



Amateur Radio Club of Alameda

~ KG6WJF ~



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Electronic News Letter

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By KL7IDY

December Event Schedule

December 2	NCS KG6MAC,	Tom
December 3-4	160 Meter CW Contest	Building 522
December 9	NCS KJ6AF,	Sam
December 16	NCS KF6YRG	Michael John
December 17	Holiday Dinner	7:00 pm Applebee's
December 23	NCS KL7IDY	Joe
December 30	NCS KG6HM	Al

ARCA November Activities:

Statewide Hospital Emergency Exercise ~ November 18, 2004

ARCA operated the Alameda Hospital VHF station during the annual hospital exercise on November 18th. This exercise was quite different from the City wide exercises that ARCA has participated in the past.

The NCS for the exercise was W6VOM operating from the Alameda County EOC in Dublin. The net was held on 147.24 MHz, the W6RGG repeater. Dr. Eric Otani once again gave up his office during the ARCA on-air activities.

December Club Meeting ~ Applebee's Holiday Dinner:

The December meeting will 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
Dec 3, 4 and 5
Setup Time: 2:00 pm PT Friday
Start Time: 5:00 pm PT Friday
8:00 pm PT 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.) Sam, KJ6AF; Tom, KG6MAC and Joe, KL7IDY have completed the antenna layout survey and have the antenna and feed line problems resolved. We will need about 150 feet of coax. If you have large chunks that you can lend this contest effort, it would be appreciated. Contact Joe at KL7IDY@arrl.net

November Meeting

Welcome Guests To The ARCA Meeting

Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T - East Bay ARRL Section Manager
Jim Lynch, KG6WQX
Fran Sweet, KF6UVB - Club Co-Founder

The East Bay Section Manager, NJ6T presented ARCA President, Al Sweet, KG6HM, with the ARRL Affiliated Club Charter.

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report - There is \$173.00 in the club checking account at the Santa Clara St. branch of U.S. Bank.

EMCOMM Report - Joe, KL7IDY gave a summary of the Statewide Hospital Emergency Exercise. Joe had completed the ARRL Emergency Communications Level 1 course just on week prior to this exercise. The most valuable lesson from EC-001 is the emphasis on amateur operators recognizing the needs of the served agency and supporting those needs. Alameda Hospital was the served agency in this case.

Web Site Report – Cole, KG6OSQ gave a briefing on the current state of the web site.

Education Committee Report - Bill, AE6HP reported on the Wednesday night project night held during November. Morse code keys, and related hardware projects were worked on. Tom, KG6MAC mentioned that he has a number of projects that prime candidates for a Wednesday night session.

Monday Night CW Net Report – The CW net is alive and well and participants get about an hour of sending and receiving practice on 14.060 MHz starting at 9 pm.

Other Modes – Thomas, KN6EI; Sam, KJ6AF and Joe, KL7IDY have been experimenting with modes other than FM, SSB or CW on 20 meters. Thomas is interested in Radio Teletype (RTTY) using a TNC while Joe gets on RTTY using MRTTY software. Sam and Joe made a contact using Ancient Modulation (AM). These “all” mode transceivers are really neat.



ARRL Affiliated Club Charter Presentation to ARCA
Left to right: Al Sweet, KG6HM; Andy Oppel, N6AJO; Ti-Michelle, NJ6T

January 2005 Meeting

January's meeting will be on the fourth Friday of the month: January 28, 2005
Thanks to all members that attended the November meeting.

The tentative program for January is a presentation on Amateur Microwave Operations.

Don't forget the Holiday Dinner on Friday, December 17th

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