video Conference Zoom Meeting

April 08, 2022

President Jeff KM6RGO welcomed individuals to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Jeff KM6RGO who opened the meeting by leading The Pledge of Allegiance. All Board Members were present. Accept N6ADL

Last month's meeting minutes were amended to show new members and accepted as submitted.

Field Day planning meeting April 21, Coffee and Doughnuts in the Park scheduled for May 7th 8am. ARRL Rookie Roundup April 10, Canyons 100 April 23, Club Breakfast April 30 followed by Radio Direction Finding Fox Hunt. GeorgeTown Flyin May 28, Field Day June 24-26, Western States June 25-26.

Club recognized Jim WA8MPA for his service to the club with a Lifetime membership

The new members are:

Max Butterfield KG6PIX

Evan Phillips AJ6OR

Jerry Gerald KG6OQE

Smitty WB1G motioned and Ray KK6AM seconded. Motion passed Welcome new members

Tech-Ten

Al, N6ADT gave an informative review of QSL cards. How to get them and send them

This month's Show Us Your Shack was one shared by Don WB6LPJ

Orion AI6JB gave us a report on how Loomis Hamfest went. Thank all who helped with the event.

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.

Prize tonight was personalized safety vest won by KM6MDF, Stubby antenna K6YMM, Stuff Sack NN6H

Contact Orion AI6JB for info on upcoming license classes

Bridge com 220 repeater is ready for install.

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

Want to follow the SFARC on social media *but not a fan of Facebook?*

Follow us on Twitter @ <https://twitter.com/SFARCw6ek>

Club Presentation

Thanks to everyone who attended this month's SFARC meeting on April 8. Between those attending in person and those joining by Zoom we had 75+ club members in attendance, participating and enjoying both a "Show us your shack" highlighting Don's, WB6LPJ, HAM station in Meadow Vista and a great presentation from Al, N6ADT, on the history, traditions, and evolution of QSL Cards. Thank you, Don and Al!

So...what is coming for our next club meeting on May 13? Spring is here and summer is rapidly approaching. Given that, most of us will be spending much more time outdoors with family and friends in all sorts of fun activities. But are we prepared for the bumps, bruises, and other potential consequences associated with enjoying the great outdoors? Well Thomas, KN6MJB, is going to help us with the health and safety planning that should be a part of our "packing" for outdoor activities. Thomas has extensive training and experience in the medical field, and we look forward with him sharing this with all of us. Thank you, Thomas.

And for our TechFifteen, Tom, NN6H, is going to help all of us better understand all the digital capabilities and options that are built into the W6EK 144, 220 and 440 repeaters. This will include the proper protocols associated with these digital features and how to be a valued user. Tom is very well versed in digital technologies and protocols and is one of the club's repeater stewards. Thank you, Tom!

A reminder that SFARC general membership meetings 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, selecting the "Meetings" tab, then following the Zoom meeting login directions (note that Board meetings are not available on the club's Zoom-Room).

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?

Please contact me at vicepresident@w6ek.org.

73's

Greydon, KC6SLE
SFARC Vice President

Club Volunteer Events

Date	Event	Contact
June 25th ~ 26th	Western States Endurance Run	Joe, K6SAT

Club Radiosport

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

Field Day is (still) Approaching, so...

Let's VOTE for a T-shirt design for Field Day 2022!

We have received three entries for our 2022 Field Day T-shirt design contest.

So, now it is time to select one - **this is where you come in**. It's time to vote to tell the Board of Directors which one you prefer.

On one of the entries, you will see an actual photo of the flag raising at Iwo Jima. The photo is not part of the entry - it is provided to show you the activity the artist was trying to imitate in their drawing.

To vote on the one you like best please click [here](#). Please do so before the voting deadline of May 12 (we need some lead time to get this work complete before Field Day).

Once the Board selects a design we will improve the drawing a bit, if needed, and get it to the T-shirt company. They will then be available for members to order online.

So please vote. Let your Board know what you think.

73,

Gerry

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From the Newsletter Editor's Desk:

Welcome to May my fellow Amateur Radio Operators!

So far, things are looking good for the club's activities, especially the BIG ONE, Field Day. I attended the first planning meeting and from that I can tell this will be another great SFARC event where we get to 'play radio' with our comrades in propagation. What more could we ask for? Well, now that you mention it, we can ask for MORE – more time to get on the air, learn about other radios that will be setup for trying your hand at making contacts. Why more time you ask? Because this is a 2 day event!

Bring your tent, travel trailer, motorhome, or coach and spend the night.

The next Field Day planning meeting will be on May 5th, 2022 @ 6:30pm via Zoom



I had planned for an article about any personal accounts of a disaster that you experienced, and whether amateur radio was part of your experience, but alas I was unable to complete it and did not want to further delay the release of the newsletter. Next month, promise 😊.

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

73,

Jim – KD7G



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 or james@jamesmarchetti.com – either way, I will get your email.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ e-mail: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Associate Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ email: _____
 Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____ Application is: (New / Renewal) _____

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) _____
TOTAL: \$ _____ Please add \$1 if paying via PayPal

*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

New- - - New - New -
Multi-year DISCOUNT Membership
***\$20 per year for 2 or more years (new or renewal)**

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