



From Over the Hill

—By Ed W1EJ

The foxes didn't stand a chance! At the May meeting there were three foxes and each one got hidden for a hunt before the meeting and once again for the post meeting hunt. Various members got out their tape measure yagi antennas and the recently built offset attenuators. All who hunted were able to track down each hidden transmitter without too much difficulty and no foxes were harmed but their energy supplies were slightly diminished.

There were a few members of the non-ham public giving the hunters that "what the heck are you doing" look. I provided one of the foxes and thanks to Darrel (WD6BOR) and Mike (WB6TMH) for supplying the other two. Now that we have good skills and techniques for the short distance walking hunts, I think we need to expand to a little longer distance so we can develop our triangulation and navigation expertise. It has been suggested that we could have a Saturday morning hunt with breakfast or brunch afterwards. I will be working on a plan for that to happen soon, any suggestions and help would be appreciated.

The Carmichael Hamfest was on May 25th and only two of us were up to the early rise and long

drive. We did the usual 5:30 AM departure from Stan's house and arrived while a few sellers were still setting up. We did the usual two trips around the tables, the first one quick and the second one slow with stops to chat and trying to get a better deal. I didn't buy much, I only spent \$24, on two old Radio Shack scanners for my friend that has too many already, some odds and ends, and my big purchase a five-hundred-foot spool of white paracord. I already used twenty feet of the cord, the scanners both tested bad but the knobs are good. Stan spent a little more than I did but I already forgot what he got except for a TenTec transceiver. It was fun and wow, we were back in town by about 10AM. The next opportunity for getting up too early is on July 13th when Stan and I plan to go to West Valley College in Saratoga for the Electronics Flea Market.

Field day is coming up, and by the time you get this in the newsletter it will be less than two weeks away on June 28th and 29th. I have asked Robert to do a sign up sheet for members to indicate what equipment they will bring, how many will be there for dinner, and what wonderful side dishes or desserts they will bring. Field day will be the topic of this month's meeting at the usual location, the Sonoma PD EOC room at 175 First St West in Sonoma.

NEXT MEETING

Wed, June 18, 2025 at 7:30 PM,
City of Sonoma Police Dept Training Room,
175 First Str West, Sonoma
Topic:.

Minutes of the April 16, 2025 Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Members Online: K0SQ (Kevin), N6LY (Liz), AI6B (Bryan), KE6HID (Andrew), KA5WSS (Robert), KD6RVQ (Debra), WB6TMH (Mike), N7PIB (Sanford)

In Person: W1EJ (Ed), KD6FIL (Dave), KF6FZM (Dick), WD6BOR (Darrel), NJ6E (Stan), W6XDX (John), N6TTV (Carl), KO6DXF (Don), W6MOM (Carla)

Adopt meeting minutes as published in newsletter? Meeting Minutes Approved with no corrections.

OFFICER REPORTS

NEWSLETTER– Eileen, KG6QNT- Not in Attendance – Thank you from the club members for the newsletter

ACS– Moe, KI6JNU- Not in Attendance- KD6FIL report- Quarterly Radio test was held on April 14. Quarterly Leadership meeting will be held on ZOOM on April 28. June 1 is a Wildfire and Earthquake Expo 2025 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. (<https://www.fireandearthquakeexpo.org/>)

VE LIASON- Elizabeth, N6LY- Next test sessions will be at the Hamfest on April 26. There are 3 people currently signed up. Contact N6LY if you are interested in testing. Looking for any Volunteer Examiners who would be interested in helping with the testing.

RADIO OFFICER- Mike, WB6TMH- Nothing to report

TRUSTEE- Darrel, WD6BOR- Nothing to report

SECRETARY/TREASURER- Dave, KD6FIL- \$5,398 in the bank. Filed the federal and state taxes and paid the State Incorporation document fee. Insurance is due in July.

VICE PRESIDENT- Don, KO6DXF- Hamfest coming up. Patches and coasters will be available to people who buy a breakfast.

PRESIDENT- Ed, W1EJ – Hamfest- This months meeting topic. The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club (Loomis Hamfest sponsors) have a good webpage on Fox Hunting (<https://www.w6ek.org/activities/foxhunt>)

OLD BUSINESS:

Mission Statement- as written - motion made and seconded- unanimous vote to approve and incorporate into the club By Laws.

DMR REPEATER- Relocation- KD6FIL has talked with Adam (KD6POC) about possible relocation of the club repeater. The desire would be to place in a location that would serve the Sonoma Valley Area. More discussions to follow.

QSL CARD – working on a 2-sided card using a picture of the Sonoma Square on the front. Would like a brief club description for the back of the card. Will finalize and get a cost for printing and bring it back to the club. Per the articles of incorporation, the club was formed in 1967.

NEW BUSINESS- No new business at this meeting

MEETING TOPIC- Hamfest- Looking for members to assist with the event. Sign up is online.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25

Minutes of the May 21, 2025 Meeting

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In Person: W1EJ (Ed), KD6FIL (Dave), KF6FZM

(Dick), KA5WSS (Robert), WD6BOR (Darrel), NJ6E (Stan), W6XDX (John), N6TTV (Carl), KO6DXF (Don), W6MOM (Carla)

Adopt meeting minutes as published in newsletter? Oops, forgot to submit the April minutes to the newsletter!

OFFICER REPORTS

NEWSLETTER, Eileen, KG6QNT- Not in Attendance – Dave will submit April and May Minutes for the Newsletter

ACS – Moe, KI6JNU- Not in Attendance- KD6FIL report- June 1 is a Wildfire and Earthquake Expo 2025 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.
(<https://www.fireandearthquakeexpo.org/>)

VE LIASON- Elizabeth, N6LY- Next test sessions will on July 26, at the Sonoma PD Training room. Contact N6LY if you are interested in testing. Looking for any Volunteer Examiners who would be interested in helping with the testing.

RADIO OFFICER- Mike, WB6TMH- Fixed an FT1000MP for a ham from the Hamfest. Frank Jones 6AJF for mentioned in the May 1925 addition of the QST magazine.

TRUSTEE- Darrel, WD6BOR- has boxes of leftovers from the hamfest. There are a number of short RG58 coax jumpers with BNC ends.

SECRETARY/TREASURER- Dave, KD6FIL- over \$6,000 in the bank (actually \$6,385.64).

VICE PRESIDENT- Don, KO6DXF- Left over patches and coasters are available. Looking at the QRP labs QMX radio.

PRESIDENT- Ed, W1EJ – Foxhunting. Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club (Loomis Hamfest sponsors) have a good webpage on Fox Hunting (<https://www.w6ek.org/activities/foxhunt>). Would like to plan a monthly foxhunt after the Saturday breakfast.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mission Statement- needs to be incorporated into the club By Laws.

DMR REPEATER- Relocation- KD6FIL has not talked with Adam (KD6POC) anymore about possible relocation of the club repeater. The question is the cost. More discussions to follow.

Need to reach out to Point Reyes Lighthouse park service about the Lighthouses on the air event on August 16 and 17. (Lighthouse No. US0145)

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NEW BUSINESS- Field Day is coming up in June (June 28 – 29). VOMARC has approval to be out at the Sonoma Skypark again this year.

MEETING TOPIC- Fox Hunting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10

Job Opening

[Metro Mobile](#) is a local radio shop based in Belmont, CA and has been providing radio communications to the Bay Area for the past 40+ years. They work closely with a number of education institutions, public safety, corporations, etc. to manage their radio communications systems.

They are looking to hire junior and senior radio technicians to join their growing team. If you have an interest, or know someone who does, you can contact them via:

Pearl Chan
Office 650-367-1992
Cell 415-317-1023
pearl@metromobile.com

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

Misc

The ARRL has published [several presentations on next generation DXing](#) that were presented at the recent Visalia DX Convention.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

VE Liaison News

—By Elizabeth N6LY

Our next testing session will be on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

Let me know if you are interested in becoming a licensed HAM Radio Operator or ready to upgrade.

Sponsor: Valley of the Moon ARC

When: Saturday, July 26

Time: 10:00 AM

Reservations required.

Contact: Elizabeth Morris-Mowrey (N6LY)

Email: n6ly.emm@gmail.com

Location: Sonoma Police Department EOC,
Sonoma CA 95476

Candidate Requirements

- A photo identification or (2) non-photo ID's
- FCC Registration Number
- Original and a photocopy of your current license (if licensed)
- Exam fee is \$15.00, Under 18 is \$5.00

Why Test With Us?

Every candidate who takes an FCC examination with VOMARC is entitled to a free year of membership in the club, regardless of whether you pass or not! Each applicant is also provided with a welcome kit of some helpful information on how to get started on their Amateur Radio adventure.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

Parks on the Air Fun

—Submitted by Liz N6LY

We are planning on activating parks on the way and on the way home, and a few in CO.

As I write this, we have arrived in CO and are driving to our destination.

On the way, I have activated 7 new to me parks.

Two in CA (Donner Memorial State Park and Tahoe National Forest)

One in Nevada (Humboldt WMA) which included California National Historic Trail

Two in Utah (Silver Island Back-country Bypass Recreation Area and Echo state Park)

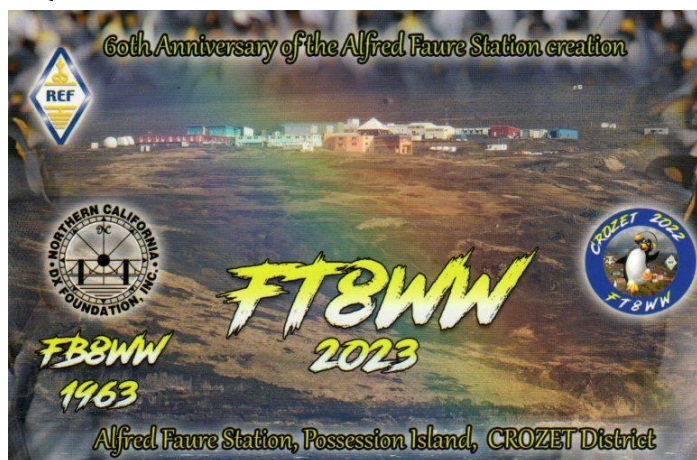
Two in Wyoming (Point of Rocks Stage Station and Cemetery) old Stagecoach stop, along the Overland Stagecoach line.

It is fun exploring and seeing new sites along the way, all while playing radio.



Point of Rocks Stage Station

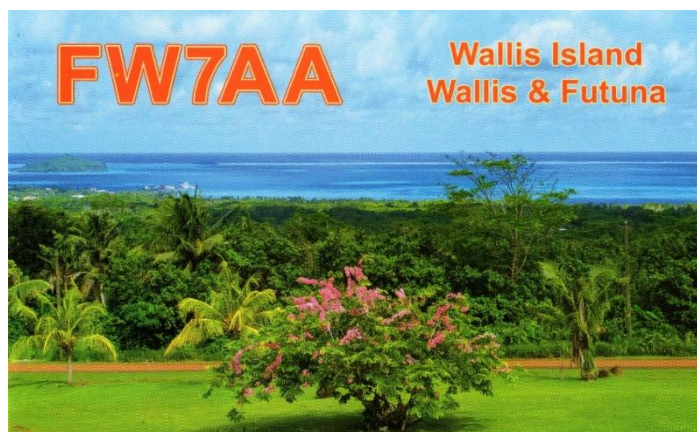
QSL Card Inbox



This card from FT8WW in Crozet in the Indian Ocean confirms CW and FT8 contacts on the 30M, 20M and 17M bands. It's another All Time New One (ATNO) for me.



I've worked a few Namibian stations over the years. But I have not had great luck in getting confirmations. So I was happy to work V55LA on 20M, 17M and 12M using CW and SSB and getting this fine card.



Wallis and Futuna lie in the Pacific and so it's much easier for me to work from my home station. I worked FW7AA using FT8 on both the 17M and 60M bands. Both represent new band countries for me.

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

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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.

Breakfast Nets are held every Tuesday and Saturday morning at 7:30 AM on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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—OR—

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JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
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JULY	VACANT	
AUGUST	VACANT	
SEPTEMBER	VACANT	
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DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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

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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**.