

**Minutes for SARA Meeting of November 4th, 2015**  
**Saratoga Fire Department**

**Attendees:**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM by John Glass NU6P, President. Attendees introduced themselves and the attendance roster was circulated. There were 9SARA members and 2 guests present.

**Old Business:**

The annual Halloween Caper went well. Eight SARA member participated. Only a couple of reports needed to be made.

**New Business:**

None.

**Minutes Approval:**

The minutes from the October meeting were approved. Walter needs to provide some older minutes.

**Treasurers Report:**

Bank balance: \$5,564.12

Cash on hand: None

Paid members: 22

Bills outstanding: Brochures (500) \$462.19 due to Don Steinbach for Kwik Print Business Center. \$134.39 to Chuck for web site hosting. Expenditures were unanimously approved.

The IRS forms need to be filled out. Walter will handle it.

**Net Checkin Report:**

Net check-ins for October: 19, 14, 17, 15

**Emergency Services Report:**

SARA will be net control in two weeks.

The Saratoga EOC will be moving to one of the conference rooms at City Hall on Allendale. There was much discussion on maintaining our post at the fire station.

Tim Maguire KF6IKE discussed plans for the auxillary commuications service portion of the county fire plan.

**Calendar Items:**

Tim Maguire would like to speak at the March 2016 meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 2nd. Program will be Roger Smith discussing restoration and use of boat anchor radios.

**Program:**

Chris Capener AI6CC spoke on the care and feeded of rechargeable batteries. Chris is heavily involved in battery development at Apple Computer. He had many insights to share, including comparisons of charging requirements of lead acid vs gel/sealed lead acid vs nickel based vs lithium ion. Most of the industry has moved to various lithium chemistries.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.