

EGFARC General Meeting, 3/11/17

Meeting began at 7 pm, with 17 people present. Introductions focused on welcoming new members.

Club business and miscellaneous items:

- Elmer Connection: Hams helping each other with questions
- Field Day: Alone, or jointly with another club or group? Volunteer still needed to coordinate planning. Chris L. is working to secure Davis Ranch, where we held it in the past.
- Christmas Party: Diane, KG6ZAP, is coordinating the planning. A potluck appears to be preferred rather than a catered dinner. Steve Hartzell will try to secure the clubhouse at the mobile home park, where it was held in the past.
- Chris L. discussed participation in community events such as Safety Day and Elk Grove Western Festival, to promote the club and radio in general. Steve H. suggested Kaiser South as a possible venue to promote radio locally. Dave Reingold discussed getting youth involved in radio, possibly through school clubs or science classes.
- Membership renewals were encouraged. We gained two new members and two renewing members.
- Treasurer's Report: Current bank balance \$1113.46. Projector has been purchased, as approved at February meeting.
- Paul Grose discussed future meeting plans. April will feature a presentation on batteries by Steve Hartzell. Possibilities for summer include a motorama (members bringing their mobile rigs to "share" and answer questions), a barbecue or a potluck. Field Day preparations, as needed. Additional speakers will be scheduled as availability permits.
- Club badges: Give info to Paul if interested.
- Craig, WP2N, selling raffle tickets for Sacramento ARC fundraiser.
- Chris mentioned available materials to help members prepare for General license exam.
- HR555, The Antenna Parity Act, is now in the Senate.

Upcoming area events:

- Samuel F. Morse ARC has new class coming up, April 5-June 7. For info: admin@w6sfm.com
- May 21, North Hills ARC hamfest, Carmichael Elks Lodge (www.k6is.org).
- ARRL Field Day: June 24-25
- Clarksburg Country Run: held in November

Presentation by Phil Sittner, KD6RM, on antenna basics. Slideshow and discussion included antenna terminology and basic set ups and functions. Questions were taken during and after the presentation. Phil also did some antenna demos.

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.