

EGFARC General Meeting, April 8, 2017

The meeting commenced at 7 pm with introductions. Elmer Connection discussion followed.

Paul offered club badges to interested members.

Club patches discussed. Dave R. has source in the Philippines; patches would need to be sewn on by members. Another option is having shirts/hats made locally with our logo, so all are the same.

The Wednesday club net was promoted, with increased participation encouraged.

Upcoming meetings:

- 5/13: Tom Preston—Mesh network systems
- 6/10: Duane Wyatt—ARRL youth outreach
- 7/8: Ron Sorenson—Electromagnetic imaging, or his trip to Antarctica in a “homemade” plane. The second topic may be planned for a meeting later in the year.
- 8/12: Install o’rama—other clubs to be invited to participate.

Upcoming events:

- 5/27-28: Elk Grove Western Days—no cost, can set up a table or station. Flyers can be made to promote club.
- 6/10: Galt Safety Fair—no cost, can have a booth, promoting our club and radio in general. Event is geared to kids. Volunteers needed to work both these events.
- 6/24-25: Field Day, Davis Ranch. Mike Abernathy being asked to take the lead.

Other items of interest:

- 4/20: ARRL section-wide net—done monthly. Uses WD6AXM repeater; followed by HF net on 5330.5 USB, or 3880 LSB.
- 5/21: North Hills Radio Club hamfest, 7 AM-12 noon, Elks Lodge, Carmichael.
- 9/16: Western Placer Radio Club hamfest, 7 AM-12 noon, McBean Park, Lincoln.
- 10/20-22: Pacificon, San Ramon.
- 11/5: Clarksburg Country Run.
- 12/3: California International Marathon.

- Update given on Driving While Wireless law.
- Raffle tickets: Craig B. selling for Sacramento ARC fundraiser. Steve H. will have tickets in May, for Sheriff Sharp fundraiser.

Presentation by Steve Hartzell, W6WBO, on batteries for ham radios. Types of batteries discussed, and the pros/cons of each type. Video—Gordon West, Ham Nation, and Kevin Zanjani, Bioenna Power, discussing Bioenna batteries for use in portable ham radios. Types of chargers also discussed, as well as using old vs. new batteries for various applications. Show and tell of various batteries, and question/answer session followed.

Meeting closed at 8:55 pm.