

EGFARC General Meeting 9/16/17

The meeting began at 7:07 pm, with VP Paul presiding in the absence of Chris. 12 members and guests were present. Intros were followed by Elmer connection, leading to a brief discussion of antennas.

Board reports:

Treasurer confirmed bank balance of \$1128.46

Secretary confirmed 30 paid members currently

Other business:

Steve H. is working on nominations but has no new volunteers for office in 2018. Current board will likely stay on for 2018.

Christmas party: usually a potluck; need a new volunteer to coordinate details.

Weekly net promoted; discussion/suggestions for improving the net, and options for handling discussion questions. Also suggestions for Paul's weekly e-mail blurb, and possibly including the net discussion question so listeners can prepare their responses.

Upcoming events:

9/30 ARRL exhibit at Golden Empire Scout Weekend, Gibson Ranch, Elverta

10/14 ARRL exhibit at Maker Faire, Sierra College, Rocklin

10/20-22 Pacificon, San Ramon; and Scouting Jamboree on the air

11/12 Clarksburg Country Run

12/3 California International Marathon

Future Meetings:

October: Paul has presentation on Basic Radio Procedures

November: Election of officers; short presentation by Dave R.

December: Christmas party

Presentation/Discussion:

Hot Wash: Review/slideshow of 2017 activities, January thru August presentations.

Mention of community events we have been or could be part of, including Elk Grove Western Days, Field Day, Eppie's Great Race, Clarksburg Run, CIM.

Club clothing: Account at Danoc, 6015 Power Inn Road. Would help identify and unify us as a club when participating in community events.

Weekly blurb by Paul serves as a reminder of the net and review of radio events and activities. Average participation so far this year at meetings and on the net: 20 people.

Specifics of discussion:

- Dave R. gave reminder of board meetings as separate from general meetings; held first Tuesday of each month and open to all members.
- Visitor, Chris, says our Saturday evening meeting time works well with his schedule. Good prospect for membership?
- Steve H. complimented this year's presentations and good planning.
- Dave M. suggests possible presentation on "raspberry pi" (D Star)...Steve H. knows of someone who can share about this topic.
- Scott expressed interest in a solar panel/solar power class. Also suggested having times to practice making contacts and doing hands-on work, to learn more about radio specifics thru practical application.
- Dave R. expressed interest in a presentation on antennas and propagation, but can't lead it himself.
- Install-o-rama: Review/discussion: Steve H. suggested earlier start time and maybe having a hot dog BBQ before the display time. Other options discussed if we have it again next year included making it a daytime event or maybe seeking co-sponsoring among different area clubs, to generate more interest and participation.
- Suggestion of a group picnic/fun day with other clubs.
- Suggestion of stronger effort to be part of the Galt Safety Fair in the future. Lots of kids take part, so it's a good point of contact to introduce them to ham radio.

Meeting ended at approx. 8:25 pm.