

EGFARC General Meeting, 2/11/17

Meeting was led by Vice President Paul, N6DRY, in the absence of President, Chris Lay. Meeting commenced at 7 pm., with introductions, emphasizing welcoming of new members. Elmer connection was discussed briefly—members helping each other with problems or questions.

Club Business:

- Budget presented: Board requests \$915.00 for 2017, which includes purchase of a projector for presentations. Budget request was approved by the membership.
- Field Day: We still need a coordinator to secure a location and head up planning. No volunteers at this time.
- Christmas Party: Planning coordinator needed; Diane, KG6ZAP, volunteered for this task.
- Officer reports given.
- Dave Reingold discussed new format being tried for Wed net.
- Membership renewals encouraged ASAP.
- Future meeting presentations: March and April are scheduled; member input is welcome as to subjects of interest.
- Club badges: Paul presented a possible design and collected info from interested members.

Miscellaneous:

Announcements of upcoming local events of interest to Hams.

Dennis brought items and magazines to give away to interested members.

Craig announced raffle ticket sales, benefitting Sacramento ARC.

Presentation on Packet Radio:

Guest speaker was Greg, KG6SJT, ARRL Sac Valley Section Emergency Coordinator. Gave basic overview; Packet is similar to e-mail for radio. Hams can build wireless computer networks, allowing private connection between two stations while using a shared frequency. Works well for sending complex data. Greg discussed the components required for a packet station and the types of software that can be used.

Following the presentation, Paul N6DRY and Duane KG6KPW did demos of using packet radio.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.