

EGFARC General Meeting, 3/10/18

Meeting began at 7 pm with intros around the room. First-time guest, Amy, found us on the internet and is working on getting her license.

Review of club net and need for additional net control operators. Chris Shoff, Marie Martin and Craig Bruce have all expressed a willingness to help out.

Review of upcoming events and meeting presentation plans.

Secretary reports 27 paid memberships so far this year. Dues payment emphasized again; one membership collected tonight.

Treasurer absent; as of March 6 board meeting, bank balance was \$1495.94, with all dues up to that time deposited, and ARRL insurance paid. So far this year we have \$230 in dues and donations collected, and \$302 in expenses (\$300 for insurance, \$2 monthly banking fee for paper statements.)

Emphasis on need for new officers for next year. Several board members will term out, so volunteers are needed.

Elmer connection: discussion of antennas. Brief discussion of mounting/installing; more lengthy discussion of grounding. Several useful ideas offered.

Presentation:

Slide show by Steve Hartzell, W6WBO, from his January trip to Quartzfest in Quartzsite, AZ:

- Officially began in 1997 (informally in 1995)
- Free event; camping is popular
- 2018 attendance was 838; Gordon West attends each year.
- 118 seminars held over one-week period
- Swap meet
- Drones are popular
- Animal show
- Jewelry making
- Antenna walk
- Evening campfires
- 4-wheel drive run
- "Burning of Ham Man"
- Informal, friendly, open to all ages

Review of upcoming events:

- 3/17: Sierra Foothills Hamfest, Loomis, and VE session, Elks Lodge, Carmichael
- 4/3: SHARP General class begins
- 4/4: Samuel Morse code class begins

- 4/26-29: International DX Convention, Visalia
- Western Placer testing, first Wed of each month, Round Table Pizza, Roseville
- 5/5-6: Cache Creek Ridge Ride
- 5/12: Tour de Lincoln bike race, Western Placer
- 5/18-20: Hamvention, Ohio
- 5/19: Davis Double-Century bike ride
- 6/23-24: Field Day (Davis Ranch is reserved for our club's usual joint event), and Western States Endurance Run
- 7/28: Tevis Cup (horses)
- 9/15: Hamfest, Western Placer
- 10/19-21: Pacificon
- 11/11: Clarksburg Country Run

Before closing, Chris Lay gave a review of signage options and prices she has looked into. These would be used at community events such as Field Day. Brief discussion.

Meeting closed about 8:10 pm, with 20 members and guests present.