



Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

November 2018 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 0900 hours PST by John AC7LC

Introductions: 10 in attendance

Treasurers Report: \$215.70 in bank account, \$20 in cash

Repeater Status / Net Report: 70cm – operational; 2m link – operational; APRS – station is set for beacon plus digipeater use only and is working Ok; 6m – operational, John AC7LC reports he is monitoring the repeater 7/24 from his QTH ; NET @ 19:30 hours every Tuesday status averaging 6 - 7 check in's for Oct. – Nov. 2018 so far, need more member check-in's other than the usual members. Next NET control: 12/4 John AC7LC, 12/16 Bruce W7BCW, 12/18 Dave KB7GFL, 12/25 NO NET.

Webmaster Report: Hosting 1&1 now is 1&1 IONOS and payment setup for annual renewal. Please check out W7SKY.ORG for the latest club news and events.

Old Business: Field Day looks like it will be held at City of Monroe complex and Brad KE7EOF presented club with pictures of new building going up that will house new EOC area and spot where tower will be installed.

New Business: **Congratulations** to Kris N7KDM and Garth KA7BVS for successfully passing their EXTRA CLASS radio exam! Great job!

Tom K8TOM discussed emergency preparedness and had submitted a link via email on this subject.

<https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2018/11/pentagon-researchers-test-worst-case-scenario-attack-us-power-grid/152803/>

Which deals with the US power grid and how resilient or not the grid is against attack, natural or manmade.

Ernie W7EDA discussed grounding for the shack and safety and according to a chart the PNW is least susceptible to lightning strikes as compared to the rest of the USA.

Good of the Order: Bill KE7WTR discussed Winter Field day which this editor had never heard of until Bill mentioned it and the Dec. QST has an article on it. For hams in the southern part of the US that might work but for the northern hams it could be a bit too chilly to participate.

Adjournment: 0939 hours PST and seconded by Tom K8TOM

50/50: Walt K1WZ won a t-shirt!