



BARK Newsletter

BARK Board Members

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| 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 |
| Bob Jordan | KI6BZR | Director | 08-11 |
| Ione Hendrick | W6ION | Director | 08-11 |
| Erika Refsland | KI6PDZ | Assoc Dir | 07-10 |
| Gary Ford | N6GF | Trustee | |

2008 Annual Meeting

The BARK annual meeting was held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Red Cross building in Woodland. President Bill Gustavson (KG6GNI) called the meeting to order at 09:30am. Ten members present and were: President Bill (KG6GNI); Vice President Director Ken (K6WLS); Bob (KI6BZR); Sam (N7DTW); Ione (W6ION); Director Jack (K6JAC); Director Hal (WB6KXV); Director Val (W6LED); Ericka (KI6PDZ); and, Bill (K6KN). One guest, Rob (N6KIX), was present. With 17 proxies, we met our quorum.

Treasurer-Secretary Gary, (N6GF) was not present so President Bill (KG6GNI) reviewed the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting. A vote to approve the minutes was called, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote. Bill also presented the Treasurer's report, with a balance of \$1,550.92 at the end of July 2008. It was noted that our membership is at 50, which is four more than at this time last year.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of installing a new repeater either on the 220 or 6-meter band, to replace the 440 repeater shut down last year. The discussion drifted to the fact that several local 440 repeaters still remain in operation and we have not had any directive to keep our repeater off nor have others shut their

units off. In the end, it was decided that the 440 repeater would be turned on. To mitigate or lessen the possibility of interference, it was suggested that a Yagi antenna be installed on the short mast at the radio station. The mast would be directed between Woodland and Davis; away from the PAVE-PAWS radar facility. The operating status will not be openly announced but will be used to control the repeater. We will continue in this mode until the FCC directs us to do otherwise.

The discussion then migrated to the installation of the new 2 meter repeater. The unit has been modified and is ready to install. Jack (K6JAC) indicated that he would organize a trip to the repeater to install the 2 meter repeater, install the Yagi for the 440 unit, place the same in operation, and perform normal maintenance. The trip is tentatively scheduled for November 8.

Bill (KG6GNI) discussed the agreement with property owner Jim Wirth regarding use of the road to the site and the need to provide Wirth with an updated liability insurance certificate. Bill also mentioned that BARK has never received a signed agreement from Wirth and that he would call to investigate the status.

The next order of business was to elect two board members. The terms of Hal (WB6KXV) and Val (W6LED) had expired. Both stated that they were not interested in serving again so nominations

were opened. Bob (KI6BZR) was appointed to replace Hal and Ione (W6ION) was appointed to replace Val. Ericka, (KI6PDZ) was appointed to the position of Associate Director.

The new board then considered the officer positions. Gary (N6GF) had agreed to continue as the Secretary/Treasurer, Bill (KG6GNI) agreed to continue to serve as President, and Ken (K6WLS), agreed to serve as Vice President. All were approved by acclamation.

Under new business, Bill (KG6GNI) presented two letters for signature by the Officers and Directors of BARK. One letter was addressed to Mrs. Rex Mathews expressing our condolences on her recent loss of BARK Life Member Rex (KA6CSG). The second letter signed was addressed to Zola, KC7WCE, congratulating her on her new status as Life Member of BARK.

It was further decided that a Life Member plaque would be made and mounted in the radio room at the Red Cross building. Ken (K6WLS) will check with Red Cross staff to gain approval for mounting of the plaque.

A discussion ensued on the subject of Fox Hunting. It was agreed that BARK would sponsor upcoming Fox Hunting exercises. Ken (K6WLS) and Bill (K6KN) will organize the events.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

The President's Corner

As I sit here writing this, I am looking out the window and observing the storm that is passing by. Knowing the storm was coming, I made sure that all of my radio batteries were charged, the "Go-Kit" was complete and packed in the car, and all the basics provisions, such as extra water, were checked to ensure our household would be completely self-sufficient in the event of a prolonged power outage. At this time, I also am thinking of those Amateur Radio volunteers that were in place, this morning at 0600 hours, assisting with the Davis stage of the AMGEN bicycle race.

All of this reminds me that Ham Radio is not just a fun and fascinating hobby, but an essential public service management tool. It is that failsafe,

baseline emergency communication link that ham radio affords, which is always available under the worse of conditions, for not one penny of taxpayers money.

To that extent, BARK members should be proud that they contribute, in a large way, to providing emergency communications, not just to Yolo County, but to the whole of the greater Sacramento Valley. We have worked hard and invested heavily to ensure the radios, towers, support control instrumentation, and backup power systems have remained up-to-date and well maintained. Many thanks to all of you for contributing so much.

EQUIPMENT DONATION TO BARK

As I reported in the last newsletter, BARK officers were contacted by BARK member Jim (W6RWI), regarding the availability of ham towers and antennas that were being donated by the family of Jim Allen (W6IQH). Jim wanted to donate his equipment to an organization that could benefit from the equipment. Jim who is now 93 years old and received his ham ticket in 1933, felt it was time to retire from ham radio.

I am pleased to report, that due to the efforts of Jim (W6RWI), Ken (K6WLS) and other BARK club members, the towers were removed and sold, with the proceeds going to BARK. We will use that money to keep the repeater site going. Our deepest thanks and gratitude to the family of Jim Allen.

PACKET RADIO

Recently, I joined the ranks of those participating in packet radio. I was able to obtain a Kantronics TNC, and matched it with a Yaesu 2 meter radio, antenna and my laptop. The recommended software was obtained over the internet for no cost and I found out that the BARK club possesses some very knowledgeable and talented individuals who are very much into packet radio. In fact, the BARK web page has information and links to a great deal of information on packet radio, which will make it very easy for you to become involved. BARK also maintains a packet node at the repeater site.

I am really enjoying packet and I hope that this will prompt your interest. So if you are interested, and need help, contact the club experts Al (WB6YNM), or Jack (K6JAC).

OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

Recently, several BARK members complained to me about conversations that recently occurred on the BARK repeater. Apparently, the conversation was of a very offensive (indecent) nature involving racial slurs and innuendos. We understand that everyone slips once in a very great while, no matter how hard they try, but reportedly these conversations were flagrant. I am very disappointed that this incident occurred on our repeater and want all members to know that no racial slurs or innuendos will be tolerated over the BARK repeater. We tend to assume that everyone knows the generally accepted rules of Amateur Radio however, as a reminder, this kind of language is in direct violation of FCC Sec 97.113 (4) "Prohibited Transmissions" which references in part ...*obscene or indecent words or language*. I recognize that in this day and age, it seems there is too much political correctness and over-sensitivity to almost everything, but from what was described to me, the language was certainly *obscene AND indecent*. At a time where it seems everything is under some form of government regulation, ham radio is unique in that we "self-regulate" or "self-police" ourselves. Let's keep it that way by working hard to show others that we can indeed "self-police" by being cognizant of what we say and using proper and responsible language across the best repeater system in Northern California.

Ed Lar Rieu, W6BEM, Silent Key

Ed Lar Rieu, a member of BARK for the past few years, passed away at age 99 on November 23, 2008. Ed had moved recently from his home of many years in Carmichael, to an assisted living facility in the Seattle area to be closer to his daughter, who was also a ham. Ed graduated from UC Berkeley in 1930 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. After beginning his career selling radios, he went to work for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, working there until he

retired. World Radio magazine featured his 99th birthday party in a recent issue.

Donations

BARK member Mark Ochoa, KD6QHH, provided a generous donation of \$100 when he renewed his membership.

We have received \$250 from some of the antennas and towers donated to BARK by Judy Hawkins, daughter of Jim Allen, W6IQH.

Membership News

Since the September 2008 newsletter, we gained seven new or returning members, while losing none. This increases our membership to 57.

New or returning members are:

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| KF6HHH | Daniel Cameron | Woodland |
| N6KIX | Rob Brunk | Davis |
| K6KN | Bill Ragsdale | Woodland |
| KI6PNB | Barry Kemp | Chico |
| KI6PPR | Ed Russell | Dixon |
| KI6PPS | Bonnie Russell | Dixon |
| KI6UTP | Dawn Hardaker | Davis |

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 2009

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| Balance 7/08 | \$1,328.92 |
| Income: | |
| Dues | \$857.00 |
| Patches | \$18.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$270.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Operating | \$497.83 |
| Correspondence | \$23.85 |
| Bank | \$72.58 |
| Current Balance | \$1,879.66 |

Pacificon 2009

Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club decided not to sponsor the Pacificon Convention this year. They have done an outstanding job of running Pacificon every year since 1992. However, the Pacificon Committee made the decision not to continue their sponsorship based on the current economic downturn and unsuccessful negotiations with the host hotel.

EMMCOMWEST, the second largest Amateur Radio Convention in the Pacific Division, agreed to combine the two events, expanding the program matter and adding Friday presentations. As a result, Pacificon 2009, the annual ARRL Pacific Division Convention, will be held on May 1-3, 2009, at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club has been very supportive of this effort, and is making all of their speaker, vendor, and organizational information available to the EMCOMMWEST team. The keynote speaker will be Steve Ewald, WV1X, Field Organization Supervisor from ARRL HQ; and the banquet speaker will be Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who was in charge of Amateur Radio rules enforcement at the FCC when he retired. More information is available at pacificon.org.

ARRL News

Laura Smith visited ARRL Headquarters on March 5 and 6, her first official visit as Special Counsel. Smith was named to the position earlier this year, filling the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008; Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the Commission's enforcement watch dog over the Amateur Radio Service. Spending all Thursday afternoon with ARRL Lab staff, Smith discussed power line noise and how it can affect Amateur Radio. "Since Riley had retired last year, very little had been done at the FCC with regard to the power line noise enforcement," said ARRL Laboratory Engineer and power line noise expert Mike Gruber, W1MG. "The Lab staff discussed the status of the ARRL-FCC Cooperative Agreement on power line noise with Laura and how best to proceed forward. While the ARRL is not in the enforcement business, the Cooperative Agreement was an attempt to help the FCC focus its limited resources in the area where they are most needed — enforcement. The ARRL's goal is to help resolve as many of these cases as possible with technical and other help before they ever get to the FCC."

On February 25, 10 months to the day that the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit released its decision on the ARRL's Petition for Review of the FCC's Orders adopting rules governing broadband over power line (BPL) systems, ARRL General Counsel, Chris Imlay, W3KD, sent a letter to FCC Acting Chairman Michael Copps, requesting that the Commission "revisit the BPL rules without further delay, and to comply with the obligations placed on it by the Court". In its April 2008 decision, the Court agreed with the ARRL on two major points and remanded the rules to the Commission. According to Imlay, "to date, literally nothing has been done by the Commission to comply with these instructions."

**BARK Membership Roster
March 2009**

| Callsign | Name | Address | City | Zip | St |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| KI6ATE | John Gustavson | 1339 Harley Way | Folsom | 95630 | |
| N6BHX | Jim Brunk | 514 Palms Dr. | Martinez | 94553 | |
| KI6BZR | Bob Jordan | 36588 County Road 21 | Woodland | 95695 | |
| KI6DCQ | Hope Wolf | 19991 Phoenix Rd | Sonora | 95370 | |
| 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 | |
| KF6HHH | Daniel Cameron | 829 Ridgeview 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 | |
| KD7JFL | Ryan Snow | 21872 County Road 99 | Woodland | 95695 | |
| N6KIX | Rob Brunk | 2832 Zamora Lane | Davis | 95616 | NM |
| W6KJX | Lu King | 3344 Chesapeake Bay | Davis | 95616 | |
| N6KLB | Rick Littlefield | 1709 Bidwell Place | Woodland | 95695 | |
| N6KMH | Carl Valdrow | 1136 Princeton Place | Davis | 95616 | |
| K6KN | Bill Ragsdale | P.O. Box 1500 | Woodland | 95776 | NM |
| WB6KXV | Hal Stoner Jr. | 1910 Nevada St | Gridley | 95948 | |
| K6LAV | LaVonne LaMoureaux | 211 Cypress Dr | Woodland | 95695 | |
| 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 | |
| KI6PDZ | Erika Refsland | 19451 Co. Rd. 93 | Woodland | 95695 | |
| KI6PNB | Barry Kemp | 76 Gaia Way | Chico | 95973 | NM |
| KI6PPR | Ed Russell | 915 Lincoln Court | Dixon | 95620 | NM |
| KI6PPS | Bonnie Russell | 915 Lincoln Court | Dixon | 95620 | NM |
| K6QDC | Al Lindquist | 808 San Tomas | Davis | 95616 | LM |
| KD6QHH | Mark Ochoa | 16645 Co. Rd. 97a | Woodland | 95695 | |
| 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 | |
| K6USS | Robert Kawahara | 3621 Forni Road | Placerville | 95667 | |
| KI6UTP | Dawn Hardaker | P.O. Box 382 | Davis | 95617 | NM |
| KF6VFF | Eric Bergstrom | 5019 Combsville Rd. | Napa | 94558 | |
| AB6WB | Damian Appert | P.O. Box 222 | Dunnigan | 95937 | |
| KC7WCE | Zola Bergstrom | Box 409 | Kirkersville | 43033 | |
| KC6WIE | Bud Hubert | P.O. Box 383 | Yolo | 95697 | |
| 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 | |
| WS6Z | Wes Hardaker | P.O. Box 382 | Davis | 95617 | |

NM: New member since September 2008; 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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