

Saratoga Amateur Radio Association

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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 February 3, 2010

Saratoga Fire Department

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Don Steinbach, Acting Secretary.

Attendees:

- Betty Froess, W6BTY
- Ray Froess, W6ZF
- David Ritchie, W6DR
- Yin Shih, N9YS
- Zachary North, W6ZAN (Visitor)
- Don North, AK6DN
- Bill Parsons, AF6AE (Visitor)
- David Blessing, KF6NHG
- Kelly Johnson, N6KJ
- Dan Sturges, W6DIV
- Don Steinbach, AE6PM
- John Glass, NU6P
- Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH (Visitor)
- Fabrizio Corno, KG6UOH
- Deborah Parrish (Visitor)
- Daniel Stickney (Visitor)
- Dyer Stickney (Visitor)
- Tony Loeb, AB6Q

The meeting, having been duly noticed, began at approximately 7:37 PM and was called to order by Ray Froess, President. Ray Rogoway, Secretary, was unable to attend. Don Steinbach agreed to act as Secretary for the meeting.

Old Business:

- The minutes from the December 2009 meeting were approved as corrected previously. The minutes are posted on the website.
- The minutes from the January 2010 meeting were approved. The minutes are posted on the website.
- The License Agreement with the Saratoga Fire Protection District, allowing SARA to add two ballast mounted antennas to the Fire Station roof, was finalized on January 18, 2010.
- SARA will be conducting a Technician license class on March 20 now that the current CERT Academy is underway. We were waiting to see if this CERT academy was going to proceed.
- Don Steinbach will proceed to develop and implement a backup power scheme for the K6SA repeater.

New Business:

- David Blessing, KF6NHG, requested our permission to use the K6SA repeater in support of the San Mateo Shriners since the San Mateo repeater is shut down. There were no objections.
- SARA participated in the January quarterly ARES/RACES drill. The emphasis was on packet communication. Participating members also reported in on 2-meters from various flood-prone locations.
- Some of our visitors are getting their licenses and are associated with HandyHams.
- There are 15 members paid up for 2010.
- Dave Ritchie has a proposed program schedule for all of 2010.
- The monthly EOC-to-EOC radio test was conducted successfully this morning.
- Attempts are being made to locate the second mailbox key.

- The Yahoo Group message advising of the Tuesday SVECS net refers to the Monday night SARA net. The SARA net is actually on Sunday night.

Program:

- The presentation was “A Small Portable HF Station” by Dave Ritchie assisted by Yin Shih. His station was based on the ICOM IC706MKIIG. Dave packs all of the equipment (radio, power supply, antenna tuner, SWR meter, vertical antenna, wire, etc.) in a travel case and takes it on business and pleasure trips.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.