

RAMS Meeting Minutes
PO Box 2951
Orangevale, CA 95662
April 14, 2016

Present: 15 in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Steve Bickford, N6AE afterwards he welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report: March 10, 2016 minutes was approved. Minutes are posted on the About RAMS/Activities page.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as of April 14, 2016

Beginning balance	\$1,002.15
Withdraws	\$ 26.40
Deposits	<u>\$ 26.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,001.75

Next VE Session: The date for the next VE session is May 21, 2016 Location- LDS Church, Hazel & Cherry. Refer to the RAMS website W6HIR.com for future dates of the VE Sessions.

RAMS Repeater – Steve, N6AE stated the RAMS repeater has been repaired. The last update was Glenn; WA7SPY would have it completely swapped out within the next weeks.

Repeaters:

- 2 Meter – Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. Frequency 146.790 PL 100. Per Roy, KB6UT there is about 9 – 10 people reporting in.
- 10 Meter – unofficially there is no 10 Meter net on Sunday nights, but several people have signed on.

ARRL: Field Day is June 25 – 26, 2016
National Parks on the Air throughout 2016. They are celebrating their 100th year.
Review the ARRL website for more information.

Sacramento Valley Section: Sacramento Valley Section Website reviewed.

Focus Topic: Jim Lomax, AB6OP presented the CHIRP premier featuring the Baefeng UV-5R.

“CHIRP is a free, open-source tool for programming your amateur radio. It supports a large number of manufacturers and models, as well as provides a way to interface with multiple data sources and formats.”

A question was asked how someone can find out repeater information regarding particular areas. NARCC has a very extensive list of repeaters for any given area plus ARRL has a repeater directory.

OPENS:

- North Hills Meet – May 15th at the Carmichael Elks Lodge.
- Nevada State Event, April 29 – May 1st at the Eastside Cannery Hotel outside of Las Vegas.
- Inter BX, April 15 – 17th in Visalia.
- Joe Cardoza announced the Red Cross will hold their “Baby Walk” mid-April in Downtown Sacramento and asked for volunteers.
- April 30th Sonoma Ham Swap.
- Cathy, KJ6LBU stated she would not be at the May meeting and the Treasurer Dennis, KK6BEQ will not be there also.

The next RAMS meeting will be April 14, 2016