

Valley of the Moon
Amateur Radio
Club
WIRELESS




Frankly Speaking...



New military tube tower

She's a different model than we thought, and a much better design than anticipated. I found the manual in the box and it appears all the pieces are there. It turns out, it fits in a slot between the shelves in the garage, so we can store it indoors without blocking up my garage.

We'll get the top mint over to Darrel to accommodate our beams to fit it.—Frank KG6N

Minutes August 16, 2017

Called to order at 19:31 by Vice President KJ6QIQ, thank you very much! President Frank is in Idaho Falls for the upcoming solar eclipse.

KD6FIL (Dave), KG6QNT (Eileen), WD6BOR (Darrel), W1EJ (Ed), KJ6QIQ (Scott), AK6RF, (Matt), WA6CRB (Dan), WB6TMH (Mike), K5WSS (Robert), KF6FZM (Dick), KM6FEY (Carol), N7PIB (San), K6KLL (Alan), N6TVN (Carl), W5LTP (Sam).

Introductions.

Minutes approved for July. accepted as written.

Vice President: Running the show flawlessly.

Secretary: Point Reyes is ready to go for N6P.

Treasurer's report: We have \$2524.69 plus the \$500 deposit from last year's Hamfest that KD6FIL keeps forgetting to turn in.

Training Officer: Dean is starting to plan for the upcoming school year. Electronics Club, Senior Projects and Engineering class.

ACS: Drill is scheduled for September 9. Looking

for new members. There will be an ACS Level 1 Training this fall. .

Old Business:

VOMARC BBQ is scheduled for September 9 at Rachel's house (KI6DHG). Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Sodas and water will be provided.

N6P is this weekend. The crew will meet up at Palms Grill in Petaluma at 7 AM and head out.

New Business:

There were some manuals for equipment from Jan Bush, AE6FQ (SK)

Meeting was adjourned at 2005ish.

—Submitted by: KD6FIL



NEXT MEETING

Wed, November 15, 2017, 7:30pm

City of Sonoma EOC,
Sonoma Police Department

Topic: TBA

Ham radio operators are saving Puerto Rico one transmission at a time

[CTRL][click] to read.

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

Amateur Radio Operators Stepped In To Help Communications With Puerto Rico

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

Lincoln Hamfest Results

Besides all the good buys, I got a nice set of Vibroplex paddles, a leg mount key, and an MFJ Code Tutor, we scored in the raffle drawings.

Dave got something (I forget what), Jim got a \$25 gift certificate for pizza, and I won a Baofeng dual band HT. Then yesterday I got a call from the club up there that I had won a \$50 gift certificate for ARRL books! The biggest prize though is the great military tower we got from Dan and we got it safely back to Sonoma!

—Ed W1EJ

My two radios work, but the Radio Shack has an on/off switch that's bad. Small item; the Kenwood doesn't have a keypad mic.

I am going to give my pizza gift card to Dan.

—Jim K6UUW

2017 VOMARC BBQ



—Photo submitted by Dave KD6FIL

Announcing: The ARRL International Grid Chase!

A new and exciting operating event will kick off on January 1, 2018, at 0000 UTC (New Year's Eve in US time zones), when the **ARRL International Grid Chase** gets under way. The year-long event hopes to build on the success of the highly successful 2016 National Parks on the Air (NPOTA). The objective is to work stations on *any* band (*except* 60 meters) in as many different Maidenhead grid squares as possible, and then upload your log data to ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW). **Registration** is free, and it costs nothing to use LoTW. Many hams are familiar with grid squares from the VHF/UHF and satellite realms, and everyone lives in one. ARRL's VUCC is based on grid squares, and some contests on HF, as well as on VHF and UHF, also use them as a scoring factor.

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

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"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Black Bear Restaurant, 201 W Napa St, #34 (Marketplace Shopping Center), Sonoma. The fun starts at 08:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

—or—

Valley of the Moon ARC, Inc.

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175 First Street West
Sonoma, CA 95476

**2017 ACS
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| MAY | DICK | KF6FZM |
| JUNE | MOE | KI6JNU |
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| SEPTEMBER | SAM | W5LTP |
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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 15, 2016, 7:30PM,
CITY OF SONOMA EOC, SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 175 1ST ST W, SONOMA, 95476
SEE YOU THERE.**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2017

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen:

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.