



Amateur Radio Club of Alameda

~ KG6WJF ~



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Electronic News Letter

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November Event Schedule

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| November 4 | NCS KG6MAC, | Tom |
| November 11 | NCS KJ6AF, | Sam (From Hospital) |
| November 18 | State Wide Hospital Drill | |
| November 18 | NCS KF6YRG, | Michael John |
| November 19 | Next Regular Meeting | (Third Friday) |
| November 25 | No Net-Thanksgiving | |

ARCA October Activities:

Hospital Health Faire ~ October 23, 2004

ARCA was well represented at the Alameda Hospital Health Faire on Saturday the 23rd. This is the third year that ARCA has been represented as the Volunteer Emergency Communications Arm of the hospital.

Unfortunately, the East Bay Red Cross Communications Van suffered a mechanical failure and was not available for the outside demonstrations. The Hospital 2 meter station was activated during the event and radio communications was demonstrated between the parking lot and the Emergency Room Radio Installation. This demonstration provided an initiation to the members who had not operated the station from within the Hospital. It also gave the Hospital staff some exposure to volunteer radio activities inside their secured area.

ARCA Members that participated in the Alameda Hospital event include: Michael John Torrey, KF6YRG; Sam Nicholls, KJ6AF; Thomas de Lettis, KN6EI; Bill Lawson, AE6HP; Tom Tazelaar, KG6MAC; Joe Kohler, KL7IDY; Allen Sweet, KG6HM

November StateWide Hospital Emergency Exercise:

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2004
Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon
Place: Alameda Hospital Radio Station in Emergency Room
Frequencies: 146.505 MHz simplex

146.880 MHz ORCA Repeater (- 77.0 Hz)
147.240 MHz W6RGG Repeater (+ no PL)
444.200 MHz W6RGG Repeater (+ 107.2 Hz)

Exercise Objectives:

The purpose for ARCA to participate in this exercise is to gain experience establishing communications with ORCA in Oakland (146.880 MHz) and with the Alameda County EOC in Dublin (444.200 MHz).

At least two ARCA members are to operate the Hospital station in the ER and a mobile or portable 440 station in the parking lot.

ARCA members are welcome to check in the Resource Net on the simplex channel and monitor activities on the other frequencies.

The State Wide Hospital Exercise is an annual event. You can get more information of the 2004 Exercise and previous year exercises on this web site:

<http://www.emsa.ca.gov/dms2/hospambex.asp>

November Club Meeting ~ Third Friday!

The next regular monthly meeting of ARCA will be on Friday, November 18th. This is one week earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

December Club Meeting ~ Applebee's Holiday Dinner:

The December meeting will also be a week earlier than normal due the Christmas Holiday. The December meeting will be held at Applebee's Restaurant in the South Shore Shopping Center:

Date: Friday, December 17, 2004
Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Place: Applebee's Restaurant
2263 South Shore Center
Alameda, CA 94501

Other ARCA Events In December:

Weekly CW Practice Net

Date: Every Monday
Time: 9:00 pm PT
Frequency: 14.060 MHz

December ARRL 160 Meter Contest

Date: First Weekend in December
Start Time: 4:00 pm PT Friday (2200Z Friday)
2:00 pm PT Sunday (1600Z Sunday)
Place: Building 522
Alameda Point

This is a 42 hour CW contest with most of the fruitful operating time expected to take place after sundown and before sunrise. Most members have never made a contact on 160 meters (Thomas de Lettis is a notable exception, having made a 160 contact from the USS Hornet on October 24th.)

October Meeting

Welcome Guests To The ARCA Meeting

Jim Lynch
Michael Hole, KG6DER
Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report - The club cash on hand is \$173.00. An no cost checking account has been established at U.S. Bank. All three club officers will affix their signatures to the account as soon as possible in November.

EMCOMM Report - Sandy, KO6JF was off being KO6JF/C6A and was absent from the meeting. The Alameda Hospital Health Faire Exercise and the November 18th Statewide Hospital exercise was discussed.

Web Site Report – No report

Education Committee Report - Bill, AE6HP announced the organizational gathering of the Education Committee members on Wednesday, October 27.

Club Call Sign KG6WJF – The consensus for vanity call sign selection was discussed:

- a. Prefix letter: W, K, N, A in descending order of preference.
- b. Call area numeral digit: "6"

Call sign format: 1x3 and 2x3 calls are authorized. 1x3 is preferred.

Thanks to all members that attended the October meeting.

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