

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

146.655 Mhz, -, 114.8 Hz
443.150 Mhz, +, 100 Hz

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



Minutes of Meeting of March 5, 2014

Saratoga Fire Department

These Minutes are respectfully submitted by David Ritchie, W6DR, President

Attendees:

- John Burnett, KK6BSP
- Herman De Kruyff, KI6ETZ
- Charles Erickson, KC6YFA
- John Glass, NU6P
- Chris Hickey, KK6KEY
- Chris Lyau, KK6KEY
- Vernon Price, W6RRK
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH
- Alex Shultz, KJ6EPH
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Margaret Smith, KC6LEV
- Roger Smith, KC6LEW
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- John Terry, KC6VRI

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by David Ritchie, President. Attendees introduced themselves and the attendance roster was circulated.

Old Business: (None)

New Business:

Board of Directors: We are still in need of a Secretary to handle April – December 2014. In lieu of volunteers we will have involuntary servitude. The President will notify the “volunteer”.

Minutes Approval: The February Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Don gave the finance report. We have about 20 dues paid voting members at this point.

QSL Cards: W6DR will handle QSL cards for the club going forward. Six pending QSL cards have been processed and mailed using a temporary QSL card design. If someone has a good photo which would work for a SARA QSL card please forward it to W6DR at ARRL.NET.

Projector: NU6P will contact the Fire Station and have them replace the fried projector bulb.

Net Check-in Report: Don reported February had a high of 19 and a low of 11 check ins for the Sunday evening Net.

Emergency Services Report: KC6YFA reports that about ½ of the other stations are regularly checking into the Emergency Services Net.

Calendar Items: A Tech license class will be on May 24. Instructors are currently AE6PM and N9YS. We could use a few more instructors.

Next Meetings:

- April 2, 2014 – NU6P reports that W6VSY (Bill Ruck) will give a talk about commercial telegraphy and KPH – the retired commercial telegraphy station for the SF Bay Area.
- May 7, 2014 – NU6P reports that we will have a talk on solar energy
- June 4, 2014 – W6DR, N9YS and W6WS will present the annual Get Ready for Field Day talk. Please bring your questions and we will try to have some hands on training with the logging program.
- July – August – No Meetings

Program: “Two HF Vertical Antenna Designs” by Roger Smith, KC6LEW

Roger showed us his design for a pair of effective yet inexpensive HF Verticals that can be assembled quickly for portable use.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm.