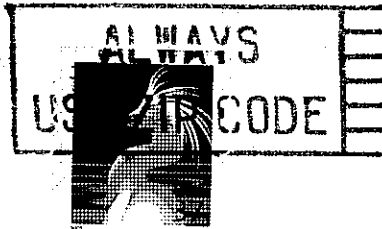


JUNE 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30 PM No-Host Dinner at Coco's 1501 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa 7:00 PM SCRA Meeting Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yubupa Ave., Santa Rosa	2	3 7:30 PM Marin ARC Meeting, Alto Clubhouse, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley June 3-5 Fri-Sun, ARRL SF Section Convention (See June 5th)	4 10:00 AM ROVARC Meeting Red Oak Victory Ship, Point Richmond
5 June 3-5 Fri-Sun, ARRL San Francisco Section Convention, Ferdale, CA. Check the web site for all the info: www.humboldt-arc.org	6	7	8 6:30 PM SCRA Board of Directors Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:30 PM Hamilton Wireless Association Building 549, Hamilton Field, Novato	15 7:00 PM REDXA Meeting Carrow's, Petaluma 7:30 PM VMARC Meeting McDougal Hall, Sonoma Dev. Center, Glen Ellen	16	17 8:00 PM SFARC Meeting Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Auditorium of Bldg. 7, 42nd & Clement St., San Francisco	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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President's Column

by
John Felton KESRI
SCRA President

Well Boys and Girls, it is that time of month again. I have been staying close to the house for the past week waiting for the phone to ring. We are expecting our first granddaughter to be born any minute. According to those in the know, they rarely arrive on time. The result is a totally wasted week.

Earlier this month SCRA provided communication for two major events. The first was the Walk for Humanity and the second was the Wine Country Century sponsored by the Santa Rosa Cycling Club. We had our first opportunity to utilize our new Go Kit. I am told by the net control stations that it worked very well. I think the coolest setup was Al's, K6MXI, decked out, yellow Hummer. With his audio piped to a PA speaker mounted on the bumper and a huge yagi mounted on the back, he made solid contact with the repeater from the Warm Springs Dam. It was a sight to behold.

Both events were a huge success. It was obvious that without our help these events would be very difficult to manage. Thanks to all of you who contributed your time and effort. I believe that our dedication and professionalism speak very well for the amateur radio community.

To carry this subject further, next month we have two more opportunities to show the public what we can do. Every other year the Terrible Two cycling event and our traditional Field Day fall on the same day. Unfortunately this is the year. Our resources are stretched a bit thin, but with everyone pitching in, I believe we can do both. Due to the likely shortage of manpower, or is that hampower, we will have to be a little creative when it comes to Field Day. Obviously with the cycling event we can't cut corners, pun intended. This leaves us with the opportunity to run Field Day as if it were a real

emergency situation. After all, emergencies are not scheduled in advance.

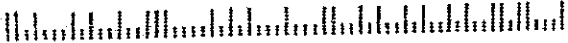
Here is the plan. Except for getting the sanitary stations delivered on Friday and addressing a few other logistical matters, we will set up everything on Saturday morning, June 25th. We will arrange for antennas, masts, and other such items, but each participant is responsible for his/her own food and sleeping quarters. We will erect the club's tents for sleeping if you so desire. For the three stations (CW, SSB and GOTA) we are planning to use camping trailers. We are also planning to use small dedicated generators for each station. We will also have a huge bank of six, 12 volt deep cycle batteries each rated at 130 ampere hours. They will be pre-charged. Other details will be worked out on site just as if it were a real emergency situation.

The location is near the intersection of Oakmont Drive and Highway 12. This is an ideal spot because it is a large open area with ample parking and terrific public access. A grocery store with a good deli is also within walking distance. The primary goal this year is to have fun and put on a good show for the public. This year racking up points is not our priority. To pull this off, we need as many of you as possible to help with Field Day. Obviously we have a strong commitment to the Terrible Two, but some people can help get Field Day started. We encourage all members and guests to join us for Field Day following your assignment at the cycling event. At the next meeting we will take a poll to find out where we stand as a group. With a little extra effort we can make this work.

On another subject, for the June meeting we are planning to have a presentation on Howard Nurse's, W6HN, Commsoft ham radio product. However, Howard, who developed this software, no longer presents. We're looking at alternative ways to cover this interesting subject.

Well 73's for now. I hope to see you all at the June meeting and don't forget the pre-meeting dinner at CoCo's. Oh, I am still waiting for the phone to ring.

John Felton, KESRI, President



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Remember to 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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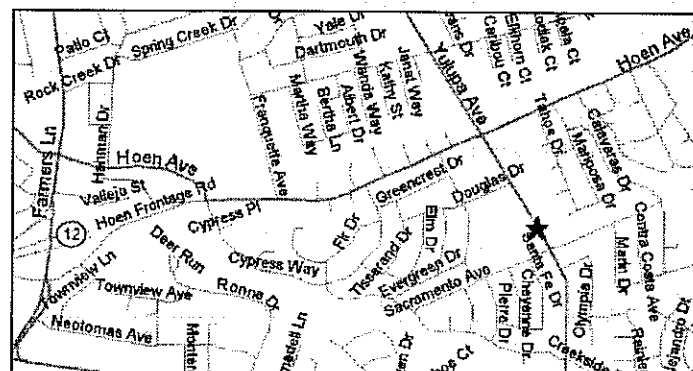


SCRA Club Meetings

The club normally meets the first Wednesday of each month. Exceptions are holidays or other big events.

Next meeting is June 1st at 7:00 PM at:

Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA



All are welcome!

Please join us at our next meeting. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio may be eligible for membership. A membership application is included in this newsletter.

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

Hungry before the meeting?

Join us for dinner! We meet at Coco's restaurant, 1501 Farmers Lane (corner of Farmers & Hwy 12), Santa Rosa. People start showing up at 5:30 PM.

No RSVP is required.

See you there every month except December.

If you are not getting the ARRL San Francisco Section news by e-mail and you are an ARRL member, be sure to subscribe under your Members Only information or go to these websites:

<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>

<http://www.pdarrrl.org/sfsec/>

Contest Corner

by
Kevin Alt K6BSG

Hello testers. The big event for June is Field Day. Hopefully everyone will be able to participate. See you out at Oakmont! Happy DX'ing.

1 Jun-5 Jul - Summer Six Meter Digital Rally - PSK31, MFSK, RTTY, Field Hail, JT6M, FSK441A, JT44 and JT65B.

See: www.ykc.com/wa5ufh/Misc/EasyDOSContest.htm.

3-6 Jun - World Wide Major Six Club Contest - CW/SSB.

See: <http://6mt.com/contest.htm>.

4 Jun - QRP TAC Sprint Contest - CW, SSB & PSK31, 80-10 meters.

See: www.n3epa.org.

4-5 Jun - IARU Region 1 Field Day - CW, 160-10 meters.

See IARU Region 1 society Web sites for more information.

11 Jun - Asia-Pacific Sprint - SSB, 20 and 15 meters.

See: <http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt>.

11-12 Jun - ANARTS WW RTTY / Digital Contest - 80-10 meters.

See: www.users.bigpond.com/ctdavies.

11-12 Jun - EU EME Contest - any mode, 432 MHz, 5.7 GHz.

See: <http://www.marsport.demon.co.uk/EMEcont2005.pdf>.

11-13 Jun - ARRL June VHF QSO Party

See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/june-vhf.html>.

11-12 Jun - GACW WWSA CW DX Contest - 80-10 meters.

See: <http://gacw.no-ip.org>.

12 Jun - Portugal Day Contest - SSB, 80-10 meters.

See: www.rep.pt/dia_de_portugal.htm.

18 Jun - Kid's Day Operating Event - 20, 15, 10 and 2 meters.

See: www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html.

18-19 Jun - West Virginia QSO Party - CW/SSB, 80-10 meters.

See: www.qsl.net/wvarrl.

18-19 Jun - All-Asian DX Contest - CW, 160-10 meters.

See: www.jarl.or.jp/English/.

18-19 Jun - Quebec QSO Party - CW/Digital/Voice, 80-2 meters, no repeater contacts.

See: www.raqi.ca/qqp.

19 Jun - Spanish Islands Contest - CW/SSB/RTTY, 80-10 meters.

See: www.ea5ol.net/die.

19-20 Jun - SMIRK QSO Party - 6 meters.

See: www.smirk.org.

25-26 Jun - ARRL Field Day - All modes, all bands.

See: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/rules-fd-2005.html>.

25-26 Jun - His Majesty King of Spain Contest - SSB, 160-10 meters.

See: www.sk3bg.se/contest/kingofsp.htm.

25-26 Jun - QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day - Follows ARRL Field Day rules;

See: www.qrpaci.org/contest.htm.

25-26 Jun - Marconi Memorial HF Contest - CW, 160-10 meters.

See: www.qsl.net/ik6ptj/marconi.htm.

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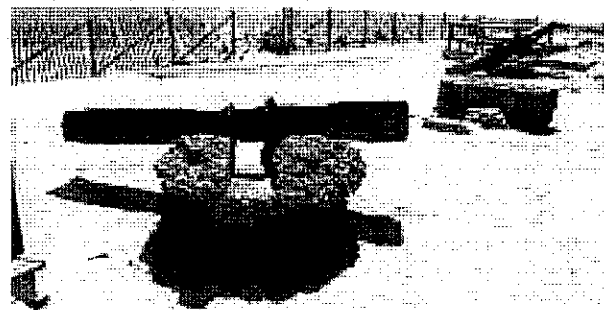
article and photos by
Bob Tripi N1KPV

(continued from the May Newsletter) Marconi was successful, but he was presented with a "Cease and Desist" order because the Anglo-American Cable Company considered his wireless experiments to violate their 50 year monopoly on communications in Newfoundland. As Marconi packed up to go back to England, William Smith, the secretary of the Canadian Post Office offered him land in Nova Scotia, Canada at Glace Bay and money to set up a wireless station there. Soon a station was under construction.

Another First.

On December 17, 1902, Poldhu and Glace Bay stations were able to exchange messages, giving Marconi another "first."

Thomas Edison told Marconi that it was impossible to send a message very far because radio waves go straight and would go off into space. Marconi always believed that radio waves would bounce off the atmosphere. He was right, and in 1926 Professor Edward Appleton of Cambridge University performed an experiment that showed the atmosphere was made of layers whose reflection was based on frequency.

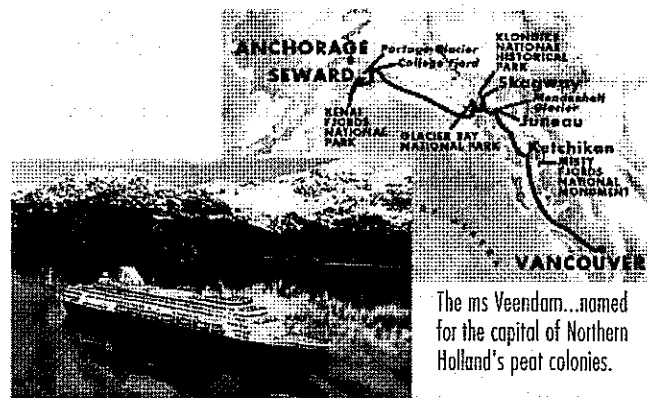


A few of the tower anchors ("dead men") are at the site.

By February 1902, new towers, 210 feet high and similar to Glace Bay, were built at Wellfleet. The towers formed a square, 200 feet on a side. With a base of 24 feet square, they tapered to 8 feet square at the top and were built with 12 x 12 inch timbers with 3 x 12 cross braces, all painted barn red. They sat on 4 foot deep square cement pads. Twelve 1 inch steel cables were used to guy each tower with 12 x 12 inch crossed timbers (called "dead men") buried 10 feet into the sand and covered with cement to anchor the towers. The guy wires were tightened by giant turnbuckles and insulated by rubber hoses and manila rope with melted sulfur connectors. There were about 200 wires between the towers, in a conical arrangement that came together at the bottom into one lead that went into the transmitter house.

March 17th article and photos from the ARRL Web site

(to be continued next issue)



The ms Veendam...named for the capital of Northern Holland's peat colonies.

Trip to Alaska!

by
Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV

Have you thought about making a cruise to Alaska? I'm putting together a cruise for July 2005 on the luxurious Holland America Line departing Vancouver, British Columbia on July 17th for Anchorage, Alaska. The seven day cruise will head north through Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay and on to Seward/Anchorage. Pre and post cruise tours of Vancouver, Victoria and Denali are also available.

Interested? Contact me for more details: 707 544-4944 or e-mail me at kh6gjb@arrrl.net.

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A Weekend in Reno... EmComm West 2005 Conference

text and photo by Bill Hillendahl KH6GJV

Over the weekend of May 13 through May 15, people from all over the western United States attended the EmComm West 2005 conference in Reno, Nevada. From Sonoma County, District Emergency Coordinator Rich Freitas KF6SZA, his wife Jane, Emergency Coordinator Fred Polkinghorn KQ6OB and Public Information Officer Jeff Basham KK6JAB attended.

The American Red Cross Sierra Nevada Chapter, The Salvation Army Reno SATERN, the Washoe County OES, Nevada Army MARS, the Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society and the Carson Valley Radio Club each had their communications vehicles and systems on display.



Saturday morning early risers were greeted with a swap meet. A vendor was there mentioned that he had recently sold a transformer rated at 5 amps at about 1350 volts to Josh Fiden W6XU. We'll have to monitor the output power of that amplifier!

The seminar schedule was jam packed with information. Subjects included Education and Technology by Mark Spencer WA8SMA from ARRL HQ, ARES Logistics by Bob Miller WA6MTY, Winlink 2000 by Andy Oppel N6AJO, ARECC Courses by Dan Miller K3UFG from ARRL HQ, The Four Keys by Professor Rick Lagerstrom KN6FR, IRLP/Echolink by Kent Johnson W7AOR and Personal Preparedness at Home by Max Cornell K0MC. The banquet on Saturday night was highlighted by speaker Gordon West WB6NOA who kept the crowd laughing with his lighter view of Amateur Radio.

Everyone agreed that the conference had a wealth of valuable information and plan on attending next year. How about joining us?

Are you a budding author?

Write an article (long/short) for *Short Skip* on a Ham related subject or anything you think we would all enjoy.

E-mail the article to: cero.design@sbcglobal.net.

June Program

Commsoft

Join us on Wed., June 1st at 7:00 PM for a talk about Howard Nurse's, W6HN, Commsoft ham radio project.

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Bring a photo ID or two other forms of identification, the original and a copy of your amateur license (if any) and the original and a photocopy of any CSCs. Exam fee is \$14.

For more information, contact Brian Torr, N6IIV, at n6iiv@arrrl.net <<mailto:n6iiv@arrrl.net>>

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Emcommwest 2005

by
Rich Freitas KF6SZA
Sonoma County ARES DEC

Friday morning – 9:30 am –
drive to Bill's house then follow

him to Fred's house. Two vehicles head toward Reno with a stop along the way at the Black Oak Restaurant for breakfast. Bill, KH6GJV; Fred, KQ6OB; and myself were on our way to attend the Emcommwest Conference held at the Holiday Inn in Reno, Nevada. The fourth person on the trip was my wife, Jane, who came along solely to test her skill with the "one-armed bandit."

Begun less than ten years ago by Dave Thorne, K6SOJ, a rabid devotee of emergency communications, Emcommwest has grown to become one of the best-run amateur radio conferences in the country. Its importance was evident by the fact that the ARRL Pacific Division Director, Vice Director, and (I believe) most of the northern California and Nevada Section Managers were in attendance.

Friday afternoon included a couple of preliminary sessions including a brief presentation on working with public emergency agencies and a slide-and-walkaround familiarization of the Red Cross new ECRV vehicles. Starting out as donated Ford Excursions, these nine units stationed at strategic places across the country have the capability to bring communications and power to a disaster site. Onboard satellite internet and telephone along with a 6.5 KW generator driven by the engine make it fairly self-sufficient (except for the gasoline to keep it running). It also has the ability to patch any of its eighteen radios to the others. The evening concluded with an exceptional meal at the Claim Jumper Restaurant and an interesting discussion with Dan Miller, K3UFG, ARRL Emcomm Course Manager.

Saturday morning started with a 6:00 am swap meet during which, Jeff, KK6JAB, joined our troupe after arriving late the evening before. Breakfast followed and then the conference began in earnest. An energetic keynote presentation by Mark Spencer, WA8SME, ARRL amateur Radio Education and Technology Program, encouraged us all to "walk the walk" as well as "talk the talk" when it comes to developing a professional relationship with our served agencies. From there, we broke up to attend the various sessions depending on our interest. There were sessions on IRLP/Echolink, What to Bring to a Disaster, Personal Home Preparedness, and Software for ARES Logistics. Other sessions included a Served Agency Forum and a presentation on

The Future of ARES and its Direction in Emergency Communications. The highlight of the evening's banquet was a presentation by Gordon West, WB6NOA, who had us all rolling in the aisles with laughter.

Sunday morning began with more sessions on mobile and stationary emcomm antennas, and WinLink 2000 after which all attendees assembled for an ARRL forum – a chance for ARRL officials to inform us where emcomm is headed in the organization and for us to grill them on anything we desired.

Except for the fact that I didn't win the Yaesu FT-857D main door prize, this was a very worthwhile conference; all of us agreed that we were looking forward to next year's event. Congratulations to the clubs, agencies and organizations who assembled this conference in such a professional manner; we can't wait to see the agenda for next year.

The weekly ARES net for Sonoma County is conducted on Mondays at 7:30 pm on 146.985 MHz (- offset, 88.5 PL) with face-to-face meetings every quarter. All ARES members and guests are invited to check-in. Please join us.



This great pix of an early "hands held" courtesy of Rich KF6SZA

Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Membership Meeting, May 4, 2005 Minutes

1. Call to Order; Verification of Quorum – The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 7:10 pm at the Luther Burbank Arts and Garden Center.
 - a. Introductions
 - i) Officers & Directors – President, John, KE5RI, welcomed the new Board of Directors, all members, and guests.
 - ii) Program Introduction – Cortland Richmond, KA5S, "Interference".
 - iii) New Calls and Upgrades – Bob, KG6ZDM, new Tech+.
2. Approval of Minutes – Last month's minutes incorrectly listed Bob, K6QXY. It was moved and seconded by Dave, W6IBC, and Vicki, KF6ZCT, that the minutes as printed in Short Skip be approved as corrected. The motion passed.
3. Officer and Director Reports
 - a. President – John, KE5RI, - Brief comments made regarding Field Day.
 - b. Vice President – Kevin, K6BSG, - Upcoming contests were noted.
 - c. Secretary – Rich, KF6SZA, - No report.
 - d. Treasurer – Jim, KE6VGV, - absent. Bank balances were reported by Bill, KH6GJV.
 - e. Directors –
 - i) Bruce, N6CT, - No report.
 - ii) Bill, KH6GJV, - No report.
 - f. Past President – Brian, N6IY, - No report.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. ARES – Rich, KF6SZA, reported that there is a current effort to hold a statewide SET this year. EmComm West is next weekend in Reno; Bill, KH6GJV, Fred, KQ6OB; Jeff, KK6JAB, and Rich are attending. Invited all to check into the Monday night ARES net.
 - b. Mobile Comm Van – Rich, KF6SZA, - No change in status.
 - c. Activities – BoD – No report.
 - d. Newsletter – Vicki, KF6ZCT, - Articles are due by 5/21 am. Forms for "Short Skip Shorts" were passed out.
 - e. Public Service – Craig, KG6THE, - Both the Human Race and Wine Country Century are this coming weekend. June 25th (Field Day) is the Terrible Two bicycle race. We now have banners for public service events.
 - f. VE Liaison – Brian, N6IY, reported the next VE session is on July 16th.
 - g. Repeater
 - i) John, KE5RI, reported that all repeaters are working. Bill, KH6GJV, requested that we turn off the time and voice ID during public service events.
 - ii) Net Control Volunteers: 5/10 – Craig, KG6THE; 5/17 – Brian, N6IY; 5/24 – TBA; 5/31 – John, KE5RI.
 - iii) SCRA vs. NARCC – John, KE5RI, reported three SCRA members attended the April 23rd NARCC meeting; there were not enough NARCC members for a quorum.
5. Unfinished Business – John, KE5RI, recapped the action items from the brainstorming session:
 - ? Distribution of Short Skip via email – We need to ensure that only paid members have access to the newsletter.
 - ? Finish the Comm Van – Attempt to have painted by Field Day.
 - ? Technical/RFI Committee
 - ? BPL Project in coordination with ARRL
 - ? Update Public Service roster and "equipment capabilities list"
 - ? Generic business cards
 - ? Field Day this year will be run as an emergency exercise; set-up will be Saturday morning. Aside from supplied porta-potties, attendees will bring their own food, tents, etc. The Oakmont Emergency Preparedness group has been invited to visit the site. Radio Captains: SSB – Kevin, K6BSG; CW – Cortland, KA5S; GOTA (proposed) – Karl, K6QMT.
6. New Business – John, WB6FRZ, will install the antenna mounts after the Comm Van is painted. He needs NMO antenna mounts.
7. Member Biography – Bob, WD6DPE, relayed a past experience in radio.
8. Show and Tell – John, KE5RI, showed a PVC microphone holder that mounts in a cigarette (power) outlet.
9. Program – Cortland, KA5S, gave a "spirited" presentation on "Interference – How To Cure It or Cause It".
10. Announcements – The next Membership Meeting is June 1st at 7:00 pm. The next BoD meeting is on May 11th, location TBA, at 6:00 pm.
11. Adjournment – It was moved and seconded by Kevin, K6BSG, and Fred, KQ6OB, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 pm. The motion passed.

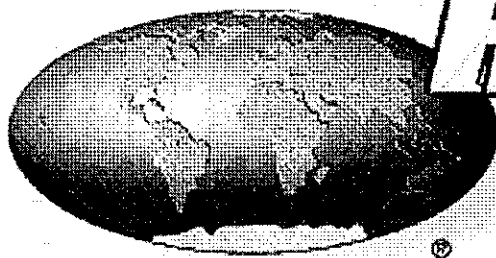
Sonoma County Radio Amateurs, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, May 11, 2005 Minutes

Board Members Present: John Felton, KE5RI; Kevin Alt, K6BSG; Rich Freitas, KF6SZA; Bruce Donecker, N6CT; Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV; Brian Torr, N6IY. Jim, KE6VGV was absent.

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order; Verification of Quorum – The meeting was called to order by President John Felton, KE5RI, at 6:27 pm. The meeting was held at John Felton's home. A quorum was present in that six voting board members were present.
2. Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Kevin, K6BSG, that the minutes of the 04/13/2005 meeting as printed in Short Skip be approved. The motion passed.
3. Officer and Director Reports
 - a. President – John, KE5RI, - Nothing to report.
 - b. Vice President – Kevin, K6BSG, - Nothing to report.
 - c. Secretary – Rich, KF6SZA, - Nothing to report.
 - d. Treasurer – Bill, KH6GJV, reported checking and savings bank balances for the Treasurer.
 - e. Directors –
 - i) Bruce, N6CT, - Nothing to report.
 - ii) Bill, KH6GJV, - The Lost Coast Convention was mentioned. We need to update the club information on the ARRL website – Rich, KF6SZA, to do. The bank signature cards still need to be updated.
 - iii) There was general comment that the banners for public service events looked good.
 - iv) Rich, KF6SZA, motioned that we renew the SCRA ad subscription in WorldRadio; the motion passed unanimously.
 - f. Past President – Brian, N6IY, - Nothing to report.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. ARES – Rich, KF6SZA, - Nothing to report.
 - b. Mobile Comm Van – Rich, KF6SZA, reported that he would make another attempt to schedule painting of the vehicle. There was discussion of magnetic signs, vests and/or t-shirts for events.
 - c. Activities – Bill, KH6GJV, reported that PCAM will be August 21st and 22nd. We need to assess club interest at the next meeting. Other potential programs were discussed including a Tall Stories Contest and a Great Circle Logging Software presentation.
 - d. Newsletter – There was general discussion regarding the logistics of email distribution.
 - e. Public Service – Bill, KH6GJV, reported that the past two events went well. The Human Race had over 10,000 participants and the Wine Country Century had approximately 2500 riders. The next event is the Terrible Two on June 25th (Field Day).
 - f. VE Liaison – Brian, N6IY, reported that he agreed to help Lakeport ARC conduct a VE session on Sunday, March 13th.
 - g. Repeater
 - i) John, KE5RI, reported there are no new equipment issues.
 - ii) SCRA vs NARCC Update – Bill, KH6GJV, presented a NARCC mail elections ballot as there were not enough members at the last meeting for a vote. Kevin, K6BSG, motioned to return the ballot to NARCC marked for election. There was general discussion that very little has happened in the past 3-4 months regarding the lawsuit.
 - iii) Net Control Operators – 5/24 – Kevin, K6BSG. John, KE5RI, questioned if we need a net manager to ensure we have sufficient NCS operators.
5. Unfinished Business –
 - a. A Club Equipment Inventory needs to be taken – Bill, KH6GJV, and Kevin, K6BSG, will begin. Brian, N6IY, mentioned that he has some club equipment.
 - b. Field Day was discussed as being run like an emergency event. Setup would be Saturday morning and people would bring their own food, tents, and generators. We will use club antennas. Porta-potties will be provided.
6. New Business –
 - a. There was general discussion regarding the need for a Telephone Tree vs Email for member notification.
 - b. Brian, N6IY, will be out of town for the Christmas meeting. He will still help organize the event.
7. Adjournment – It was moved by Rich, KF6SZA, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. The motion passed.

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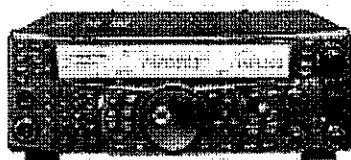
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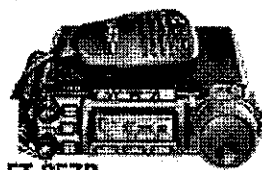
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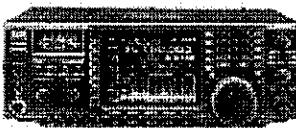
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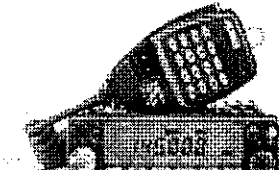
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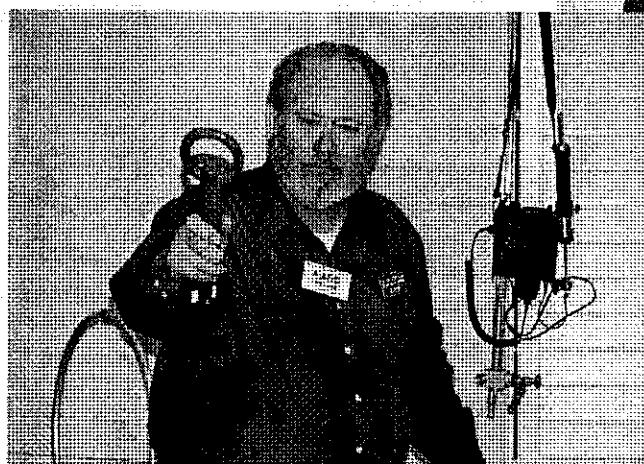
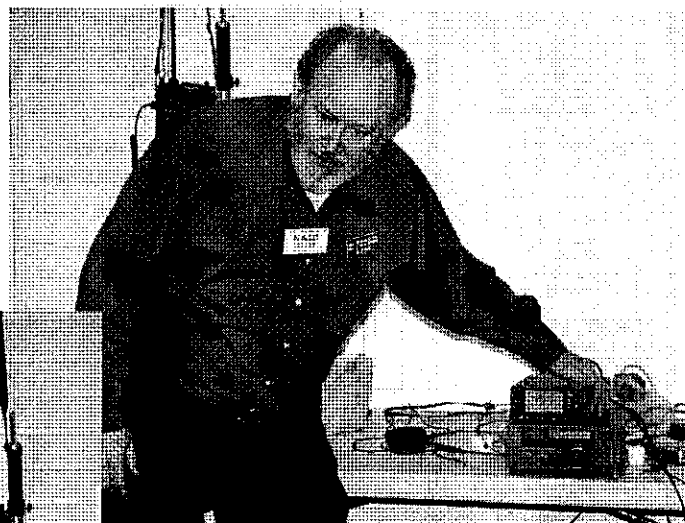
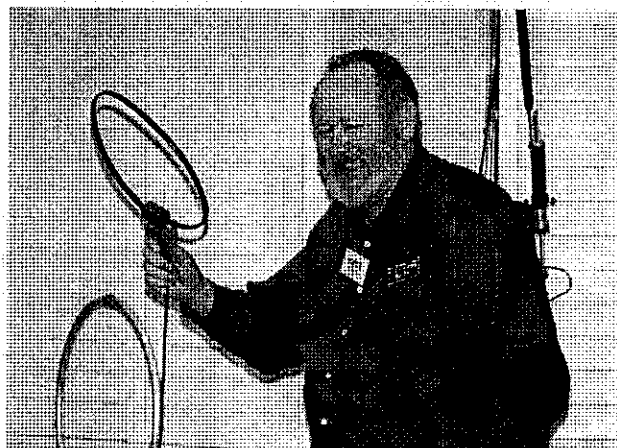
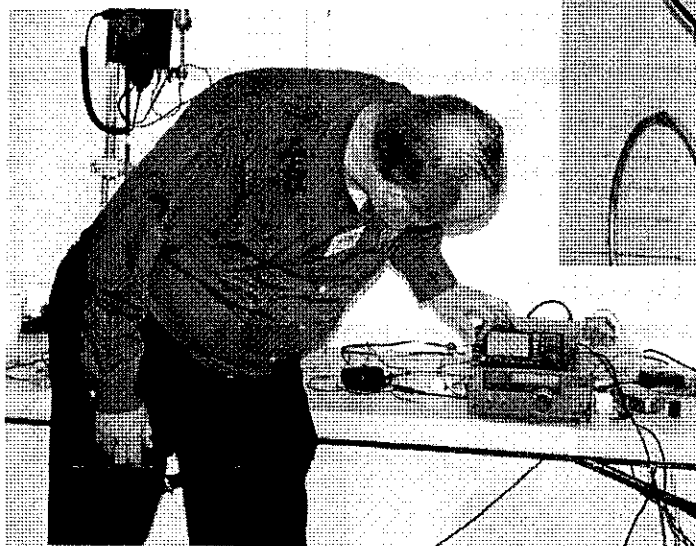
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