

EGFARC General Meeting 10/14/17

Meeting began at 7:10 pm, with 14 members and guests present. Intros, Elmer connection.

Secretary reports 30 members paid as of October 2017, as well as two paid memberships for 2018.

Treasurer reports bank balance of \$1127.46, not including 2018 payments just received.

Dave R. asked on last Wed net for suggestions for future meetings; reviewed some ideas given, mainly for hands-on type learning projects. He has contacted a couple of members to request they do presentations next year; no commitments yet. Dave has also made contact about a possible Skype presentation on working FM amateur satellites. Other possibilities include slow-scan TV by Craig and something antenna-related by Dennis. Members are always welcome to offer ideas and volunteer.

Wed net promoted; upcoming area events reviewed. Reminder that 2018 dues can be paid now.

November 11 meeting: Election of officers; Steve H. handling nominations. Nominations can also be taken at the meeting.

December 9: Christmas party at Golf Greens Estates club house. Ham and turkey provided; Chris L. is coordinating sign-ups for potluck; Marie Martin volunteered to help.

Presentation by Paul N6DRY, Basic Radio Procedures:

Communications is the broader topic; radio is a part. Emergency preparedness and response is a fundamental application.

Radio services: Family Radio Service, no license required. Very low power and range.

General Mobile Radio Service, FCC license required, 5 years, \$85. No test required. May use more powerful radios for longer range.

Multi-Use Radio Service, no license required. Private two-way radio service.

Amateur Radio, license and test required. Several classes with different user privileges. Fun hobby, as well as multiple public-service applications.

Different types of radios shown. Know the area and terrain, and your equipment capabilities, before heading to an event.

Operating practices: No private line. Be careful of what you say and avoid sharing sensitive personal information.

FCC rules always apply.

Station that starts the call always ends it.

“Pro words” convey a common meaning and take the place of long sentences. (May not be necessary in casual chat.) Examples: “Over”- when a reply is needed or expected.

“Roger”- transmission received and understood.

“Clear”-still on frequency, but done with this conversation.

“Out”- no longer on frequency.

There is some disagreement about the use of “clear” and “out”—some users just use “clear” when signing off.

Meeting ended about 8:50 pm.