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QSL of the Month

**NOVEMBER MEETING
THURSDAY
11/19
7:15 PM**

**Frank Yost
El Dorado County
Communications**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month we will have Frank Yost, from El Dorado County Communications shop, as our speaker. It should be an interesting discussion as Frank has much experience in the field of radio. He has a wealth of experience in setting up remote/portable sites and solving logistical problems as well as mobile installs and base stations.

Early next year we will have Michael Ross, KI6UTR, as a speaker. Mike is a new member of our club and offered to share his experience of assisting with the Emergency Services Department, Communications branch, at the Burning Man Festival in the Black Rock desert about 100 miles north of Reno, Nevada. This should prove to be VERY interesting as this site is in the middle of absolutely nowhere. They serve a temporary population of nearly 50,000 people for a week.

Remember we do not meet in December. We usually have a holiday get together during the month. Due to logistical problems we were unable to secure a room at the Federated Church during the month except for the week before Christmas. The board felt this was too close to the holiday and many people would not be able to attend due family obligations. We have the room reserved for January 9, 2010, a Saturday. Mark your calendars and come socialize.

I have recently downloaded an Internet VOIP ham radio program and used it a few times. It is QSONET.COM. If you have an interest in this type of activity I encourage you to take a look. The program will give you 90 days of free use to see if it is something you enjoy. After the initial free trial period there is a \$32 per year subscription fee. This give you access to QSONET/TV so you can share pictures with other users.

I know some of you will say this is not real radio, however it is another way to contact hams around the world when the bands are not open. I have made two International contacts, One in England and the other in Northern Ireland. Both times the audio was crystal clear with only minor latency issues due to my satellite Internet service. I did not need to any fancy configuration of ports or other aspects of my computer. Just download and play.

We will be voting for the new board for 2010 at our November meeting so hope many of you can make it to the meeting.

Take care and see you all on **NOVEMBER 19th**. This is a week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday on the fourth Thursday.

Don, K66YST

**El Dorado County ARC Horizons
November 19th - EDCARC Club Meeting
7:15 PM, Federated Church, Placerville**

**Dec 9 - Sacramento ARC—7 PM—Sac Blood Source, Mather
Dec 9—Sacramento QCWA—11 AM, Dennys, 50 & Howe
Dec 11 - Sierra Foothills ARC—7:30 PM—Auburn Library**

**EDCARC BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2009**

Jay Harmor, KE6GLA, Secretary

President, Don Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Those in attendance were :

President, Don Brooks
Vice President, Dave Cole
Treasurer, Loretta Ozment
Secretary, Jay Harmor
Bill Ozment
Michael Csicsery
Merv de Hass
Rosa Rogers

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from the September, 2009 meeting. Mike seconded the motion. Don called for a vote and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

Old Business

Holiday Party – The date will change from December 9th to January 16th.

Board Reports:

President, Don Brooks –

Reported that Dennis KI6GJS, has asked for Hams to volunteer and provide communications support for the Helen Kline Race/Walk on October 31st.

Don will start taking nominations for club officers and board members during the meeting.

Vice President, Dave Cole –

The scheduled speaker, Frank Yost will not be present this evening so Jay will be talking about Sky Warn and showing a video.

Michael Ross would like to give a presentation to the club about the radio infrastructure setup for the Burning Man event in NV.

Secretary, Jay Harmor –

Gave a report about the club activities at the Garden Valley Youth Expo. We had good support from the club; how-

ever, we didn't attract a lot of youth visitors to the booth.

Reported on recent changes to the club web site.

Treasurer Loretta Ozment –

Reported that the club has currently \$1,007.39 in the checking account less one bill for insurance for the amount of \$320.00.

One application for membership for Matt Maszczak, W6MAZ.

Michael Csicsery –

Nothing to report.

Rosa Rogers –

Nothing to report.

Bill Ozment –

Has another show-and-tell for the club, Hand held antennas.

New Business

Jay made a motion to approve Matt Maszczak, W6MAZ's application for membership and Bill seconded the motion. Don called for a vote and the motion carried with all in favor.

Merv asked the club to pay the entire insurance bill for the year. The repeater has had some problems and the repeater fund has been used to pay for parts and the fund is a little smaller than usual. So Merv asked the club to pay the insurance bill for \$320 and the repeater fund will repay the club when the fund has been replenished. Loretta made a motion to pay the bill and Rosa seconded the motion. Don called for a vote and the motion carried. Loretta wrote a check for \$320 to the insurance company.

Don adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

**EDCARC GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2009**

Jay Harmor KE6GLA, Secretary

President Don Brooks, started the meeting at 7:16 pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting had 20 members and 1 non-members in attendance. Don welcomed the members and asked the group to introduce themselves.

Don recognized a new club member Matt W6MAZ of Georgetown.

Announcements and reports:

Treasurers Report – Loretta reported that we had a bank balance of \$1,007.39 and has written a check for \$320 to the insurance company.

Ron – talked about next years Pony Express ride. It will be the 50th anniversary and will start in San Francisco. The ride will require Ham Radio support again.

Michal – Gave a presentation about SWL listening and how foreign news reports differ from stateside news. He also demonstrated how he uses Audiocity software to record SWL broadcasts. He played a few samples for the group.

Jay – Gave a presentation and showed a video about the NWS Skywarn program.

Don paused the meeting for a bread at 8:05 pm.

Don restarted the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Bill – Told the group about handheld radios and how to improve the antenna on the radio. He showed how adding a counterpoise will improve the performance.

He also gave a report about the new repeater receiver that was added in the Sly Park area.

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Don – Reported that Dennis, KI6GSJ is looking for volunteers to help with the the Helen Kline Race/Walk on October 31st.

Ken – Told the group the testing will be held at the Radio Shack in Placerville on November 14th at 9:45 am.

Don closed the meeting at 8:54 pm. The next meeting will be held November 19th on the third Thursday due to the Thanks Giving Holiday.

THE NEW BOARD—NOMINATIONS

Don, KG6YST

We will be voting on the new board for 2010. The following nominations were made at the October meeting. If anyone is interested in a position on the board nominations are still open.

Remember that your club is only as good as the effort put forth by the members. Become involved to keep the club alive and interesting.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

President Don Brooks KG6YST

Vice- President Dave Cole KG6YBE

Secretary Matt Maszczak W6MAZ

Treasurer Loretta Ozment N6NQH

Board Member at Large

Merv de Haas, WA6LYE
Rosa Rogers, KD6CUM
Kirby Hallenbeck, AF6OP
Bill Ozment, W6LSW

NEED ONE BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

See you all on November 19.

Don Brooks
KG6YST

SACRAMENTO VALLEY SECTION NEWS (Excerpts)

Ronald D. Murdock, W6KJ

Don, KQ6FM, sends us some news: "The link below shows a picture of the collection of "Shally" K6VHP, sk. who lived in Eureka, CA. Dave Fortenberry, NA6DF is helping to dispose of this marvelous collection at his store, Radio Supply Company in Auburn, CA. Shally was a dear friend who had a lifetime collection of vintage radios and was meticulous with every piece of gear he touched. (Shally is missed more than you know). He could revive, fix, repair and bring new life back to just about anything. He had everybody's "first radio" in his collection. Contact Dave direct for more information regarding this inventory.' You can see some of it for yourself at: <http://www.radiosupplyco.com/k6vhp.html>

From Chris Hintz and Eric, KC0VZU, at Sacramento's National Weather Service office: 'The 2009 Skywarn Recognition Day Event is a little over one month away (Dec 4-5). I would like to have a planning meeting this Thursday at 7 pm to find out what resources we will have for the event. For those who can make the meeting...our office is located at 3310 El Camino Ave (big red brick building west of the Walmart on Watt and El Camino). Go to the front of the building, and tell the guards you are here for the Skywarn meeting with the National Weather Service. Kathy or I will come to the guard's desk around 7 pm to sign in and escort all visitors. For those who can't make the trip, but would still like to participate, we will look into setting up a conference call during the meeting (details forthcoming) where you can participate via phone. Please let me know if you can attend in person or by phone this Thursday night. If you know of others who want to participate in the event, please pass this info on to them.' Thanks, NWS.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/10/20/11151/?nc=1> is the place to read the entire story of the FCC Public Notice -- DA 09-2259, clarifying the

97.113 section forbidding amateur operations for pecuniary interest for an employer. A waiver is available for exercises. Read the story. It is not automatic. On October 27, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) granted the first waiver that allows amateurs who participate in a government-sponsored emergency preparedness and disaster drill to communicate on behalf of their employers during the drill. The waiver request was made on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. That state conducted a full-scale exercise on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 from 8 AM-5 PM (EDT) to test their emergency response to the possible release of chemical agents at Blue Grass Army Depot, located near Richmond, Kentucky. By using and understanding the waiver process, we can gain a full understanding of that section of our rules.

Sad News. Bruce Webb, AD6RV, of Lookout, CA, passed away last Thursday Oct. 8th, at home, surrounded by his family. According to Lorraine Webb, 'When it became clear that there was nothing more to be done to prolong his life, we brought him home to be as comfortable as possible. All of our family; children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren came to stay. He enjoyed visiting with each one

The second Wednesday of the month, October 14th this month, is the time for Sacramento Valley Section Net. We begin on the WD6AXM Repeater at 146.085 MHz, plus offset, PL Tone 127.3 Hz at 1900 local. By 1930 local, we have migrated to 3987 kHz LSB, plus or minus QRM. We will discuss the latest ham radio news and answer questions. With band conditions on 75m, it may be that we will not hear each other, but that is the nature of the band this time of year.

BRAND NEW 89' CRANKUP TOWER

For sale from the estate of an El Dorado County ham. This is a brand new, heavy duty Tower from US Towers. The price is \$3,000, which is just a fantastic deal. Tower includes electric, remote controlled winch and the raising fixture. Contact Bob, W1RH, for details.

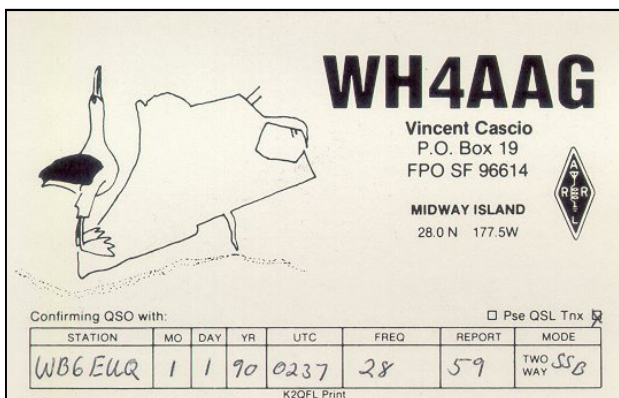
QSL OF THE MONTH

Bob, W1RH

Well, it's not pretty card, but it counts!

I worked WH4AAG way back in January, of 1990, from my El Dorado Hills QTH, using my callsign, at the time, WB6EUQ. With the DXCC rules, you can work a station,

for credit, from anywhere in the continental USA using any call sign assigned to you. My DXCC credits include stations worked with the calls, WB6EUQ, AA1KY, and W1RH, and the contacts were made from either California or Massachusetts. They all count! This contact was made on 10 meters in the years when you could work the world with just a few watts.

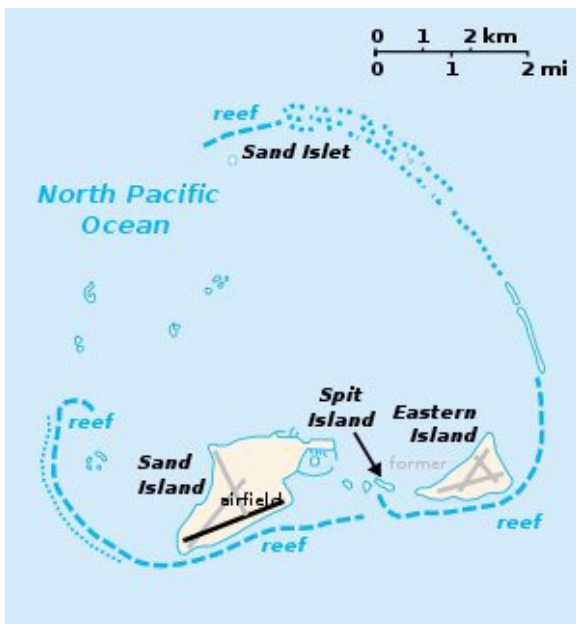


All of the US Pacific island territories except Midway Atoll constitute the Pacific Remote Islands National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex and as such are managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the US Department of the Interior. Midway Atoll NWR has been included in a Refuge Complex with the Hawaiian Islands NWR and also designated as part of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. These remote refuges are the most widespread collection of marine- and terrestrial-life protected areas on the planet under a single country's jurisdiction. They sustain many endemic species including corals, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, seabirds, water birds, land birds, insects, and vegetation not found elsewhere. Midway is not part of the State of Hawaii.

The US took formal possession of the un-claimed islands in 1867. The laying of the trans-Pacific cable, which passed through the islands, brought the first residents in 1903. Between 1935 and 1947, Midway was used as a refueling stop for trans-Pacific flights. The US naval victory over a Japanese fleet off Midway in 1942 was one of the turning points of World War II. The islands continued to serve as a naval station until closed in 1993. Today the islands are a NWR and are the site of the world's largest Laysan albatross colony.

Since a local address is now required to obtain a local call sign, it is doubtful that you will ever see another KH4 or WH4 call, like the one on the card. Instead, future operations will use special event calls, like K4M, or just their home call with a /KH4, such as KH4/W1RH.

To have your favorite QSL card featured in the Circuit, just email me an electronic copy or trust me with a hard copy and I will scan it and return it to you in same the condition I received it.



K4M—THE MIDWAY ISLAND 2009 DXPEDITION

Bob, W1RH

The DXPedition to Midway Atoll, in October, resulted in 61,077 QSO's to hams around the world. Locally, it



looks like Michal, our DX Elmer, gets the prize for working the most band modes. I took a look at the on-line log and spotted some of our club members.

	10m	12m	15m	17m	20m	30m	40m	80m	160m
PH									
CW		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RTTY									

K6KRD—8 Band Modes

	10m	12m	15m	17m	20m	30m	40m	80m	160m
PH					✓				
CW				✓	✓			✓	
RTTY									

K6LRN—4 Band Modes

	10m	12m	15m	17m	20m	30m	40m	80m	160m
PH							✓	✓	
CW				✓	✓		✓		✓
RTTY									

W1RH—6 Band Modes

	10m	12m	15m	17m	20m	30m	40m	80m	160m
PH				✓	✓			✓	
CW			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
RTTY									

WA6RZ—9 Band Modes

Look at those K6KRD results. All CW and all bands 12-160 meters! If only 10 meters was open!

Next time there is a big DXPedition, if you worked it, let me know. I don't want to forget anyone.

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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>