

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes
May 19, 2007

Call to Order: 08:25 by John AC7LC

Introductions: David KB7GFL, Dave W7AGJ, Fred KE7HOD, John AC7LC, Brad KE7EOF, Wes KE7EEA, Steve KE7HOB, Tom K8TOM, Anne Singleton, Nate KE7HOJ, Mike KC7IFI, Charlie N6IBI, Diane KE6JRP, Dan N7ENE

Secretary/Treasurer Report: \$408.03 as of April 30, 2007 Activity \$60.00 Dues deposit, .08 interest.

Repeater Status: 444.125 repeater, 2 meter link and the APRS node are working fine. 6 meter repeater still in beacon mode.

Old Business: Bunny Hunt will be Saturday, May 26th. Participants will have a meeting at the park in Startup at 12:30 PM. Coordination frequency will be 145.650 MHz... the Bunny frequency will be announced at the meeting. Dave W7AGJ will be the Bunny and David KB7GFL will be the Huntmaster. The hunt will begin at 1 PM and end at 4 PM. The east boundary has been changed to the bridge on Highway 2 just east of Startup. Gold Dust Days Mike reported we will need 3-4 operators on Saturday, July 28th to support the car show and also be available to man the Club's information booth. Mike will continue to attend the planning meetings. Field Day... the club will participate in Field Day on Saturday, June 23rd. We will assemble at Gateway Park in Gold Bar. That is located across from city hall at 7 AM. Details will be worked out during our June meeting.

New business: David brought up that the club has several members who are non-current in paying dues and have not attended club meetings in quite sometime. After discussion, the club voted to make dues due in January of year. A three month grace period will exist prior to removing members from the roster (which would occur in April), additionally, after the month of July, dues will be prorated to half the normal amount. This becomes effective January 1, 2008. David also mentioned our constitution and by-laws will need to be updated and put on an electronic format. David will retype the constitution and by-laws and also incorporate the pen and ink changes dated 2004.

Good of the Order:

Adjournment: 09:43 by John

DAVID & DIANNA HARVEY

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Cc: <dfm@sscom.org>; <harveydd2@msn.com>; <ac7lc@arrl.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 05, 2007 7:37 AM
Attach: foxrules7.rtf
Subject: Upcoming ham radio activities

SKY VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (SVARC) NEWS FOR NEW HAMS

You've got your ham license - now what?
Here are some fun and interesting upcoming family friendly events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 12th, 9 AM - 3 PM

16th Annual Stanwood-Camano Amateur Radio Club Electronic Flea Market and Hamfest

The premier hamfest in Snohomish County. It's officially over at 3, but
to get there by 10 AM for the best deals.

Stanwood Middle School, 9405 271st St. NW in downtown Stanwood

Admission \$5, kids 12 and under free

Door prizes

VE testing (A great opportunity to upgrade your license or to get your license if you don't have yours already!)

Purchase used and new ham equipment

Lots of free parking

Driving directions: Take I-5 north to Exit 212 (the Stanwood exit), go west on Highway 532 to Stanwood, turn right on 88th Avenue NW, go about 3 blocks to 271st Street and turn left. The Middle School will be on your right after you pass the Post Office.

Saturday, May 19th, 8 AM

SVARC monthly breakfast meeting. NEW LOCATION!!! We no longer meet at the Dutch Cup Restaurant in Sultan (they have closed their meeting rooms). We

now meet in the Gold Bar Restaurant at the corner of 9th Street and Highway 2 in Gold Bar. Same time and day - third Saturday of each month at 8 AM. Great food.

At our May 19th breakfast we'll be discussing the fox hunt (see next item) and providing helpful "how to find the fox" technical suggestions.

● Saturday, May 26th, 12:30 PM

SVARC Spring 2007 Fox Hunt

(Also known as a Bunny Hunt or Hidden Transmitter Hunt)

General area of the hunt - along the Highway 2 corridor between Monroe and Startup

Rules posted on the SVARC web site - www.w7sky.org - and attached to this e-mail.

More information and helpful technical suggestions at the SVARC monthly breakfast on May 19th.

Basic equipment required - a portable or mobile ham transceiver or a scanner that covers the two meter ham band, 144-148 MHz

Ham license not required to receive the signal from the fox.

No equipment? - no problem! Join someone who has the equipment and search as a team.

● Saturday, June 16th, 8 AM

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club June breakfast meeting - see May 19th above for location details. We'll be discussing the last minute arrangements for Field Day.

● Saturday, June 23rd, 9 AM - 5 PM

Mark your calendar for Field Day! ARRL Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2007 will be held June 23-24, 2007. Some treat Field Day like a contest and others use it as an emergency communications exercise. Still other clubs use Field Day as a social gathering for their membership. Your local club, the Sky Valley ARC, is choosing to do all three, but we do it on Saturday only. That leaves the remainder of the two day affair for our members to participate in Field Day from their own home or mobile stations. As in past years, there will be plenty of hamming and plenty of free food.

● SVARC will participate in this annual event at the Gateway (Gazebo) Park in Gold Bar, one block north of Highway 2 between 5th Street and 6th Street. Here's your chance to operate our club station on HF, VHF and

UHF. Bring other family members who are not licensed because they can operate too with one of our control operators present. Antennas start to go up at 9 AM, operations start at 11 AM, food arrives about noon, and we generally continue operating until 4 or 5 PM (or until the emergency generators run out of gas).

If you need transportation to any of the above events, please contact Dave W7AGJ at 360-793-2526 or David KB7GFL at 360-799-2130 for ride pool possibilities.

DAVID & DIANNA HARVEY

From: "David C Axe" <axeco@juno.com>
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Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2007 11:10 AM
Subject: SVARC survey

David,

Been in Portland past five days. Here's the survey info:

At the end of our recent Technician Class course, the students were asked to complete a questionnaire about their learning experience. We received seven replies.

With regard to the means of instruction and learning, the "most helpful/least helpful" responses were split about the relative value of each technique. This is to be expected because of the wide variation among the students in their learning styles and time available for study. However, by a slight margin, the Internet exams achieved first place as the most helpful means of learning. The general ranking from most to least helpful were:

1. taking Internet practice exams (5)
2. review of each question in the question pool during class (5)
3. classroom demonstrations and discussions (2)
4. pre-reading each week's assignment (2)

The numbers in parentheses are the total first or second place positive responses for each means of learning. The overall response seems clear, most of the students were focused on the "end result" - namely passing the exam!

Another question asked our students to rate the pace of the course. Five replied the pace was just about right and two replied the course went too slow. None replied that the course pace was too fast.

The students were also asked a number of open ended questions about the course. The responses can be split into environmental factors and instructional factors. For our next classroom, we should pay more attention to room acoustics, noise level and room temperature. In our instruction, we should be more careful to outline the forest before

discussing individual trees. We should also consider offering a General Class course. Several suggested that we do more to publicize our courses through the local schools.

73 de Dave W7AGJ