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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

President's Column January 2020

"It was 20 years ago today; Sargent Pepper taught the band to play." And so begins one of my all-time favorite songs (and album), and so also begins my 2nd stint as president of our Club! My, how the times have changed.

It was great to see so many of our club members at the Holiday Potluck Meeting. I thought that President Walt's move to have the food first and then start the meeting was very wise, indeed! And again, club members are indeed great cooks.

Congratulations to our new Club officer:
Vice Pres: Paul Atkins, AI6BB

And also to our continuing officers:
Secretary: Tom Oliver, KJ6OGL
Treasurer: Frank Erbacher, N6FG.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting, in which we will start planning for the year's activities. Please plan to bring and share your ideas for Club activities. I hope that we can continue some traditions and have new experiences this year!

And a very special SHOUT OUT to Walt Long KG6EDY for his sensible leadership and sacrifices over the past years. You did GREAT! Thank you! And to Bill Lillie N6BCT, who has held the VP office for some few years now, a big thank you!!!

73's Dave Lawrence, KF6TWW.

DECEMBER MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

CARC December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

11, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by: President Walt Long-KG6EDY, at the Linda Mar Fire House in Pacifica.

Self-introductions

Introductions by members in attendance.

Minutes

Motion made by Dave Lawrence-KF6TWW and seconded by Dave Conroy-KM6CPF to approve the November minutes as posted in The Coastside Communicator. Motion was passed by unanimous vote of the membership present. Frank Erbacher-N6FG commented that he was concerned that the membership had approved, at the November meeting, to send funds to CARLA w/o knowing who and where the funds are to go. Walt mentioned that the information is on the CARLA website and that Mike Herbert-WB6JKV would be able to provide additional info.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds

The Treasurer, Frank Erbacher-N6FG gave financial report: General Fund: Frank paid \$515 to the Sharp Park Country Club Restaurant for the dinners. Bill should have been \$525. Will put \$10.00 into repeater fund. Grand Total: \$19,309. Deposited check for \$2200 from Fog Fest

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CURRENT REPEATER**

1. Update on status of WA6TOW repeater from Dave Rinck-K6DMR: Repeater is very quiet right now and no "grunge". No power on the hill. Repeater is currently off. Casey gave a report on the current status of the repeater when power is lost and then restored. Unsure of status of power line replacement. Motion made by Frank-N6FG and seconded by Audrey-WA2KPS to purchase batteries and chargers for a value of up to \$1,000. Installation to take place when weather clears and is dry. Motion was passed by unanimous vote of the membership present. Dave-KF6TWW said he might be able to get clean suits. Mouse droppings inside the repeater that need to be handled properly.

2. Digipeater -
3. APRS -
4. Emergency Services -

Replacement Repeater

1. Update on Repeater Replacement Committee progress from Roy Brixen-KE6MNJ: Roy not available to move the new repeater to Scott's until late December. Will be on same frequency, but a different PL. Check the settings, tweak settings as needed. No switch-over to generator. Roy is going to get parts to add.

FIELD DAY - June 27-28

FOG FEST - September 26-27

NEWSLETTER - Published

WEBSITE - Web hosting bill \$30 to Paul-AI6BB. Paul went through the process of splitting websites with Scott Mercer. Now under Dreamhost. Auto renews in 2021 at \$16. Paul mentioned about getting the 2020 Net Control calendar up on the website. Will work on that at the January meeting

Net Script - Using approved script.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Walt concerned about doing Wednesday Night Check-In in simplex mode or cancel until power is restored to the repeater. Ted-K6TET made a motion to do the check-in on Wednesday in simplex mode on 146.925, Ralph-KC6YDH seconded. Walt said he would be Net Control.

B. Donation of Funds - Request for donation to CARLA

NEW BUSINESS**Adjournment**

Motion made by Dave-KF6TWW and seconded by Dave-K6DMR to adjourn the meeting at: 8:40p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Present at the Meeting

Officers: President: Walt Long-KG6EDY, Vice-President: Absent, Secretary: Tom Oliver-KJ6OGL, Treasurer: Frank Erbacher-N6FG

Members: David Rinck-K6DMR, Dave Lawrence-KF6TWW, Paul Atkins-AI6BB, Casey Villyard-N6TZE, Audrey Villyard-WA2KPS, Ted Niemira-K6TET, Dave Conroy-KM6CPF, Ralph Kugler-KC6YDH, Mike Bevington-AA6XL, Barbara Erbacher-K6IIP

Submitted by: Tom Oliver-KJ6OGL, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT**Funds**

The Treasurer, Frank Erbacher-N6FG reported. CARC donated \$1,000 to CARLA to assist in the replacement of repeaters and equipment lost in the fires near Redding and Mt. Shasta. Mike-WB6JKV asked Frank if he would publish the response he received from Tom-N6MVT in the newsletter. Membership dues now due. Frank will have 2019 year-end summary next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - ~60

Bills needing approval - None

Correspondence - Email thank you from Tom Naso-N6MVT with CARLA for CARC's donation

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CURRENT REPEATER**

1. Update on **status of WA6TOW repeater** from Dave Rinck-K6DMR: Repeater currently down. A tree came down and took out the powerline. Dave-KF6TWW is asking what is to be done/what will be done with current repeater. Summarized comments made by Casey at last meeting. Per Mike Herbert-WB6JKV the line is to be replaced tomorrow, 1/09/2020. Dave Rinck-K6DMR

will remotely (if possible) bring the repeater back up once power is restored. He is looking into replacement batteries and chargers.

2. **APRS** – No Report

3. **Emergency Services** – No Report

Replacement Repeater

1. Update on Repeater Replacement Committee progress from Roy Brixen-KE6MNJ: No Report

FIELD DAY – 27th & 28th, 2020

FOG FEST – 26th & 27th, 2020

NEWSLETTER – Newsletter did not get published. Dave to get it out within the week.

WEBSITE – Up and running. Need 2020 Net Control assignments and Calendar of Events.

Net Script - Using approved script.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

New Business

A. Calendar of Events: Members present, by show of hands, said they wanted to go back to Nick’s at Rockaway. Date is November 14th. Frank to make reservations this week. CARC Net Control Sign-up – Filled in. If anyone wants to run the net, let Dave-KF6TWW know, and we’ll get you on the schedule. If there is an activity (outing) you think the club would like to participate in, let Dave know. Calendar will be finalized at the February meeting and published on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

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Present at the Meeting

Officers: President: Dave Lawrence-KF6TWW, Vice-President: Paul Akins-AI6BB, Secretary: Tom Oliver-KJ6OGL, Treasurer: Frank Erbacher-N6FG

Members: Ralph Kugler-KC6YDH, Steve Paganelli-K6YUA, Rudy Gaoay-N6DOZ, Pete Wanger-WA6ECH, Mike Herbert-WB6JKV, Walt Long-KG6EDY, Victor Munoz-KB6LGZ, Scott Gillette-KN6GQZ, Dave Rinck-K6DMR

Submitted by: Tom Oliver-KJ6OGL, Secretary

ARRL UPDATE

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, is ARRL Interim CEO

At its January 17 - 18 meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors did not elect Howard Michel, WB2ITX, as the ARRL Chief Executive Officer.

As of January 20, Barry Shelley, N1VXY, became interim CEO. Mr. Shelley was ARRL's Chief Financial Officer for 28 years and CEO during 2018 before his retirement.

The Board has created a search committee to select the next CEO. More details on this and other matters that took place at the Board meeting will be released shortly.



ARES Volunteers Establish "Plan B" Communication Network in Puerto Rico

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) volunteers in Puerto Rico continued over the weekend to report for daily duty at an American Red Cross (ARC) distribution center in Mayagüez and at ARC Headquarters in San Juan. The two sites are ready to provide a "Plan B" communication backbone in the event the seismic situation worsens. A magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck southwestern Puerto Rico on January 7, fast on the heels of a magnitude 5.8 tremor the day before, damaging homes in Guayanilla, Peñuelas, Yauco, and Guánica. ARRL Puerto Rico Section Manager Oscar Resto, KP4RF, told ARRL this week that the situation is relatively "calm and quiet" for now and starting on January 22, volunteers began monitoring from their homes or vehicles, permitting most, including Resto himself, to get back to their jobs and homes.

ARES volunteers had been deployed to an ARC distribution center in Yauco, but that part of the

operation was shifted to Mayagüez over the weekend, because it was considered safer there. An ARRL-provided VHF/UHF radio and antenna have been set up at the Mayagüez facility. Resto said a second operating position is being added at the San Juan ARC Headquarters site.

Resto said Red Cross officials know that they can rely on amateur radio, if the situation calls for it, but for now commercial communications are fully operational, although aftershocks from the January 7 quake persist. "In case the situation escalates, the ARES team will immediately mobilize at the ARC sites and establish communication (VHF/UHF or HF) as required," Resto said.

The ARRL Ham Aid program provided this antenna, installed in Mayagüez. [Oscar Resto, KP4RF, photo]

COMING EVENTS

Pacifica CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

For training and information

<https://pacificacert.samariteam.com/RequestInfo.aspx>

email: <mailto:cert@pacificapolice.org>

QCWA NorCal Chapter 11 - Lunch at Harry's Hofbrau

3rd Wednesday of every month

1909 El Camino Real Redwood City, CA.

No host. 11:00AM to 1:00PM (approx).

ASVRO Silicon Valley Electronics Flea Market

2nd Saturday of each month from March through October.

Web Page: <http://www.electronicfleamarket.com/>

Talk-In: W6ASH 145.27- (100Hz PL)

N6NFI 145.23- (100Hz PL)

License Exams

Bay Area Educational Amateur Radio Society

Offering a one day study session for Technician or General theory, followed by testing. Fee: \$35.00

Registration required, class size is limited.

Web Page: <http://www.baears.com/> for info and registration.

Questions: Ross Peterson (650) 349-5349 or wb6zbu@arrl.net

Silicon Valley Volunteer Examiner Group

First and third Saturdays of each month, 8AM-11:00AM. Saratoga Fire Station 14380 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA

Fee: \$15

Walk-ins only, No pre-registration

• Web Page: <http://www.svve.org>

Sunnyvale VEC Exam Sessions

Fee: \$15 Cash

Cut-off-time, 30 min. after starting time.

Exam: changes, directions, call (408) 255-9000 24/hr

Online Practice Exams

Within the practice tests, online study resources, (Wikipedia, NASA, ARRL, etc.), are provided for many of the questions. The list of resources available for each question is constantly growing because users can add their own favorite links to the study materials. Users can also track their test scores over time and see which sub-elements are giving them the most trouble. Practice Tests <http://copaseticflow.blogspot.com/>



CARC MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE

Jan 8th	2020 Agenda Planning, LM Fire Station
Feb 11th	Agenda Final
Mar 8th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 9th	LM Round Table Pizza 1400hrs
Apr 14th	Repeater Controller LM Fire
Apr 28th	Dream Machines, El Granada
May 12th	Field Day Planning Mtg, LM Fire Station
Jun 8th	Devils Slide Ride, PARCA Bike Event
Jun 12th	Field Day Planning Mtg, LM Fire Station
Jun 27-28	CARC Field Day, Sweeney Ridge
Jul 8th	Field Day Wrap-Up Mtg, LM Fire Station
Aug 11th	LM Fire Station
Sept 8th	LM Fire Station
Sept 26-27	Pacific Coast Fog Fest, Pacifica
Oct 13th	2020 Officer Nomination , LM Fire Station
Nov 13th	Election Dinner
Dec 11 th	Holiday Potluck Dinner Meeting, LM Fire

? to be determined # updated ---- canceled * tentative date



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In Memoriam



Roger G. Spindler-WA6AFT/SK



**THE COASTSIDE
 COASTSIDE AMATEUR
 RADIO CLUB**

The Coastsides Amateur Radio Club (CARC) is affiliated with ARRL, and meets the second Wednesday of each month at 19:30 hrs. in the Linda Mar Fire Station Community Room, on Linda Mar Blvd. in Pacifica. Visitors are welcome.

The CARC has been organized since 1959, serving Bay Area amateurs, and providing emergency communications services to the City of Pacifica. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year for the administration of the Club and the publication of the Communicator.

CARC supports two repeaters, WA6TOW/R (VHF and UHF); a Packet Digipeater, WA6TOW-1; and an APRS Digipeater, WA6TOW-2. Users of the machines provide repeater support and maintenance strictly through donations.

VHF: 146.925 MHz –offset 600 KHz PL 114.8
UHF: 441.075 MHz +offset 5 MHz PL 114.8

PL Tone: 114.8 Hz is used on both repeaters, as needed, for noise suppression.

Packet Digipeater: 145.050 MHz, Packet Node: PAC
APRS Digipeater: 144.390 MHz.

CARC/Pacifica OES VHF Simplex: 146.535 MHz
PL Tone: 114.8 Hz is used, as needed, for noise suppression

VHF Net

The club sponsors a VHF net each Wednesday, with the exception of meeting nights, at 20:00 hrs. for membership check-ins, notices, and QST's. Note: The WA6TOW repeater on 441.075 MHz may be used as an alternate if the WA6TOW VHF repeater is down.

HF Net

The club sponsors a HF rag chew net on 3.852 MHz, or the first clear frequency up/dn, on Saturday at 09:00 hrs. with an alternate frequency of 7.228 MHz.



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60 Years



of Service

50 Years



Affiliation

COASTSIDE NETS

Monday

7:00 PM on WA6TOW
146.925 MHz, PL 114.8
Pacifica CERT Net

7:30 PM on WA6TOW
146.925 MHz, PL 114.8
San Bruno ARC Net

Tuesday

7:30 PM on WA6TOW
146.925 MHz, PL 114.8
Daly City ARES Net

8:00 PM on WA6TOW 146.925 MHz, PL 114.8 and KC6ULT 146.865 MHz, PL 114.8 simultaneously, but not linked.
San Mateo County ACS Net

Wednesday

8:00 PM on WA6TOW
146.925 MHz, PL 114.8
Coastside Amateur Radio Club Wednesday Night Check-in.

Saturday

9:00 AM on 3.852 MHz, or the first clear frequency up/dn.
(alt freq of 7.228 MHz.)

Coastside Saturday Morning Group.

10:00 AM on WA6TOW
146.925 MHz, PL 114.8
QCWA Ch. 11 NorCal. Net

Sunday

7:00-7:30 AM on WA6TOW
146.925 MHz, PL 114.8
Knights of the Megahertz Net



**MEETING
NOTICE:**

2020 Planing
Meeting

LINDA MAR FIRE
1930 HRS

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