# Meeting Minutes 2019/09/11

**Minutes for the SARA Meeting on July 10, 2019**

**Attendees (19)**

Allie Cassidy              N6ALI

Tom Cassidy

Frank Mayer             WB6WPM

Mike Turner              N6DXQ

Jack Griswold           KM6ZWR

Ron Jones                  AJ6EG

Yin Shih                      N9YS

Rebecca Feng           KM6ZAH

Mike McGuire           KM6VZL

Peter Melhus            AA6PM

Pete Commandeur  KM6TYH

Stan Roberts             AB6SR

Wayne Opp               N6BTU

Karate Vick                KM6SWS

Phil Wayman            KM6RCS

Larry Hawkinson      KJ6GMN

John Glass                 NU6P

Gary Smith                KI6QXS

Ed Fong                     WB6IQN

**Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Ron Jones**

**Guest Speaker and Topic**

Speaker    Ed Fong WB6IQN

Topic        TBJ-1 Triband Antenna (2m, 220 MHz, 440 MHz)

Sales:        Ed had various antennas and related cabling for sale after the meeting.

For the technical topic, Ed Fong presented a summary of his new Tri-Band J-pole antenna design.  This also included background information leading up to the Tri-Band design, including single and dual band twin lead j-pole designs that have been in use for some time.  This Tri-band antenna has been very popular with FEMA and government ARES/RACES organizations, due to its low cost, rugged construction and compact design.  Ed brought several of his Tri-band antennas for sale after the meeting.

**Minutes**

Previous meeting minutes were not readily available and no reading or approval was conducted.

**Business Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Ron Jones at 9:02 pm

**Santa Clara County Emergency Drill**

Peter AA6PM provided an overview of the upcoming annual Santa Clara County Emergency Drill.

Date:        September 28, 2019

Time:        08:00 to 01:00

Venue       Edith Morley Park, Campbell

Saratoga will partner with Los Gatos/Monte Sereno and be in charge of the HT Programming Activity for new and experienced hams.

Peter Melhus provided a run down on the upcoming 9/28/2019 county-wide drill

o   There will be a variety of activities and stations covering different training topics

o   This is a good training opportunity, due to the wide range of training stations

o   Will provide training opportunities for both inexperienced and experienced users

o   Need experienced users to  mentor less experienced users at various clinics

o   Training stations for Net Control, Packet, Cross-band Repeaters, Radio Programming, etc.

o   SARA and Los Gatos will be hosting and providing mentoring at the radio programming clinic as a team, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

o   Sign-ups for each topic on the County ARES-RACES Web Site  ([https://www.scc-ares-races.org/activities/events.php)](https://www.scc-ares-races.org/activities/events.php)" \t "_blank)

o   DSW Swearing IN ceremonies

§  You need a County DSW registration to participate.If you do not have a valid County DSW registration you will be able to register for DSW at the event.  Sign up for the County DSW registration on Saturday, starting at 8:00 am.

§  In addition to the DSW swearing in ceremony(s) on Saturday, the County is offering a county DSW Swear-in on 9/24/2019 at 11:30 am.  Sign up on the County ARES-RACES Web Site  ([https://www.scc-ares-races.org/activities/eventdetail.php?id=948](https://www.scc-ares-races.org/activities/eventdetail.php?id=948" \t "_blank)).  Being sworn in at this time will prevent you from needing to do this at the start of the Saturday event.

**Membership Outreach**

SARA will do a mailing to local hams using mailing list supplied for free by ARRL. The thrust will be:

·        Get some previous and new members engaged with the club

·        Notify previous members of the upcoming SARA 30thyear celebration being held on December 7.

**ARES Recruitment**

We have an ongoing effort to get more Saratoga area hams to register with ARES/RACES,

**Pacificon**

We are tentatively planning a trip to Pacificon on Saturday, October 19, at San Ramon Marriott.

Thinking about organizing a van or bus for carpooling (approx 10 members showed interest during voice poll at the meeting)

**SARA 30th Anniversary Celebration**

SARA was formed on 12/15/1989  
30th Anniversary party is planned for 12/07/2019 at the Friendship Hall (on Prospect Road)

Cost of the hall is covered by the city of Saratoga

SARA will cover the cost of the food

**Contact Info**

A discussion was held regarding sharing of contact info, including email addresses and phone number of SARA members among SARA members.  By show of hands, those in attendance supported the action.

We will allow individual members to opt out of info they consider sensitive.

Meeting was closed at 9:20 PM.