

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

146.655 Mhz, -, 114.8 Hz

assisting the City of Saratoga
affiliated with the Amateur Radio Relay League
part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service
and the Silicon Valley Emergency Communication System



Minutes of Meeting of

November 5, 2008

Location: Saratoga Fire Department

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Secretary.

Attendees:

- Ray Rogoway, W6RAR
- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH
- Clark Murphy, KE6KXO (Guest)
- Joe Castellano, W6SNV (Guest)
- Kelly Johnson, N6KJ
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- Christina Sand, WO1NDR
- Mark Bohrer, KI6KQD
- Jim Yoke, KI6HKZ
- Mike Gitschel (Guest, associate speaker)
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Joe Talaich, N6IWJ
- Michael Wright, K6MFW (Guest Speaker)

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at 7:37 p.m. and was called to order by Kelly Johnson, President. There were introductions around the room.

Old Business:

- There were 7 or 8 signups for the Halloween Caper. John Glass was net control. Yin Shih rode with the Sheriff.

New Business:

- None.

Treasurer's Report.

- Unauthorized bank charges by Wells Fargo have been removed. These were for services added by the bank that were not requested by those representing SARA when the account was opened.
- There will be no ATM cards.
- Oline banking works.

Secretary's Report.

- The October minutes have been posted on the website. The minutes were approved.

Emergency Coordinator Report.

- Jim Yoke will contact Larry Carr regarding moving away from packet for digital data transmission. Problems with packet were experienced during the last drill.

Emergency Services Report.

- City DSW and volunteer badging has started.
- There will be a work party at the CERT Corp Yard Base this Friday.
- Jim Yoke is planning a CERT exercise for March 21. The primary objective is to test CERT and RACES activation and communication.

- Christina will put a link to ICS 100, 200 and 700 on the SARA website.

EOC Support.

- Don Steinbach checked into the EOC-to-EOC net this morning. Saratoga was heard "loud and clear." A special test using simplex was performed after the net. Communication with County Comm was satisfactory.

Program.

- Michael Wright. K6MFW, gave a presentation on Amateur TV. K6BEN is the local repeater. Its output is on 421.25 MHz and can be received on channel 57 on a cable-ready TV set. The repeater is located near Mt. Hamilton. Use vertical polarization, if using a Yagi. Go to <http://www.batnet.com/mfwright/k6ben.html> for more information. The cost of an entry-level station would be around \$700.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.