



## Minutes of Meeting of January 5, 2011 Saratoga Fire Department

The Minutes were respectfully submitted by Rob Vance, N6ROB, Acting Secretary.

### *Attendees:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Steinbach, AE6PM</li> <li>• John Glass, NU6P</li> <li>• David Ritchie, W6DR</li> <li>• Axel Scheffler, KJ6EPH</li> <li>• Dan Sturges, W6DIV</li> <li>• Rob Vance, N6ROB</li> <li>• Don North, AK6DN</li> <li>• Henry De Kruffy, KE6HOU</li> <li>• Herman DeKruyff, KI6ETZ</li> <li>• Nancy Williamson, Guest (No Call)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Yoke, KI6HKZ</li> <li>• Ray Rogoway, W6RAR</li> <li>• Betty Froess, W6BTY</li> <li>• Ray Froess, W6ZF</li> <li>• George Gadd, KG6PHK</li> <li>• Dave Blessing, KF6NHG</li> <li>• Craig Anderson, N6YXK</li> <li>• Jeannie Stamberger, Guest Speaker (No Call)</li> <li>• Ron Keane, Guest (No Call)</li> <li>• Bill Parsons, AF6AE</li> </ul> |
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The meeting having been duly noticed began at 7:35 p.m. and was called to order by David Ritchie, President. There were introductions around the room.

### *Old Business:*

**Foot race in Sanborn Park.** Rob Vance, Don Steinbach, Axel Scheffler, Dan Sturges, Ray Rogoway and Kevin Swenson supported runner safety at a half-marathon race held in Sanborn Park on December 11th. The team worked well together and the repeater coverage was adequate for the job. Helped several runners to safety after sustaining minor injuries during the race; mostly sprained ankles.

**Kings Mountain Center Technician Licensing Class.** This class will be held on January 29th, 2011 at the community center along highway 35, above Woodside, CA. Morris Jones and his team will provide testing services to the students.

**New DSW Card Sign-ups/Renewals.** Jim Yoke is hoping to get this information out to the list sometime in the near future.

**Repeater Back-up (2M).** This has been installed and is operational. Further work is being done to suppress a momentary loss of power to the controller and radio during the switch from AC to DC power. Don Steinbach is working the issue.

**EOC HF Antenna Status.** No action.

**EOC Training Class.** Yin Shih and Don Steinbach attended this class. Jim Yoke said the class went

well. They addressed the issue of access to the EOC if the FD is not in the building.

**MAC Program.** Rob reported that the county is still looking for people to sign up as MACs. Rob explained what MACs are, and what it takes to be one. If you are interested, please email Rob.

**Weekly Net Status.** Don Steinbach reports there were 18 check-ins.

## ***New Business:***

**Officers/Directors.** A big Thank You to the outgoing officers, Ray Froess, David Ritchie, Ray Rogoway, Betty Froess, Christina Sand, and John Glass. New officers are David Ritchie (President), John Glass (Vice President), Yin Shih (Secretary), Don Steinbach (Treasurer), Dan Sturges (Director), Rob Vance (Director).

**Treasurer's Report.** Betty Froess reported the club's account balance. The new Treasurer is Don Steinbach.

**Program Chair's Report.** John Glass reported next month's speaker is Christina Sand, WO1NDR, and she will make a presentation on cross band repeater operation.

**Club Roster.** Dave Ritchie proposes that we generate a club roster in paper format for members as a reference for contacting one-another. Don Steinbach agreed to look into the matter.

**Emergency Coordinator Report.** Rob Vance reported that there will be a County Quarterly Drill on January 22, 2011, for two hours. Saratoga will participate as a table-top exercise. Rob will distribute information on the email reflector. Rob noted that this is a great opportunity to practice your radio and packet operating skills.

**Minutes.** The motion to approve the minutes from December-2010 was made and seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**Program.** The program this month was presented by Dr. Jeannie Stamberger who is a researcher from the Carnegie Mellon remote campus located near NASA Ames. Dr. Stamberger is working on a project to integrate various sources of information into usable, tactical information during a disaster (fire, flood, earthquake). The technique is referred to as "Crowd Sourcing". The Ham-to-Digital project is an attempt to capture this "crowd-sourcing" information from Amateur radio as well as Twitter, Facebook, and other forms of digital media. Craig Anderson also talked a bit about the Silicon Valley Wireless Users Group, which is an extension of this research grant by Carnegie Mellon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.