

Calendar of Events

Feb 2	Sat	10:00 AM	Red Oak Victory ARC Meeting, Point Richmond
Feb 5	Wed	5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Dinner at Marie Callenders, 2460 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa SCRA Meeting , Agilent Technologies, 1400 Fountain Grove Prkwy, Santa Rosa
Feb 7	Fri	7:30 PM	Marin ARC Meeting, Alto Clubhouse, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley
Feb 12	Wed	6:30 PM	SCRA Board of Directors Meeting (Location to be determined)
Feb 18	Tues	7:30 PM	Hamilton Wireless Assoc., Bldg 549, Hamilton Field, Novato
Feb 19	Wed	7:00 PM Wed 7:30 PM	REDXA Meeting, Carrow's, Petaluma Valley of the Moon ARC Meeting, McDougall Hall, Sonoma Developmental Center, Glen Ellen.

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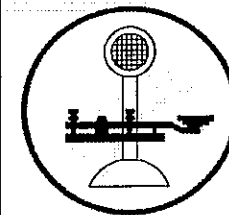
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February 2003

QTC

by
Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV
SCRA President

2003 Gear Up

Planning for activities for 2003 has been going nicely. First on the list is a new event proposed by **Fred Polkinhorn KQ6OB**. It is called "**Worked All SCRA Members**" (WASCRA). It is a contest on the repeaters where members are encouraged to have a QSO with other members on the club's various repeaters. The contest will take place on the weekend of February 15-16. See the article in the next column for more information.

Setting up for another banner Field Day, **John Felton KE5RI** is leading the pack on site location and logistics. As in the past few years, we expect a large turnout of members, guests and our usual contingent of youth groups. If you have ideas for Field Day, please contact John or any SCRA Board member. John welcomes help!

Greg Gordon AC6VJ put forth the idea of a picnic/BBQ in September. It was well received by the members at the last meeting. **Lee Dibble KE6EAQ** has volunteered his home and pool for the party. Want to help out? Contact Greg.

Last year, field trips were popular. The 3D ISS IMAX movie and day at Old Sacramento was a blast! Know of a place or event that might be of interest to other members? Let us know. We'll see if we can put a trip together. It doesn't have to be radio related. Think of all the other interests that Hams tend to share. Let's travel!

Like they say, you get out of a club what you put into it. We want to hear from you!

WORK ALL SCRA MEMBERS

Saturday & Sunday

0800 PST February 15, to
2000 PST February 16

By Fred Polkinhorn KQ6OB

Objectives

1. To talk to as many people on the club repeaters as possible.
2. To log as many people on each club repeater during the 36 hour period of the contest.
3. To work the ?mystery? member.
4. To have fun.

Rules

1. All contacts must be made via any of the club repeaters.
2. Only contacts made between 800 on Saturday, February 15 to 2000 Sunday, February 16 will count.
3. Each participating member must keep a log showing the time and call sign for all contacts.

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DUES ARE DUE!

Yes, it's that time of year again. The SCRA dues for the 2003-2004 fiscal year are due. The dues are **\$20 per year for individual members** and **\$30 per year for a Family membership**. If you are a current SCRA member, a renewal envelope is included in the February issue of *Shortskip* to make it easy to send in your dues. Please take a couple of minutes and complete the membership information on the envelope flap so that we can update the roster. If the envelope is missing, please use the membership application on the inner last page. *Thanks!*

2003 Club Officials

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Tuesday Night Net

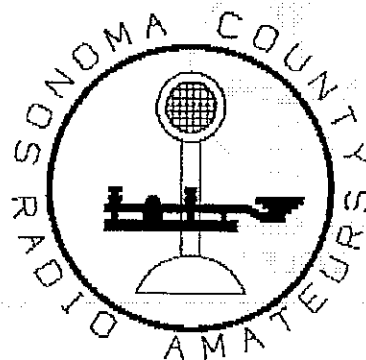
Check in to the SCRA net each **Tuesday** evening on the **146.985- (PL 88.5)** repeater at **7:00 PM**. Announcements are made of upcoming SCRA and other amateur radio activities in the area and what is listed in Hank's Swap Shop. You will also hear the weekly *Amateur Radio Newsline* broadcast.

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HUNGRY BEFORE
THE MEETING?

JOIN US FOR DINNER! We meet at **Marie Callenders** restaurant, 2460 Mendocino Avenue (corner of Mendocino & Chanate), Santa Rosa. People start showing up at **5:30 PM**. No RSVP is required! See you there!

NEXT MEETING
February 5th
7:30 PM

Program:

Hollowstate Devices
(the original silicon part)
by Greg Gordon AC6VJ

(See article)

CLUB MEETINGS

The club normally meets the first
Wednesday of each month at:

Agilent Technologies
1400 Fountaingrove Parkway
Santa Rosa, CA

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us at our next meeting. Membership in SCRA is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. A membership application is included in this newsletter.

Interested? For more information, contact any SCRA officer, director or member.

ARES (continued from page 4)

clipboard with nightlight, extension cord (1-50 ft. or 2-25 ft., 110v.), power strip (110v.), area maps (free from AAA), nylon parachute cord, garbage bags (two 55-gallon, four large ziplock), binoculars, AM/FM radio and batteries, Cyalume light sticks (four 12-hour, green), shaver, soap, small air mattress, and a small folding shovel.

The contents of your particular emergency kits are constrained only by your imagination. This list is intended to present possibilities from which you should choose; the intent is not for you to include everything. Think about what you may be asked to do and the potential environment. It's impossible to anticipate every situation but you can certainly make your job easier by including some of the above items. Remember, you could be asked to serve at any time with virtually no advance notice. One thing for sure ... start your kit now before an emergency event occurs and it's too late. Be prepared.

The ARES net meets on Mondays at 7:30 PM on the

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BoD Minutes (continued from page 7)

- 2003 Budget and Dues - By consensus, the BoD members agreed to hold the club annual dues to \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families and \$10 for under 18 years of age. Jim will work with Vicki to prepare a budget for 2003-2004.
- Appointments by BoD - After discussion, Brian N6IYY moved that the following individuals be appointed to the listed positions: Activities Chairman - Josh Fiden AD6XI; Public Service Chairman - John Mullan KD2L; Repeater Chairman - Greg Gordon AC6VJ; W6SON Trustee - Greg Gordon AC6VJ; W6LFJ Trustee - Josh Fiden AD6XI. The motion passed.
- Other appointments: The consensus of the Board members was that the following appointed positions be held by the listed individual: VE Coordinator - John KD2L; Swap Shop Manager - Jeff W2JAB; Raffle & Lottery - Karl K6QMT; Public Relations - Bill W6WDM; Refreshments - Ted KB6PTA; Antenna & Legal - Lee KE6EAG; Short Skip Editor - Bill KH6GJV; Next Board meeting location - Agilent
- Rich KF6SZA asked if the club would put a page or link to ARES on the club's web page. By consensus, the Board approved the matter.
- Announcements - Brian N6IYY showed the APRS Tiny Track device. This could be used for public service events.
- Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dues & Fees: (SCRA dues year is from 3/1 to 2/28)

Individual/Associate Member	\$ 20 (\$5.00/qtr)
Family Membership	\$ 30 (\$7.50/qtr)
Under 18 Membership	\$ 10 (\$2.50/qtr)
Badge	\$ 7

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Badge	\$ _____
Other - _____	\$ _____
Donation	\$ _____

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ARRL comments in support of AMSAT-NA petition

The ARRL has commented in favor of an AMSAT-NA Petition for Rulemaking that seeks to change an FCC rule regarding pre-space notifications for Amateur Satellite Service stations. AMSAT-NA wants the rule changed to require a single, written pre-space notification (or information document) within 30 days after receiving a launch commitment.

The current rule requires two pre-space notifications: the first at 27 months before initiating space station transmissions and the second at five months prior, even if no information has changed. The ARRL said that because finding affordable launch opportunities can be difficult and often involves last-minute decisions, "the 27-month notice requirement imposes an unreasonable and practically impossible compliance burden."

AMSAT currently must seek a waiver of the requirement for essentially every launch and the FCC has routinely granted such waivers, the ARRL noted. AMSAT-NA President Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, expressed his appreciation to ARRL for its support of its petition.

New FCC consumer e-mail service now available

The FCC has inaugurated a new e-mail service, The FCC Consumer E-Bulletin, to let consumers know about FCC developments, to disseminate FCC consumer information and to invite comments on FCC regulatory proposals.

Those signing up can expect to receive FCC fact sheets, consumer brochures and alerts, news releases, public notices, notices of proposed rulemaking, reports and orders, and other consumer-related information. The Consumer Education Office in the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) operates the free service.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to subscribe@info.fcc.gov. On either the subject line or in the message body, type "subscribeFcc-consumer-info <first name> <last name>". If you encounter difficulties subscribing, send an e-mail to ineely@fcc.gov.

ARRL DX news (1-30-03)

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, N2BT, W2SN, 425DXnews, DXNL, QRZ DX, The Daily DX, WA7BNM and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

SENEGAL, 6W. Norbert, F6AXX is QRV as 6W7/F6AXX until February 7. He is using CW on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. QSL to home call.

SIERRA LEONE, 9L. Zbig, SP7BTB is QRV as 9L1BTB. Lately he has been QRV on 160, 80, 20, 12 and 6 meters. QSL to home call.

TAJIKISTAN, EY. Nodir, EY8MM has been QRV on 80 meters around 0200 and 1300z. He has also been active on 160 meters around 1700 to 2200z.

HAITI, HH. Hans, DL7CM and Sid, DM2AYO are active as HH6/DL7CM and HH6/DM2AYO, respectively, from Ile a Vache, IOTA NA-149, until February 15. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home calls.

SVALBARD, JW. JW0HU is active on 160 to 15 meters, including the newer bands, at various times of the day. QSL via SP3WVL.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. JN1MYM and JO1UTG are QRV from Saipan as KH0/JN1MYM and KH2DI/KH0, respectively, until February 3. Activity is on all the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL to home calls.

JOHNSTON ISLAND, KH3. A group of DXers are QRV as AH3D until February 4. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including the newer bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OH2BH.

BRAZIL, PY. The Scout Association Baependi are QRV as ZX3S until February 19 to celebrate the World Social Forum taking place in Porto Alegre. QSL via PY3CQ.

MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A. Monk Apollo has been QRV on 40 meters CW around 1900z and 20 meter CW around 1000z.

CENTRAL KIRIBATI, T31. Mike, KM9D is QRV as T31MY from Canton Island, IOTA OC-043, until late February. QSL via OM2SA.

ANTIGUA, V2. Wicky, W4LW and Fred, K4FMD will be QRV as V2/K4UP from February 2 to 8. This is a casual operation, with activity on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters using SSB. QSL via K4UP.

TURK AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Chrissy, KB9VAL and Gary, K9SG are active as VP5/KB9VAL and VP5/K9SG, respectively, from Providenciales, IOTA NA-002, until February 3. QSL both calls via K9SG.

PITCAIRN ISLAND, VP6. Ed, W2SN is scheduled to be QRV as VP6EM on February 4 from 1700 to 2359z on 20, 15 and 10 meters SSB, depending on propagation. QSL to home call.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, VP8. Mark, VP8CSA is QRV until February 11. QSL via DL1SDN.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Dani, XT2ATI has been QRV on 40 meters around 2000z and 20 meters around 2200z. QSL via EA4YK.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The Ten-Ten International Winter Phone QSO Party, North American Phone Sprint, XE International RTTY Contest, Classic Exchange, Spartan CW Sprint and the Delaware, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Vermont QSO Parties will certainly keep contesters busy this weekend. Please see February QST, page 103 and the WA7BNM contest website for details.

**February 5th Program
Hollowstate Devices**

Greg Gordon AC6VJ will make a presentation on the original silicon part - tubes! Join us for this blast from the past as Greg brings us up to date on what is happening with tube technology. Building projects with tubes is having a resurgence in Ham Radio. What will you build?

At the January meeting, Tim Bosma W6ISS provided a detailed overview of the Space Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX) and the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS). Tim is the coordinator for school contacts for the SAREX/ARISS program. Tim said that the ISS crew's time is worth about \$15,000 per hour and that they spend a large part of their time just performing routine maintenance on the station to keep it running. The work load was designed for 7 people, but only 3 are on each mission due to the limited capacity of the life boat vessel. If you weren't there, you missed a great presentation!

SCRA v NARCC

NARCC filed a motion called a demur alleging that only the FCC had jurisdiction over frequency allocation issues. A hearing on the motion was held on January 9th in the Contra Costa court at which SCRA's attorney provided the court with information on how the FCC does not involve itself in Amateur Radio repeater coordination. The court originally tended to lean in favor of the demur, but after hearing the arguments, gave SCRA additional time to amend the original petition. Another hearing will be scheduled on the amended petition.

Are you a budding author? Write an article for *Short Skip* on a Ham radio-related subject, technical or non-technical. E-mail the article to kh6gfv@arrl.net. We'd love to see YOU in print!

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Example

Log for K6QMT

Freq.	Date	Time	Callsign	Points
144	2/15	830	KQ6OB	2

- The same person contacted on a different repeater is considered a different contact.
- Log sheets must be submitted by Monday, February 24, 2003. Paper logs should be sent to SCRA - WASCRA, P O Box 116, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Text logs can be sent by e-mail to frednlaverne@yahoo.com

Scoring

- Each non SCRA member is worth 1 point.
- Each SCRA member is worth 2 points.
- Each club officer or director is worth 3 points.
- There will be one ?mystery? member who is worth 10 points. (If this member is in your log, the 10 points will be awarded when the log is reviewed)

Whether it is your first contest or you are a seasoned contest operator, see how many points you can rack up.

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ARES Comm Log

by Rich Freitas KF6SZA
Greater Santa Rosa
Emergency Coordinator

Go Kits.....continued

In my last article I discussed some approaches and reasons for maintaining a ready "go-kit" available at all times. If you recall, I encourage maintaining three separate kits: an everyday kit that is small enough to be carried with you in virtually any situation that contains the "bare necessities" of emergency communications gear; a larger "backup bag" that provides extras for extended operating under auxiliary power while containing additional supplies for a 24-hour activation; and a "disaster bag" that has emergency cash, food and water, rain gear, and clothing and shelter to sustain a 3-day activation or evacuation. Now, let's discuss some particulars of what each of these bags should contain. Remember, the object is to include items that will be necessary while excluding the obvious "bells and whistles."

Your "everyday" kit should be one that stays within easy reach, includes a dual-band HT, and is light enough that you don't perceive it as being a burden to lug around. Besides the mentioned dual-band HT and a padded case, you should remember to include a copy of your current FCC operating license, ARES and served-agency ID cards, extra high-capacity (1000 mAh) nicad or nimh batteries, a standard AA battery case and batteries to fit the HT, DC adapter and cigarette plug cord with extra fuses for your HT, earphone / speaker mike, pocket knife, Leatherman tool, pencil and pocket notepad, emergency phone/gas money (\$10 bill, four quarters and five dimes in a pill box), and lots of connectors (SO-239 to BNC, BNC to SMA, SO-239 barrel connector, and any others that may be useful for your particular radio to connect to other combinations of coax and antennas). Also consider one or more RG8-X jumpers with connectors, Band-Aids, moist towelettes, sunscreen, pocket sewing kit (like the free ones from hotel rooms), matches, small pocket compass, operating reference card for your HT (if not a partial copy of the manual itself), and an ARES phone and frequency reference card.

Your "Backup Bag" which contains "24-hour" items should be in a sturdy shoulder bag with external pockets marked as to contents. It should be no bigger than a large briefcase and should weigh less than 20 pounds; some of the smaller gym/sports bags or the larger padded camera bags of ballistic nylon are ideal for this use. Remember, this bag stays in your vehicle until needed. Some suggested contents are a neck-lanyard with pocket for spare keys and ID cards, \$20 emergency cash, credit card, long-distance calling card,

a second "backup / loaner" 2-meter HT (ideally the batteries and accessories interchange with your dual-bander), fused DC adapter cords with Anderson Powerpole connectors for brick amplifiers and HTs, a 10' AWG 10 gauge extension cord with battery clips, in-line fuses and Powerpole connectors, a rugged 25-40 watt 2-meter or dual-band brick amplifier, gain antennas for both HTs - 1/4 wave VHF and 5/8 wave UHF, HT nicad and gel cell wall chargers, gel cell batteries with connectors, extra coal jumpers, cable ties (large and small), rugged flashlight with extra bulb and batteries, extra fuses for everything, pencils, pencil sharpener, erasers, note pad, permanent marker, and the ARES Field Resource Manual. Also include comfort items such as sunglasses, toothbrush, tissues, insect repellent, tweezers and a small first aid kit. The purpose of the brick amp for emergency use is to provide better range and clarity with an HT while providing maximum endurance when operating on battery power. When choosing a portable amp to augment a hand-held for ARES, it should weigh no more than 1.5 lb. and provide 10-15w output when driven by the HT transmitting on its low power setting and 25-40w output when the HT is operating at full power from its normal nicad/nimh battery pack. Low-priced, no-name amps may overheat and quit under heavy use; it is more important to buy a rugged amp with an ample heat sink than the smallest "box."

Your "Disaster Bag" should be packed in a duffel and stowed with the "Backup Bag" in a Rubbermaid storage container in the car trunk until needed. The contents of this bag should be inspected and changed seasonally to provide a complete change of clothing, shelter, food and equipment to support a weekend activation or evacuation. A 3-ring binder with ARES operating procedures, ARES handbook, area topo maps and copies of all operating manuals should be included along with mag-mount antennas, portable ground plane, collapsible mast, tripod adapter, and 50-100 feet of 9913 Flex coax on a reel. If your mobile radio is not in your regular vehicle, don't forget to include it in this kit. While you may expect to be sheltered during an extended activation, don't expect all the comforts of home. It's a good idea to include at least one blanket, a rain poncho, some dehydrated meals (the new ones for backpackers are much better than the old field rations), a larger battery-lantern, and some camping eating utensils. As a final thought, pack that paperback book that you've always wanted to read but never seemed to have the time ... even during an extended activation you can probably expect some relief time and you will probably welcome the diversion to get your mind off the events of the day!

And, the list goes on and on. Some other items to consider are a canteen, Power Bars for snacks, chap stick, toilet paper (!), pain relievers (Motrin, Advil, Imodium, Dramamine, Tylenol, Benadryl), disposable camera w/film,

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Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.
Membership Meeting 1-8-2003

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum - The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV at 7:31 PM at the Santa Rosa Agilent Technologies facility. There were 41 people present.
 - a. Introductions
 - i. Officers & Directors - The club officers and directors introduced themselves.
 - ii. Guest Speakers - Tim Bosma W6ISS was introduced.
 - iii. Visitors - There were several visitors.
 - iv. New Calls & Upgrades - None
2. Approval of Minutes - John Felton KE5RI moved that the minutes of the November 6, 2002, be approved as printed in Short Skip. The motion passed. There were no minutes of the December 2002 meeting as it was the club Christmas Party.
3. Officer & Director Reports
 - a. Vice President - Brian Torr N6IY asked for volunteers for the club's weekly net.
 - b. Secretary - no report
 - c. Treasurer - Jeff Basham W2JAB - Jeff had an excused absence. Vicki Cero KF6ZCT recapped the club's account balances.
 - d. Directors -
 - i. Josh Fiden AD6XI - nothing to report
 - ii. Jim Lee KE6VGV - nothing to report
 - e. Past President - Greg Gordon AC6VJ - nothing to report
4. Committee Reports (outgoing chairmen)
 - a. ARES - Rich Freitas KF6SZA - nothing to report
 - b. Mobile Comm Van - Lee Dibble KE6EAQ - The Toaster has a parking spot. Still to be accomplished is the paint and logo work. In the meantime, the 12 volt system for radios needs to be wired. A Saturday each month will be picked to form a workparty for the Toaster.
 - c. Activities Committee - no report
 - d. Newsletter - Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV - nothing to report
 - e. Public Service & VE - John Mullan KD2L - John reminded everyone of the VE session on the 18th. Public Service events will begin in April.
 - f. Repeater Committee - Greg Gordon AC6VJ
 - i. Net control volunteers - Greg repeated Brian's request for Net Control volunteers. Karl Johnston K6QMT was a volunteer.
 - ii. Status of Repeaters - Greg reported that everything the club runs is up and running.
 - ii. SCRA v NARCC - Ted Smith and Rick O'Hare of the law firm Rivkin Radler updated the membership on the status of the petition. A hearing will be held in Contra Costa court tomorrow.
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Roster Update - Brian Torr reported that there will be a form in the dues envelope for members to complete authorizing what information they want reproduced in the roster.
6. New Business
 - a. Call for Committee Chairmen Volunteers
 - b. Activities Chairman - Josh Fiden AD6XI volunteered to handle the responsibilities of Activities Chairman. The location of the 2003 Field Day was discussed. John Felton KE5RI volunteered to undertake the responsibility of the site location and Field Day coordination. Greg Gordon AC6VJ suggested that the club have a picnic in September. The picnic idea was warmly received. Bill KH6GJV announced that a Tech class was going to start on 2/1 at 9 AM at the SRJC adjacent to the SAREX station.
 - c. Bill KH6GJV announced that a Tech class was going to start on 2/1 at 9 AM at the SRJC adjacent to the SAREX station.
7. Show and Tell -
8. Recess - a recess was held from 8:20 PM until 8:40 PM
9. Program - Tim Bosma W6ISS presented a program on Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)
10. Raffle
 - a. 50/50 - not conducted
 - b. Membership - Zach Hamill KG6ABA was present to win \$24.50 in change.
11. Announcements
 - a. Next Program - tba
 - b. Board Meeting is next Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Location tba.
 - c. The Dayton Hamvention is May 16-18, 2003. Bill KH6GJV has some rooms reserved for anyone who is interested in going.
12. Adjournment - There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at

10:05 PM

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting 1-15-2003

MINUTES

- Board Members Present: Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV, Brian Torr N6IY, Josh Fiden AX6XI, Jim Lee KE6VGV, and Greg Gordon AC6VJ.
Board Members Excused: Jeff Basham W2JAB
Guests Present: Rich Freitas KF6SZA
1. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum, Introductions - The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV at 7:05PM. The meeting was held at Furniture Traditions, 3450 Airway Drive. A quorum was present in that five of the seven voting board members were present.
 2. Approval of Minutes - Approval of the BoD meeting minutes of 12-11-2002 was deferred as they had not been provided by the 2002 Secretary.
 3. Officer & Director Reports
 - a. President - Bill KH6GJV advised that he had provided the club with 2,970 copies in 2002 worth \$297. He asked the members to review the club flyer and contribution solicitation letter previously handed out for discussion at the next meeting.
 - b. Vice President - Brian N6IY reported on his program to update the roster. An insert will be put into the dues envelope. The insert will allow members to indicate what information they authorize to be printed in the roster.
 - c. Secretary - office vacant
 - d. Treasurer - Jeff W2JAB - Jeff was excused for the meeting. Jim Lee KE6VGV presented a recap of the account balances. Jim will work with Vicki to prepare a budget for 2003-2004.
 - e. Directors
 1. Josh AD6XI - nothing to report
 2. Jim KE6VGV - nothing to report
 - f. Past President - Greg AC6VJ - Greg reported that there was interest in the September picnic. He reported that Lee Dibble KE6EAQ had offered his home with the pool for the event.
 4. Committee Reports (2002 Chairmen)
 - a. ARES - Rich KF6SZA - Rich advised that a meeting will be held on 1/27 at Lee Dibble home. The program will be on Anderson Power Poles.
 - b. Mobile Comm Van - Insurance; the insurance policy solicited by Lee KE6VGV from State Farm Insurance was reviewed. Brian N6IY moved that the proposal minus comprehensive and collision be accepted at a cost of \$158.33 per six months. The motion passed. Rich KF6SZA is working on the paint job, logo design and #8 wire purchase.
 - c. Activities Committee - Josh AD6XI - Josh reported that the owner of English Hill had approved the use of the hill for Field Day. Josh and John Felton KE5RI will work on the logistics of holding Field Day on the hill.
 - d. Newsletter - Bill KH6GJV - nothing to report
 - e. Public Service & VE - John KD2L - no report
 - f. Repeaters - Greg AC6VJ
 1. Status of Repeaters - everything was up and running. Greg updated the Board on the status of the proposed 10 meter repeater. He reported on a recent interference issue on 220 from a new repeater in the south bay. That operator was to remove the interference.
 2. Legal update - in executive session
 3. Weekly Net Control - 2/4 - AC6VJ; 2/11 - AD6XI; 2/18 - N6IY; 2/25 - KE6VGV; note: K6QMT to take 2/11
 5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Meeting Programs

January - ARISS	July -
February - Hollowstate Devices	August -
March	September -
April "Homebrew Night"	October -
May -	November - Elections & Repeaters
June - "Field Day"	December - "Christmas Party" & Photos
 - b. Club Calendar
 6. New Business
 - a. Bank Account Signature Changes - Jim KE6VGV moved that the 2003 officers and directors have signature authorization on the accounts and that two signatures are required on each account for withdrawal. The motion passed. (Continued on page 9)

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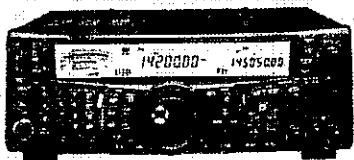
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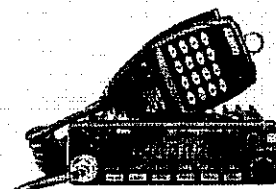
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