



Amateur Radio Club of Alameda



2004

~ **KG6WJF** ~

Electronic News Letter

February 13, 2005

By KL7IDY

The January Club meeting was held on its regular day, the fourth Friday of the month. This newsletter summarizes the activities that transpired during the meeting.

The Club welcomes returning guests Rod Becker, KG6DFC; John Cassady, KG6WRA; and Susan Bradley

Net Control Stations & Upcoming Special Events:

February 3 Tom, KG6MAC (good job, Tom)
February 10 Sam, KJ6AF (tnx Sam) Hospital Net Activation Night
February 17 Michael John, KF6YRG
February 19 ARRL International DX Contest Planning Meeting,
February 24 Al, KG6HM
February 25 February Club meeting 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
February 26 Building Work Party 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
March 5 ORCA Fire Station Net Checkin
March 5-6 ARRL International DX Contest Operation from Building 522

Club Business Section:

- **President's Vision for 2005**

President Al Sweet, KG6HM reported on his vision for the club during 2005.

Items mentioned include:

- ⇒ Club Station Authorization and Setup
- ⇒ Membership Committee ~ Howard, W1WF
- ⇒ Member Interest Survey
- ⇒ East Bay Emergency Coordinator (EC) report for January

- **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Credits: \$173 in the Club bank account; \$120 collected from members 2005 dues.

Debits: \$9.20 paid to Sam, KJ6AF for renewal of web page domain name.

Total Club cash assets: \$283.80

The 2005 calendar of events was reviewed including scheduled meeting days for each month, Field Day, projected dates for emergency exercise events and spring & fall contest events. See the detailed scheduled as Attachment 1.

- **Emcomm Committee Report**

Emcomm has proposed meeting on Wednesday nights. Dates and topics to be announced.

- **Education Committee Report**

Combined education and project nights are planned for Wednesday meeting night in Building 522. Dates and topics to be announced.

- **Web Site Report**

A discussion was held about where to host the website and to obtain input from interested members about web page content and format. The Sam, KJ6AF and Cole, KG6OSQ will work together to resolve the hosting issues. A tentative gathering was outlined to discuss content and format. This tentative gathering is to be scheduled and announced.

- **Election of Club Officers**

The Executive Committee agreed to reschedule election of 2005 officers until the March meeting. Nominations will be taken at the February meeting.

- **Vanity Call Application Status**

Jay, KF6YQZ, trustee of the Club call sign will be making application for a vanity call sign from a list of available calls discussed in previous meetings.

- **Review the schedule for 2005**

The schedule of events for 2005 was discussed. The events thus far scheduled are listed in Attachment 1.

- **Club Roster**

A Club Roster of 2004-2005 members and guests is Attachment 2.

Program Presentation by Sandy, KO6JF/C6A

Sandy, KO6JF when he's operating from California related his experiences operating from Andros Island in the Bahamas. Everything from equipment weight management, the types of equipment and antennas and power supplies as well as his technique of producing economical photographic QSL cards using a digital camera, computer programs and Longs photo service.



The Secretary/Treasure will not be in town for the February meeting or February 26th work party.

Joe, KL7IDY

- Attachments: 1) ARCA 2005 Schedule of Events
2) ARCA Club Roster
3) ARRL International DX Contest Plan

If you have any comments or information for this electronic newsletter, please e-mail Joe Kohler, KL7IDY at:

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Amateur Radio Club of Alameda 2005 Schedule of Events

Item	Date	Time	Event	Place
1	January 28, 2005	7:00 pm	January Meeting	Building 522
2	February 10, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
3	February 18, 2005	7:00 pm	February EC Meeting	Applebees
4	February 19, 2005	9:00 am	Contest Planning	Building 522
5	February 25, 2005	7:00 pm	February Meeting	Building 522
6	February 26, 2005	10:00 am	Work Party	Building 522
7	March 5, 2005	10:00 am	ORCA FS Net	Alameda Fire Stations
8	March 5-6, 2005	9:00 am	ARRL DX Contest	Building 522
9	March 10, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
10	March 18, 2005	7:00 pm	March EC Meeting	Applebees
11	March 25, 2005	7:00 pm	March Meeting	Building 522
12	April 14, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
13	April 15, 2005	7:00 pm	April EC Meeting	Applebees
14	April 22, 2005	7:00 pm	April Meeting	Building 522
15	May 12, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
16	May 19, 2005 (tentative)	8:00 am	City Exercise	Alameda EOC
17	May 20, 2005	7:00 pm	May EC Meeting	Applebees
18	May 27, 2005	7:00 pm	May Meeting	Building 522
19	June 9, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
20	June 11, 2005	9:00 am	FD Planning	Building 522
21	June 23, 2005	NO Meeting	Due to Field Day	
22	June 25-26, 2005	8:00 am	Field Day	Building 522
23	July 14, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
24	July 15, 2005	7:00 pm	July EC Meeting	Applebees
25	July 22, 2005	7:00 pm	July Meeting	Building 522
26	August 11, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
27	August 19, 2005	7:00 pm	August EC Meeting	Applebees
28	August 26, 2005	7:00 pm	August Meeting	Building 522
29	September 8, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
30	September 16, 2005	7:00 pm	September EC Meeting	Applebees
31	September 23, 2005	7:00 pm	September Meeting	Building 522
32	October 13, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
33	October 21, 2005	7:00 pm	October EC Meeting	Applebees
34	October 28, 2005	7:00 pm	October Meeting	Building 522

35	November 5, 2005	9:00 am	Contest Planning	Building 522
36	November 10, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
37	November 11, 2005	7:00 pm	November EC Meeting	Applebees
38	November 17, 2005 (tentative)	8:00 am	Statewide Hospital Exercise	Alameda Hospital
39	November 18, 2005	7:00 pm	November Meeting 3 rd Thursday	Building 522
40	November 19-20, 2005	9:00 am	ARRL November SS Contest	Building 522
41	December 8, 2005	7:00 pm	Hospital NCS	Alameda Hospital
42	December 9, 2005	7:00 pm	December EC Meeting	Applebees
43	December 16, 2005	7:00 pm	December Meeting 3 rd Thursday	Building 522

- Notes: 1. Building 522 is scheduled every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 10:00 pm for ARCA activities as required.
2. ARCA Disaster Preparedness Nets are scheduled every Thursday night at 7:00 pm on the WB6NDJ Repeater: 146.880 MHz - offset, PL 77.0 Hz; Simplex on 146.505 MHz
3. Net Control from Alameda Hospital is scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. (Hospital ID and prior notification to ECC Nurse Manager required. 510-814-4045)

Amateur Radio Club of Alameda Club Roster

February 2005

	First Name	Last Name	Call	2 0 0 4 D u e s	2 0 0 5 D u e s	2 0 0 6 D u e s	A R R L	Phone
1	Cole	Ashcraft	KG6OSQ	X				510-523-3138
2	Howard	Ashcraft	W1WF	X	X		X	510-523-3138
3	Emily	Clarke	W0EEC	X			X	650-349-5283
4	Thomas	de Lellis	KN6EI	X	X			510-748-9635
5	Lloyd	Gardner	KG6QQD	X			X	408-828-6447
6	Joe	Kohler	KL7IDY	X	X		X	510 523-7112
7	Sandy	Lavine	KO6JF	X			X	510.522.7152
8	Bill	Lawson	AE6HP	X	X		X	510-748-9445
9	Jim	Lynch	KG6WQX		X			
10	Sam	Nicholls	KJ6AF	X	X		X	510-523-6984
11	Andy	Oppel	N6AJO	X	X		X	510-864-2299
12	Steggy	Stegmeier	KG6QVB	X			X	408-316-5023
13	Allen	Sweet	KG6HM	X	X		X	510 305-6900
14	Fran	Sweet	KF6UVB		X			510 523 2096
15	Alexander	Taylor	KG6DFU				X	510 522 2409
16	Chelsea	Taylor	KF6YRA					510 522 2409
17	Jay	Taylor	KF6YQZ				X	510 522 2409
18	Tom	Tazelaar	KG6MAC	X	X			
19	Michael John	Torrey	KF6YRG	X	X	X	X	510-865-3723

Guests

1	Richard	White	KG6DRB
2	Susan	Bradley	
3	John	Cassady	KG6WRA
4	Ganesh	Subramaniam	KG6VTX

Forward any corrections to: kl7idy@arrl.net

Contest Plan

ARRL 2005 International DX Contest (Phone) March 5-6

- Goals:**
1. Provide venue for members who enjoy group contesting.
 2. Provide HF operating experience to those members that don't have their own HF stations.
 3. Meet the Club objective of sponsoring at least 3 operating events a year.
 4. Foster interest in HF operation and modes.
 5. Make a respectable score and make entry into the ARRL contest soapbox.

Contest Hours: 48 hours: Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; Ends 2400 UTC Sunday

Club participation: As many hours as we can while still having FUN

Saturday	March 5 0900 PST to 2400 PST
Sunday	March 6 0900 PST to 1600 PST

Contest Planning Meeting: Date: February 19, 2005
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Building 522

Call Sign: KG6WJF (club call)

Number of Stations: Two
There will be two stations consisting of Club equipment.
Club member to supply coax, antennas, tuners and backup equipment

Operating Bands: 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 Meters

Antennas:
Multiband dipole, 40, 20 & 15
80 meter inverted Vee
Buddy Pole and other self supporting antennas as available.

Ancillary Equipment:
Cable: Club members will bring coax and the most appropriate will be selected for use.
Test and measurement equipment: Wattmeter, Antenna Analyzer
Miscellaneous: Head sets, boom microphones, foot switch, paper, pens, AC extension cords and power strips, power supplies, world map, punch pins, Club Banner, digital camera.

ATTACHMENT 3

Logging:

Two logging computers, a wireless or wired hub and one spare computer needed.
N3FJP Networked version of International DX Contest; ver 1.8
Networked operation to be tested prior to contest weekend.

Participants:

Sign-ups (definite attendance)
Walk-ins (iffy attendance)
Guest Operators (Amateur License required)

Refreshments: **BYO (Bring Your Own) Absolutely NO alcohol**

Side activities: Informal

Overnight facilities: BYOSB (Bring Your Own Sleeping Bag)

ORCA Conflict: ORCA has scheduled a Saturday Fire Station Net Checkin for March 5 starting at 10:00. Some ARCA members are planning to participate in both ham events. ORCA's on air activity will be approximately 30 minutes followed by a meeting at Oakland Fire Station 1.

ARCA Contest setup may be delayed somewhat while member drive to Alameda Fire Stations to be counted in the checkins.

HF Contest Participation Sign Up Sheet:

Signed up on 2/9/05 net:	Joe, KL7IDY	ORCA FS Checkin
	Sam, KJ6AF	
	Michael John, KF6YRG	ORCA FS Checkin
	Tom, KG6MAC	ORCA FS Checkin

Additional Sign-ups: