

General Meeting 7/8/17

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm, with 14 members and guests present.

- Intros/Elmer Connection—problems/questions for input from the group.
- Club net promoted
- Nominating Committee—volunteers needed!! (No one tonight).
- Field Day review: Better signage and banners recommended for next year. Our visibility in the back was minimal.
- August Install-o-Rama promoted; flyers passed out. All area clubs are welcome for this event.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer: Bank balance stands at \$1100.48, with repeater donation paid.
- Secretary: Current paid membership remains at 28.
- Member-at-Large: Dave R. working on publicity for August Install-o-Rama

Speaker presentation:

Duane Wyatt, WA0MJD, discussed his outreach to kids with autism and other disabilities. Major focus is Morse Code (CW). Duane has been doing this work for 25 years. Included a review of Morse Code's role in history, such as in the Civil War, as well as a CW demo using his home station and practice equipment.

Discussion and video presentation:

"A Touch of Understanding"—based in Granite Bay, hoping to expand. Volunteers go to elementary schools to encourage knowledge and acceptance of those with disabilities. Many of the volunteers have various disabilities which they discuss, as well as using hands-on activities, to promote understanding and discourage fear.

Website: Touchofunderstanding.org

Demo of Duane working CW with a young autistic volunteer at the meeting.

Following the presentation, Paul presented Duane with a radio for his lending library.

Meeting closed at 7:57 pm.