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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of the SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# SHORT SKIP



## Member Profile — Frank Carroll K6BDK



K6BDK circa 1980 (not much has changed)

**W**hen asking a ham of many years about their achievements it is not unusual to hear of something that happened in the early days—not so with Frank. His reply was a recent contact with a Russian station in Antarctica on PSK31. This says a lot about Frank's enthusiasm and adaptability to technology and personal limits. 6 meter SSB and HF cw DX are rare events for Frank these days but their loss has meant only a shift of activity. PSK 31 now provides an important operating mode being visual rather than audible with a special interest in 2 meters.

Frank was first licensed in 1952 and he and others including Dave K6GHA are credited with reviving the club some 40 years ago. Frank charts the evolution of his ham activity from bedroom to family room to dedicated shack over the past 50 years. One of Frank's popular phrases is "then reality sets in" what a great outlook in life.

Today one is not surprised to hear that Frank had just recently been working on our club station and assisting to refurbish a Red Cross emergency services trailer. Frank regularly attends club and CAKE meetings. When asked what he would like the club to do more of in the future Frank replies that he would

like to see other club projects akin to the establishment of our repeater system.

Both Frank and Charlotte are Santa Cruz natives they met in High School and recently celebrated 50th anniversary. Our congratulations to you both.

So once again we should pay tribute to one of the most stalwart, cheerful and resourceful members of our club.



One of a collection of old tubes.

## CLUB MEETING

### Happy New Year 2003 to all radio amateurs!

Here we go...one more year...2003. Our first meeting will be Jan. 17th and we will meet in rooms B2/C upstairs in the Ed. Bldg. behind Dominican Hospital.

We will be privileged to have a very special speaker. Ron W6W0, will be speaking on the topics "Digital signals, modes, and filters". This is a must attend meeting! Be advised, Feb. 21st meeting and March meeting will be held downstairs main bldg. Conference rooms 2 and 3. I will be reminding you each month.

Happy New Year to all, your V.P... YRD

**CLUB MEETING FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 7:30P.M.**