



Amateur Radio Club of Alameda



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Electronic News Letter

April 18, 2005

By KL7IDY

April 2005 Club Meeting

Date: Friday, April 22, 2005
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Building 522, West Midway Ave. Alameda Point

NCS for April 2005:

April 21 Michael John, KF6YRG

April 28 Tom, KG6MAC

MS Walk Communications

Members of three East Bay radio clubs provided communications for the MS Walk in Alameda in April 10th. Radio stations were set up at the starting point in Crown Beach Park and the two rest stops. Mobile and SAG ride alongs provided remote logistics information, walker directions and called for aid when needed. Participating were Sandy, KO6JF & Joe, KL7IDY from ARCA; Bob, KE6IUE & Dave, AE6PX from ORCA and Randy, KA6BQF & Texx, KG6ATH from EBARC.

Standard Net Protocols were used with a Resource Net call up on the WB6NDJ repeater and a Tactical Net operation on a simplex frequency of 146.505 MHz. Signal strengths from the mobiles and HTs were good over the course of the route and no interference was experienced. A hotwash was conducted after all the walkers were in. What went right, what went wrong and what to do next time were discussed. All agreed that multi-club activities such as this successful Walk communications should be used for other activities. (See Neighbor Club Coordinator activity)

Compliments to Bob, KE6IUE for his expert pre-event coordination and to all participants for their knowledgeable communication performance. ARCA recognition is due to Sandy, KO6JF, for reminding us of the importance of ARCA participation in major events occurring in Alameda. The successful communications for the 2005 MS Walk accomplished several things for amateur radio and ARCA:

- Emergency response practice
- Positive exposure and publicity for ham radio and the Club
- Opening a doorway to multi-club activities in the East Bay
- A reminder of what to bring along: spare batteries, food, sun screen and H₂O
- A darn lot of fun in the sun

Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Event on the USS Hornet

ARCA geared up and set up a very respectable demonstration table on the hanger deck of the USS Hornet to support the Red Cross sponsored "Together We Prepare" event.

An APRS demonstration, Slide and ARCA event photo presentations, an active HF station and the ARCA banner were displayed. Emcomm handouts with Club meeting info were prepared by Sandy, KO6JF. Participating were Michael John, KF6YRG; Sandy, KO6JF; Al, KG6HM; Joe, KL7IDY; Bill, AE6HP and Thomas, KN6EI. A visit from El Presidente, Hornet station license trustee and QSL manager of the Hornet Radio Club, Tom McGlenn, KO6HA was a major event!

Several licensed hams stopped by; most weren't aware of the ARCA activities and the relationship to disaster preparedness. A photographer from the Alameda Journal covered the Red Cross event and an article is expected in the April 19 edition.

A large article on ARCA appeared in the April 15th Journal based on an interview by Al, KG6HM and Sandy Clark, KG6COA, a staff writer for the Journal

Monday Night CW Net Continues

The Monday night CW net continues into the spring. Howard, W1WF; Thomas, KN6EI; Tom, KG6MAC and Joe, KL7IDY continue to keep this net alive. The group has experimented on 20, 10 and 2 meters in an attempt to find a frequency that works well for everyone. Strange and unexpected propagation occur during the CW communications. Most can be attributed to strong reflected signals from aircraft mixing with direct path signals. Voice liaison is maintained by most stations on the East Bay MUD UHF repeater on 440.575 MHz PL 118.8 Hz.

All stations operate at the speed of the slowest operator. Join the fun and practice your fist on Monday nights.

Current Net Schedule:

Day: Monday nights
Time: 8:30 pm
Frequency: 14.060, 28.060, 144.060 or 146.505 MHz

See you at the meeting this Friday, April 22.

73,
Joe

Attachment: Membership Club Event & Participation Survey

ARCA Members.

Your elected officers are soliciting your assistance in determining club events and the direction you would like to see the club move.

Please check the items you would like to see the club pursue and the items which you would participate.

These events in intended to be Club events. Some events may overlap with Special Interest Group events and could be Club events sponsored by a Interest Group.

The results of this survey will be used to schedule and plan Club events.

Membership Club Event & Participation Survey

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LEVEL OF INTEREST</u>	<u>LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION</u>
	<u>(None, Low, Medium, High)</u>	<u>(Committee Leader, Committee Member, Participant)</u>

Monthly Meetings:	_____	_____
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Selection of program topics:	_____	_____
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Wednesday Shop Night:	_____	_____
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Monday night CW net:	_____	_____
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Thursday night Disaster Preparedness Net:	_____	_____
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Field Day:	_____	_____
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Neighbor Club Coordinator:	_____	_____
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Quarterly contest participation:	_____	_____
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- ARRL VHF/UHF Contest
- California QSO Party
- CQ World Wide WPX Contest
- ARRL International DX Contest
- ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest

Disaster preparedness exercises:	_____	_____
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ARCA booth for:	_____	_____
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- Alameda Hospital Fair
- Various disaster preparedness booths
- Various safety fairs

Membership Club Event & Participation Survey (continued)

ARCA event

communication such as: _____

MS Walk

4th of July Parade

Veteran's Day Parade

Alameda Disaster Exercise

County Hospital Emergency Exercise

MEETING PRESENTATION TOPICS

	Would like to have Presentation	Would give Presentation
PSK-31 & other digital modes:	_____	_____
CW techniques:	_____	_____
Antenna basics:	_____	_____
Go Kit:	_____	_____
Satellites:	_____	_____
APRS:	_____	_____
Soldering:	_____	_____
EME:	_____	_____
Microwave:	_____	_____
Dxpeditions:	_____	_____
QRP:	_____	_____
Mobile operation:	_____	_____

Club Member: _____

Note: Blanks and Non-response will be scored as No Interest

Please complete and hand in at the April meeting or forward electronically if you don't attend on April 22th.