



BARK Newsletter

BARK Board Members

Bill Gustavson	KG6GNI	Pres	07-10
Ken Wilson	KI6BWM	Vice Pres	06-09
Gary Ford	N6GF	Secy/Treas	07-10
Jack Hendrick	K6JAC	Director	06-09
Hal Stoner Jr.	WB6KXV	Director	05-08
Val Thomsen	W6LED	Director	05-08
Bob Jordan	KI6BZR	Assoc Dir	07-10
Gary Ford	N6GF	Trustee	

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2007 Annual Meeting

The BARK annual meeting was held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at the Red Cross building in Woodland. President Bill Gustavson (KG6GNI) called the meeting to order at 10:03am. The 14 members present were Director Ken (K6WLS), Bob (KI6BZR), Sam (N7DTW), Secretary-Treasurer Gary (N6GF), President Bill (KG6GNI), Ione (W6ION), Director Jack (K6JAC), Director Hal (WB6KXV), Director Val (W6LED), Al (K6QDC), Rose (W6QPV), Jim (W6RWI), Mark (KF6SML), and Zola KC7WCE). With 16 proxies, we met our quorum.

Secretary-Treasurer Gary (N6GF) reviewed the minutes from the 2006 annual meeting and presented a Treasurer's report. Our financial balance was about the same as that of the previous year. Routine annual expenditures are about \$1000, roughly equal to membership dues income. He noted that our total membership has dropped to 47, down from the mid-50s level of the past several years.

Bill (KG6GNI) recommended that we establish a fund for future replacement of equipment. It was moved and approved to have the Treasurer establish a savings account for this purpose.

The status of the PAVE PAWS radar interference issue on 440 was discussed. We are not able to meet the mitigation requirements and still have adequate coverage of our 440 repeater, so we have shut it down. We discussed installing a repeater on an alternative band, such as 6m, 220, 902, or 1.2G. However, we concluded that it would be best to make our 2m system

as reliable as possible, so it was moved and approved to purchase a backup repeater for this band. Hal (WB6KXV) will investigate duplexers and commercial antennas for the system, with the priority being the receive antenna. We will also consider the use of beam antennas and reduced power to use 440 to control the 2m repeater.

Jack (K6JAC) reported on site maintenance. He has found that he is the only member available to go to the site on short notice. The batteries were checked recently and found to be in good condition. Ken (K6WLS), Bob (KI6BZR) did a thorough job of cleaning up the room, removing and storing the spare interconnect cables. The solar panel donated by Yolo ARES needs to be installed in a frame on the roof. A second panel is needed to supply power to the controller, so a motion was approved to purchase this second panel.

Bill (KG6GNI) discussed the agreement with property owner Jim Wirth regarding use of the road to the site and the need for liability insurance. Bill is investigating having the Wirth group named as an additional insured party on our current insurance policy. It was moved and approved that we provide a token amount of \$200 per year to assist with road maintenance.

The next order of business was to elect two board members. The terms of Bill (KG6GNI) and Gary (N6GF) had expired. Both said they could serve again, so they were nominated and approved by acclamation. In an effort to get more members involved in the management of our activities, Bob (KI6BZR) was

appointed to a newly created position of Associate Director. Sam (N7DTW) volunteered to be added to the maintenance committee.

The new board then considered the officer positions. Gary (N6GF) agreed to continue to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer. Bill (KG6GNI) agreed to continue to serve as President. They were approved by acclamation.

Under new business, there was an announcement that the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) and Old Timers 20-25 meet for breakfast at CoCo's in Sacramento on the second Friday of each month.

Repeater Status

Ken (K6WLS) visited the repeater site on February 10. He found that the batteries were charged and the repeater was working very well. The solar panels are doing a good job of battery charging. Later, he picked up another panel, with Jack (K6JAC) building another frame.

BARK Directors Meeting, March 15, 2008

A BARK directors meeting was held on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Red Cross building in Woodland. President Bill Gustavson (KG6GNI) called the meeting to order at 10am. Board members present were Ken (K6WLS), Gary (N6GF), Jack (K6JAC), and Val (W6LED).

There was discussion regarding having Yolo ARES members join BARK. Additional discussion will continue in the future.

A decision was made to purchase another solar panel to power the packet system.

It was reported that Damian (AB6WB) has not had an opportunity to work on the new repeater. Changes in connectors are needed. When he is able to get this completed, the new repeater will be installed and the old repeater will be cleaned up and then stored for backup use.

Bill described a plan to use low power and high-gain directional antennas to use 440MHz to communicate with the repeater controller. This will be discussed with the ARRL regarding the PAVE PAWS problem.

Bill plans to investigate linking the repeater through the Internet using the IRLP protocol.

The 2008 general meeting will be held on October 4 and another directors meeting was scheduled June 7.

Donation from YARS and DBC

We received a generous donation of \$125 from the Yolo Amateur Radio Society and the Davis Bike Club for use of the repeater for the bicycling events Double Century and Foxy Fall Ride.

Membership News

Since the September 2007 newsletter, we lost two members while gaining three new or returning members. This reduces the total membership to 58.

New or returning members are:

K6JCH	John Hendrickson	Placerville
K6LAV	LaVonne LaMoureaux	Woodland
KD6QHH	Mark Ochoa	Woodland

Several memberships have expired since the last newsletter. Please check the mailing label on this newsletter to find your membership expiration date. If your membership has expired, or will expire soon, the date will be highlighted.

Note that the annual dues are now \$30 for both for an individual or a family membership. Please send renewal checks, made out to BARK, to Gary Ford, N6GF, at the return address on this newsletter. If I do not receive your dues by early June, I will send a reminder.

You are encouraged to invite other hams to join the club. Just have them send their dues to the return address on this newsletter and to provide their name, address, and call sign.

Treasurer's Report, March 2008

Balance 7/07	\$1,684.78
Income:	
Dues	\$839.50
Miscellaneous	\$195.00
Expenses:	
Operating	\$580.71
New Equipment	\$895.70
Correspondence	\$32.03
Bank	\$57.05
Current Balance	\$1,162.05

Miscellaneous income included the YARS/DBC contribution. Operating expenses included PG&E electricity and insurance. New equipment included the 2m repeater and solar panels.

**BARK Membership Roster
March 2008**

Callsign	Name	Address	City	Zip	St
KI6ATE	John Gustavson	1339 Harley Way	Folsom	95630	
W6BEM	Ed Lar Rieu	4050 Walnut Ave #209	Carmichael	95608	
N6BHX	Jim Brunk	514 Palms Dr.	Martinez	94553	
KI6BZR	Bob Jordan	36588 County Road 21	Woodland	95695	
KA6CSG	Rex Mathews	2332 Edinburgh Drive	Elverta	95626	LM
KI6DCQ	Hope Wolf	P.O. Box 134	Strawberry	95375	
N7DTW	Sam Bledsoe	18080 County Rd 70	Brooks	95606	
K6FLA	Fred Anderson	12296 Stone Canyon Ct.	Paradise	95969	
N6FYM	Bill Warren	1901 University Ave.	Sacramento	95825	
N6GF	Gary Ford	226 Diablo Ave.	Davis	95616	TR
KG6GNI	Bill Gustavson	1733 Tehama Dr.	Woodland	95695	
W6ION	Ione Hendrick	19409 Co. Rd. 93	Woodland	95695	
K6JAC	Jack Hendrick	19409 Co. Rd. 93	Woodland	95695	
K5JCH	John Hendrickson	3024 Dyer Way	Placerville	95667	NM
W6JJC	Jack Chechowitz	9792 Red Cedar Circle	Sacramento	95827	
W6KJX	Lu King	3344 Chesapeake Bay	Davis	95616	
N6KLB	Rick Littlefield	1709 Bidwell Place	Woodland	95695	
N6KMH	Carl Valdrow	1136 Princeton Place	Davis	95616	
WB6KXV	Hal Stoner Jr.	1910 Nevada St	Gridley	95948	
K6LAV	LaVonne LaMoureaux	211 Cypress Dr	Woodland	95695	NM
KM6LC	Harvey DeBoer	2701 Klamath Dr.	Rocklin	95765	
W6LED	Val Thomsen	2562 Stoney Creek Cir.	Acampo	95220	
N6LGE	Jean Brunk	514 Palms Dr.	Martinez	94553	
KE6MBL	James Robb	1313 Sequoia Pl.	Davis	95616	
KF6MD	Dale Lingenfelter	1951 Grand Pheasant Ln	Lincoln	95648	
W6MMG	Alex Newbold	2712 Belmont Cyn	Belmont	94002	
K6QDC	Al Lindquist	808 San Tomas	Davis	95616	LM
KD6QHH	Mark Ochoa	815 Saratoga Dr.	Woodland	95695	NM
N6QOX	Sue Littlefield	1709 Bidwell Place	Woodland	95695	
WA6QPU	Mary Ann Harral	P. O. Box 175	Bethel Island	94511	
W6QPV	Rose Jolly	4618 Crestridge Rd.	Fair Oaks	95628	
KF6QZB	Jason Littlefield	1709 Bidwell Place	Woodland	95695	
W6RLT	Robert Tate	235 Hollow Oak Drive	Cohasset	95973	
KE6ROR	Doreen Appert	P.O. Box 222	Dunnigan	95937	
W6RWI	Jim Jolly	4618 Crestridge Rd.	Fair Oaks	95628	
KA6SHE	Pete Perata	50 Cora Court	Walnut Creek	94596	LM
KG6SJT	Gregory Kruckewitt	3344 Chesapeake Bay	Davis	95616	
KF6SML	Mark Anderson	P.O. Box 1557	Linden	96236	
KG6UEY	Bill Gustavson	1733 Tehama Drive	Woodland	95695	
WA6UIM	Barry Lar Rieu	P.O. Box 2966	Gardnerville, NV	89410	
K6USS	Robert Kawahara	3621 Forni Road	Placerville	95667	
KF6VFF	Eric Bergstrom	5019 Combsville Rd.	Napa	94558	
AB6WB	Damian Appert	P.O. Box 222	Dunnigan	95937	
KC7WCE	Zola Bergstrom	7600 Knoxville Rd	Napa	94558	
K6WLS	Kenneth Wilson	637 Fairview Drive	Woodland	95695	
N9XQ	Mike Bruss	24524 Co. Rd. 95	Davis	95616	
KC6YFG	David Nishikawa	39938 Sharon Ave.	Davis	95616	
WB6YNM	Al Harral	P.O. Box 175	Bethel Island	94511	
W6YOB	Jim Crowley	12175 Mead Rd.	Middletown	95461	

NM: New member since September 2007; LM: Life member; TR: Trustee

BARK Repeater

Band	Input	Output	PL in/out
2m	146.37	146.97	123.0/123.0

Weekly Net: BARK Tuesday Night Net:
Tuesdays, 7:30pm local time, net control
rotating.

BARK Website: www.bark2m.com

BARK Patches

BARK fabric patches are available by sending
\$6 (payable to BARK) o Gary Ford, N6GF, 226
Diablo Ave., Davis, CA 95616

BARK Newsletter Contributions

Contributions to the *BARK Newsletter* are
welcome and encouraged. Submit material to
Gary, N6GF, by mail using the address given in
the roster, on the air on either of the repeaters, or
by email to fordge@pacbell.net.

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