

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

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and the Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System



Minutes of Meeting of September 5, 2012

Saratoga Fire Department

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

Attendees:

- Antonella Corno, KG6UOC
- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH
- Henry De Kruyff, KE6HOU
- Herman De Kruyff, KI6ETZ
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- Don Ferguson, AI6RE
- Sherman Fu, KJ6IIV
- George Gadd, KG6PHK
- Joey Gadd
- John Glass, NU6P
- Ron Meadows, K6RPT
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH
- Walter Spector, W6WS
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- John Terry, KC6VRI
- Dana Timbrook, W6CTF
- Jim Yoke, KI6HKZ

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by John Glass, President. He introduced the officers and then attendees introduced themselves around the room. John proposed and it was accepted that Jim Yoke present his update on the Saratoga City Emergency Exercise and then proceed to the program. We'd then resume the business portion of the meeting.

Saratoga City Emergency Exercise: The date has been changed to Saturday October 20. SARA hams will again be strategic participants by providing communications between the EOC and other groups.

Tonight's Program:

Don Ferguson AI6RE and Ron Meadows K6RPT presented "High Altitude Ballooning." They showed fabulous slides of the balloons, instrumentation payloads, inflation equipment, and aerial photos from the balloon and its path along the earth's surface. They have set world records for altitude, time in flight, and distance traveled. Go to <http://www.californianearspaceproject.com/> for more information.

Old Business:

Comments on Field Day: Walter Spector briefly reported that our total points were less than last year mainly due to fewer CW operators. It was cold and they didn't have any major problems. The topic will continue at our next meeting.

New Business:

1. Approval of the June minutes was postponed to our October meeting.
2. Don gave the Treasurer's and Net Check-ins reports and thanked Herman for his \$100 donation.

3. Calendar

- a. October 3: We didn't discuss the topic for our next meeting.
- b. October 12-14: Pacificon will also serve as the ARRL National Convention.
- c. October 20-21: Jamboree on the Air – The Red Cross may host a place for scouts.
- d. October 31: Halloween Caper – The club needs someone to coordinate the schedule.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.