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QSL of the Month

MARCH MEETING THURSDAY

3/26

7:15 PM

Michal, WA6RZ

on

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring greetings to all. It is nice to wake up and not have to build a fire in the stove.

Want to wish Loretta a speedy recovery after her fall and breaking her wrist.

Now that the weather has changed there are many opportunities to sharpen your skills as an operator. Many groups are looking for people to help out with events to ensure that participants finish safely. Time to get involved with your community and let them know what we can do.

In reading the QST magazine this month there are many contests coming up in May for those of you who participate in Dx'ing.

I have made a few contacts with my new 222 radio. The Condor system is a linked system that covers an area from Oregon to the Southern CA border and into Phoenix Arizona. We also have a local repeater for club members to use. Give it a try. There is usually someone monitoring that you can chat with.

We are fast approaching Field Day. The dates are June 27 & 28. ARRL has t-shirts and other items for sale.

It is nice to hear the new HAMS on the air. They seem to be enjoying their new hobby and provide company on early morning drives.

Tax time is over and if you got a refund hope it helps buy some new equipment for your shack. I recently purchased a used Yagi 3 element beam with a 40 meter dipole. Looking forward to getting that in the air and doing some DX work. Am waiting for a roof mount stand and a couple of other items that the seller had not removed from his house yet. Should have the by the end of the month.

Hope everyone is doing well and I will see you at the meeting this month. Until then will chat with you on the air.

73,

Don Brooks, K66YSt

El Dorado County ARC Horizons

April 23 - EDCARC Club Meeting

May 5 - River City ARCS—7:30 PM—Sac County Corp Yard

May 8 - Sierra Foothills ARC—7:30 PM—Auburn Library

May 9 - Amador County ARC - 2 PM, Amador County Rec Facility

May 9 - Tahoe ARA Meeting, Noon, Zephyr Cove Library

May 13 - Sacramento ARC—7 PM—Sac Blood Source, Mather

May 1-3 - Pacificon - Circus Circus Hotel, Reno

May 21 - North Hills ARC - 7:30 PM - North Area Corp Yard

May 2 - Dog-A-Thon

May 9 - Ham Testing—See Ken, W6KWV

May 16 - Mother Load DX/Contest Club - 11A-3P - Martel

**EDCARC GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2009**
Jay, KE6GLA

President Don Brooks, started the meeting at 7:17 pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting had 23 members and 7 non-members in attendance.

Don acknowledged two new licensees' and two new club members Wayne KI6LWA and Michael KI6UTR.

Announcements and reports:

Loretta, gave the Treasurer's Report which was that we have a current balance of \$894.39 and we have received and deposited \$195.00 to the AG6AU repeater fund.

Don, reported on the ARES training in Stockton last month. It was interesting but very long. He also said that lots of upcoming activities are looking for Amateur Radio support including Pony Express Ride, BSA anniversary and Historic Military Vehicle convoy. Don also talked about the EMCOM West and Pacifcon convention at the Circus Circus in Reno on May 2nd and 3rd.

Rosa, asked for help at the Dog-a-thon on May 2nd in Placerville. The event runs from 9am to 11am and needs a few hams with handi-talkies relay information.

Michal, reported that he is still working on HAM-HAT and is working on setting up a meeting with a rocket designer in the Bay Area. Michal also showed off his QRP Tuna-Tin that he built with some help from W6LSW. He has already proved that it works by making a few CW QSO's.

Don reminded the new hams to check with George, WG6D about repeater autopatch privileges and to ask for help if they are not sure about repeater etiquette.

Harry W6HFM, said that he will schedule a fox hunt soon now that the weather is getting better. So stay tuned for a date.

Dave introduced our video for the evening. It is a documentary about the 5T5DC DXpedition to Mauritanie.

Michal explained what a DXpedition is and why they are fun for Hams

Don called for a break at 8:02 pm

Don restarted the meeting at 8:37 pm
Dave showed a short video about the NCDXF (Northern California DX Foundation) purpose and goals.

The raffle was held and then Don closed the meeting a 8:37 pm.

**EDCARC BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2009**
Jay, KE6GLA

President, Don Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Those in attendance were : President Don Brooks, Vice President Dave Cole, Treasurer Loretta Ozment, Secretary Jay Harmor, Other Board Members Present were Ken Decker, Bill Ozment, Michael Csicsery, Rosa Rogers and Merv de Haas

Jay made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2009 meeting. Loretta seconded the motion. Don called for a vote and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

Old Business – Nothing to discuss.

Board Reports:

President, Don Brooks – Will be in Idaho for two weeks to help out an injured relative. Don also received an email from Bob W1RH about two local Hams who would not join the club because in the past they were told not to use the repeater because they weren't members. Bob told them that they were welcome to use the repeater and come to meetings.

Vice President, Dave Cole – Reported that the program for this month will be a DXpedition movie. Next month

Michal WA6RZ will do a program on time keeping. In May the program will be Field Day Plans and Jay will also show off some software for remote radio control. The June program will be Field Day.

Secretary, Jay Harmor – Shared that he receive a letter from Steve Debiddle thanking the club for the Lifetime Membership award.

Treasurer Loretta Ozment – The club roster is in production and should be available at the next meeting. The club bank balance stands at \$894.39 and she has also receive \$195.00 to deposit into the repeater fund. The membership count is 39 paid members with a few more applications coming in.

Michael Csicsery – Nothing to report.

Ken Decker – Said that he had a good time at the M2 event in Fresno.

Rosa Rogers – The Dog-a-thon will be May 2nd and she will need two to three Hams with HT's to help at the event.

Bill Ozment – Received a call from a club member asking him to cover repeater etiquette and procedures with new hams. Don said he will cover a few repeater tips during the general meeting.

New Business –

Loretta received applications from KI6UTR, Michael Ross and KI6LWA, Wayne Wilcox for club membership. Jay made a motion to approve the two applicants for membership and Rosa seconded. Don called for a vote and the motion passed.

Don adjointed the meeting at 7:00 pm.

COUNTY ARES NET
Is held Monday evenings at 8:00pm
on the AG6AU repeater.

FOR SALE

From Don, KG6YST

Yaesu FT 1500 M 2 meter mobile

MFJ Versatune II Model MFJ-94LE

Yaseau FC 757 AT tuner

Yeasu FT757GX HF rig.

the guy said he wants \$450.00 for everything.

His name and number is:

Rudy - cell is best to get him 530 306-4502

ARRL SACRAMENTO VALLEY SECTION NEWS

Ron, W6JK

Our Pacific Division Convention, Pacificon 2009, will be combined with the already scheduled EM-COMMWEST 2009 Convention in Reno, NV, May 1, 2, and 3 at the Circus Circus Hotel and Convention Center. The major speakers at the convention will be ARRL Public Service Specialist Steve Ewald, WVIX, and the famous, but now retired, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, formerly FCC's Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement (SCARE). According to Pacific Division Director, Bob Vallio, W6RGG, 'The vendor hall has been expanded and features a host of great products and services from the latest gear and rigs to antennas, books, badges, jewelry, and much more! Led by HRO, Icom, and Yaesu, many of your favorite vendors will be there! Our Saturday morning "Reno Ham Swap" is FREE to all sellers (just bring your tables and chairs and you're set). The swap will be in the hotel's parking

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Is held Tuesday evenings at 8:00pm
AG6AU repeater
147.825
CTCSS/PL tone of 82.5

lot right across the street at 6th and Sierra with setup after 6am and selling begins at 7am. Then at Midnight Saturday night, don't miss out on the mysterious but always fun, "WOUFF-HONG Ceremony this year! Plus, YOU COULD WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES - like radios, H/Ts, antennas, gear, gift certificates, go-kits and supplies; and lots more in our raffles going on all weekend! Our special event station, N7V, will be operating from the swap site all day, so come operate, visit or make a contact, and collect our special QSL card. All information and registration details can be found on our website at <http://www.emcommwest.org/>.'

An event mentioned before for your operating consideration is the October 24, 2009, Boy Scout Capitol March. Bill Ragsdale, K6KN, is the point of contact for this huge event. He needs help with the 15,000 scouts expected to attend and operators for the demonstration station, W6BSA. Contact Bill if you think you can help with the march from Raley Field to the State Capitol, or the demo station at: Bill@BillRagsdale.cc, phone 530-867-6241, or at his mail address: PO Box 1500, Woodland, CA 95776.

Another opportunity traversing our Section is the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's reenactment of the 1919 Transcontinental Military Convoy. About June 24-25, the convoy of privately owned old military transports will make the trip through our Section. If you can help out with communications for this project please contact Preston, KC2AMS, at: tumbleweed1944@hotmail.com . Drop me a line too if you can help MVPA.

Because the date for Digital Television broadcasting conversion has slipped to June 12, those clubs and individuals helping the public with conversion information or demonstrations have an additional few days in which to help. If you need brochures or instructions, contact the FCC district office in San Francisco.

Andy, W6AWS, River City ARCS

president, says, 'Thanks to the efforts of Chuck W6FT and Steve KM6YU, the repeater is up and running. 145.250 (-) 162.2 hz.'

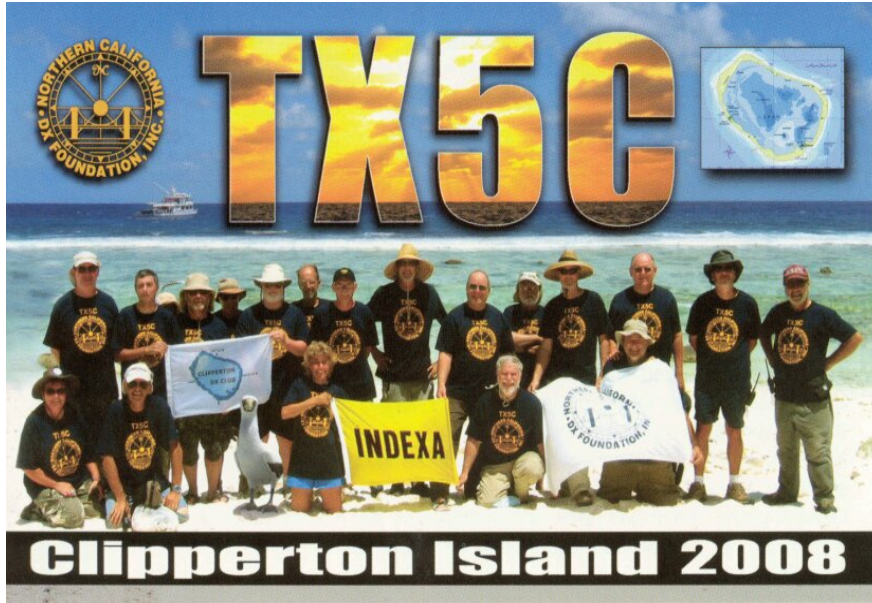
The North Hills Radio Club annual Ham fest will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2009, 0700 - 1200, at Natomas High School, 3301 Fong Ranch Rd., Sacramento, CA. Directions: I-80 just East of I-5 to Truxel Rd. Exit. Go south on Truxel to San Juan Rd. Left on San Juan and left at the next stop light which is Fong Ranch Rd then left into the HS parking lot. You should see the HS from I-80 and also from Truxel. Features of Event: swap meet, food, drawing, no exams Talk-In Freq: 145.19(-) 162.2 hz and linked to 224.4 (-) no tone. Admission is free. Sellers fee: \$20 for two car spaces as marked in the lot. Event Web URL: <http://www.k6is.org/> Public contact: Les Cobb, W6TEE, w6tee@qsl.net

Last September was the first SACRAMENTO VALLEY HAMFEST in Lincoln, CA, at the Lincoln High School. This year the ham swap is on September 12, the Saturday following Labor Day. The details are still being worked out, but there will be a VE Team on site, lots of sellers and buyers, food, prizes, and great chances to visit with your ham radio buddies. It starts at 7 A.M. and will be over at Noon. Raffle prizes will be announced beginning at 7:30 with the grand prize announced at Noon. VE signups will be taken starting at 8 A.M., and the exams at 9 A.M. The only limitations are that all exams must be completed so the team can exit the building at 12 noon. Sellers will be able to start setup at 6 A.M., but no buyers should be on the site until 7 A.M. The event is sponsored by the Lincoln Rotary club and presented by the Western Placer Amateur Radio Club, the River City Amateur Radio Communication Society, and Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club. For more details and directions see www.svhamfest.org.

M2 SWAP ITEMS

QSL OF THE MONTH Bob, W1RH

This month's card comes to us from Michal, WA6RZ.



Michal worked this DXpedition on...are you ready for this? Seven band-modes! A band-mode would be, for example, 20 meter CW. A second band-mode could be 20 meter phone. a third band-mode could be 20 meter RTTY. In this case, Michal worked Clipperton on for following band-modes:

- 17 Meter Phone
- 20 Meter Phone
- 30 Meter CW
- 40 Meter CW
- 40 Meter Phone
- 80 Meter CW
- 80 Meter Phone

All contacts were made in March, 2008.

On the back of the card:

Clipperton Island is a coral atoll in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The island is 12 km (7.5 miles) in circumference and its acidic lagoon is devoid of fish. It has no permanent inhabitants other than the multitude of small orange land crabs and a variety of sea-going birds. Average temperatures are 68-90 degrees F and the rainy season occurs May-October. Clipperton's name comes from John Clipperton, an English pirate and privateer of the early 1700's who was the first one to describe and map the island. Control of the island has been administered by the French colonial high commissioner for French Polynesia since 1935.

I am always looking for QSL cards for the Circuit. Please email them to me or you can loan me your card and I will scan it and return it in perfect condition.

HAM RADIO LICENSING TEST

May 9, 2009

**AT THE RADIO
SHACK**

**4615
MISSOURI FLAT RD
SUITE #5**

**IN THE DEPOT
JUNCTION COM-
PLEX**

STARTING AT

9:45 AM

**CONTACT
KEN, W6KWV
AT 642-9523**



NEW 220 MHZ REPEATER !!

Don, KG6YST, and our new president, passed this on for the Circuit. A new 220 MHz repeater is available for club members and others.

Output 224.06

Input 222.46

(1.6 mg offset -)

PL 127.3

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- ◆ Meeting: Club meetings are normally held on the 4th Thursday of each month (except for June and November), 7:15 PM, at the Federated Church, 1031 Thompson Way, Placerville
- ◆ Club Nets: Tuesday evenings, 8:00 PM, on the AG6AU repeater, 147.825 MHz
- ◆ Mailing Address: El Dorado County ARC, P.O. Box 451, Placerville, CA 95667
- ◆ Club Web Site: <http://www.edcarc.net>