

# Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

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affiliated with the Amateur Radio Relay League  
part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
and the Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System



## Minutes of Meeting of May 2, 2012

### Saratoga Fire Department

These Minutes are respectfully submitted by Ray Froess, W6ZF, Secretary

#### Attendees:

- Art Brookman, KJ6GMI
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- Nick Garner, N3WG
- John Glass, NU6P
- John Lampe, KJ6JPS
- Tony Loeb, AB6Q
- Bill Parsons, AF6AE
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Dana Timbrook, W6CTF
- Robert Vance, N6ROB

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by John Glass, President. He introduced the officers and then attendees introduced themselves around the room.

#### Old Business:

Minutes: The members approved the March minutes. The Board approved the April Board minutes.

Technician License Class: Only 13 are expected to attend the May 5 one-day class and license exam.

#### New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Don presented his treasurer's report. The club now has 25 paid members.

SARA Check-ins: Don reported the Sunday 9pm SARA check in counts as 13, 18, 14, 15 and 21 for April.

Emergency Activity: The May 2 EOC test was successful. There's a county-wide drill Saturday May 5. The club has 28 hams who've signed up for AlertSCC automated notification of an emergency.

Calendar: EmComm is May 4-6 in Reno. The topic for the June 6 SARA club meeting is Field Day. All are invited to participate in Field Day, June 24-26. As usual, there's no club meeting in July or August.

Board Meeting Comments: The club will start using the ARRL email address which is k6sa@arrl.net. To increase club membership, we will mail club information to Saratoga hams. This has lead to discussion of creating a club brochure that could be used for other publicity too. The meeting minutes are posted at k6sa.net.

Presentation: The evening's topic was "Microcontrollers for Ham Radio" given by George Zafiropoulos, KJ6VU. George used PowerPoint slides to discussed microprocessor architecture, capabilities, physical layout, various vendors, programming languages, and concluded with descriptions of several ham radio projects. More information is available at hamstack.com.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at about 9:25 pm.