

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes  
March 17, 2007

Call to Order: 08:05 by John AC7LC

Introductions: David KB7GFL, Steve KE7HOB, Diane KE6JRP, Charlie N6IBI, Tom K8TOM, Dave W7AGJ, Wes KE7EEA, Dan N7ENE, John AC7LC, KC7IFI, Dave Archer KA7RRA

Secretary/Treasurer Report: as of February 28, 2007, \$340.86 Activity .08 interest.

Repeater Status: Dave reported that the 2 meter link, 70 cm repeater and APRS are working fine. The 6 meter repeater is not working. Dave suspects that the receiver's front end is growing crystals on the metal as the result of the way the metal was processed, affecting fixed receivers.

Old Business: Mike has been in contact with Joe Deavers of the Gold Dust Days group in Gold Bar. Joe is still working out details and sponsors. There will be a parade, a car club, entertainment and vendors as well as community booths. Mike feels they will need 3-4 HAM operators to support the functions. Our club will need to provide our own tent/booth. David will start the paperwork needed to secure the Gateway Park in Gold Bar for Field Day this year. John expressed difficulty in logging into the Snohomish ARES site. Dave mentioned that the site was being developed and has recently become fully operational. Mike suggested that Dan establish a link to Snohomish ARES site. Dan will investigate.

New business: The club received notification today the Dutch Cup has been sold and they will no longer have the meeting space available to us. Mike and Dave will research The Gold Bar Café in Gold Bar as a possible meeting site, recommended by Karen Koehler, Miss W7SKY. Prior to the meeting in April, Dan will post any change to the meeting location on the web page one week prior to the April meeting date. Dave reported that the current class started with 18 students and now has a core of 7 students that attend on a regular basis. The students have indicated the class is of benefit to them and have said good things about the class. Currently, the class is one session behind, with plans to make that up this next meeting. Testing is on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Dan has a friend who is donating a Kenwood TM 240A radio to two juvenile students if they pass their exam.

Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: 09:32 by John AC7LC



**DAVID & DIANNA HARVEY**

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**From:** "David C Axe" <axeco@juno.com>  
**To:** <plajambe@msn.com>  
**Cc:** <harveydd2@msn.com>; <johnchenry@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2007 8:17 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Red Cross drill and Sultan

Hi Pat,

I'm sure I've met Ken in the Sultan EOC during some past flood drill, but I can't place him. Yes, I'm familiar with the ham operating position in the EOC and have set up gear there in the past.

Gary, KN7YTE, was the ham operator for many years with the Sultan FD, but I understand he recently moved to eastern WA.

Thanks for the info about Ken attending our next club meeting.

73 de Dave W7AGJ

cc: AC7LC, KB7GFL

On Mon, 26 Feb 2007 09:48:00 -0800 "Patricia LaJambe"  
<plajambe@msn.com>

writes:

> Hello Dave,

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> National Red Cross sent a team to the Snohomish Red Cross for CEDREE  
> which

> in business might be called a performance evaluation. Our chapter  
> was told

> only when they would come and that the table top scenario would be a  
> flood

> in Sultan. That's all we knew until the drill started. Deputy Fire  
> Chief

> Ken M. Hopkins came to the drill to observe. I don't know if you  
> know him.



- > I told the deputy about the Sky Valley ARC and at his request gave
- > him the
- > time and place of the meeting. He said he would try to make the
- > next
- > meeting. He said also that the fire station has some equipment and
- > a place
- > from which an operator could work. He will contact the fire
- > stations in
- > Index and Gold Bar regarding communication with the Red Cross.
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- > It was good to hear you and Tom Sunday on the ARES net.
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- > 73
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- > Pat LaJambe
- > Red Cross Communication Lead
- > KD7UXV
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Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes  
April 21, 2007

Call to Order: 08:47 by David KB7GFL

Introductions: David KB7GFL, Dan N7ENE, Dave W7AGJ, Mike KC7IFI, Charlie N6IBI, Nathan KE7HOJ, Tom K8TOM, Brad KE7EOF, Rod KE7KJG visitor, Dave KA7RRA, Diane KE6JRP

Secretary/Treasurer Report: \$347.95 as of March 31, 2007 Activity \$7.00 deposit and \$0.09 interest.

Repeater Status: Dave W7AGJ reported the repeater, link and the APRS are working fine. He is still soliciting signal reports for the 6 meter repeater that is in ID mode only. Forward reports to Dave via email. The 6 meter frequency is 53.35 MHz. Dave did find a bad helix cable and has removed it for repair.

Old Business: Dave W7AGJ gave a final class report: 6 passed their exam, Wes upgraded to general class and Dan from the class also passed his general exam. Dave also gave a report on a survey he conducted during the last class. Here is a synopsis of his report: Seven students responded to the survey, Internet exams were regarded as the most helpful means of learning followed by review of each question in the pool, demonstrations and discussions and last was the pre-reading of the assignment each week. Five students reported the pace of the class was just right and two students stated that the course went too slow. The students stated that issues we should consider for the next class are the following: acoustics, noise level and room temperature. Some felt we should "advertise" our next class through the local schools and consider offering a General class. David reported that the Gateway Park in Gold Bar has been reserved for Field Day, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 am to 7 pm. Brad said he might bring the command post bus from Monroe to Field Day. Also David made contact with the Gold Bar FD in hopes of coordinating a site for our booth for Gold Dust Days. So far the FD has not returned the call. Mike gave a report about Gold Dust Days, July 28th. The organizers are not sure of the size of the event. Mike will attend an upcoming meeting that will tour the school grounds and discuss locations of the activities. Mike suggested 3-4 HAMS man our booth.

New business: Brad discussed briefly Night Out Against Crime will be August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at Lake Tye in Monroe. He would like the club to provide a couple of operators to help demonstrate Amateur Radio. Dave suggested an invitation letter to the new Hams from our recent class, inviting them to our club activities such as the Bunny Hunt, breakfast, Field Day, etc. Also, Dave discussed the Bunny Hunt and the club decided to have a hunt on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm. Details will be worked out during the May meeting.

Good of the Order: Charlie pointed out an error in the club's repeater frequency link information that is listed on our club web page. Dan will take care of this issue. Thanks Charlie! Stanwood will have their Hamfest on May 12, 2007 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Adjournment: 09:57 by David KB7GFL