

RAMS Meeting

February 9, 2012

Members Present: 17 Members
Guests: 1 Guest

Board of Director's Meeting

- Pam checked with IRS and they have no record of the RAMS 501c. Question was asked whether we need it. Joe will address the Board later.
- Joe reviewed the following items:
 - Topics scheduled:
 - March – Official Observer
 - April – Fox Hunts
 - May – Field Day
 - July – HAM camp out
- Steve stated APRS could be used as a fill-in.
- NARC - Dues of \$20.00 is due for the RAMS repeater. This only gives the RAMS voting privileged. It was agreed to continue with NARC and pay the dues.

General Meeting

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report: No report for January.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance -	\$793.67
Deposits	92.40
Withdrawals	52.82
Ending Balance	\$833.25

Board of Directors Report: Joe stated the RAMS would continue membership in NARC. In April, the focus topic will be Fox Hunts.

- 2 meter Net – Roy, 6 to 7 people each week
- 10 meter Net – Walt, 15 people last month
- Joe mentioned on the way to the meeting get on the 79 Repeater and get some activity going on it while driving to the meeting.
- Question was asked how many people are using the 2-meter Repeater; Steve stated if people would use it, more would use it.
- VE Sessions: March 24th in Auburn and May 19th in Orangevale.
- Steve stated the new website www.w6hir.com has more room and he has scanned over 90% of the history files from 1956 through 1961 on PDF files.
- Steve reviewed the ARRL and Sacramento Valley Section Passdowns.
- New Rules for 60 Meters goes into effect March 5th.

Focus Topic – Steve demonstrated how to build a Tape Measure Antenna (Radio Direction Finding Antenna for VHF).

Opens:

- Dennis announced the Bike Trek for Breath California is Sept. 7 – 9, 2012 in Petaluma and asked for volunteers.
- When through talking on the 79 Repeater, leave a 2 second pause to give the 220 Repeater a chance to kick-in.
- Jim now has a 220 repeater 224.8 PL 131.8.
- Roy can use more check-ins on the 2 meter Net: Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- The Pony Express re-ride will be June 13th and 14th. Ron stated there maybe a change in route for the riders.
- A presentation by Norm Lucas, Official Observer was discuss for a future presentation. John, WB4YJT will contact him.
- Steve asked everyone to sign a card for Robert who is in the hospital.

The next RAMS meeting date – March 8th

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm – Motion made by Dave and seconded by Jim.