



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
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:

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

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

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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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