

RAMS Meeting
PO Box 2951
Orangevale, CA 95662
July 9, 2015

Present: 17 in attendance

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

Secretary's Report: June 11, 2015 minutes was approved

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance	\$ 977.75
Withdraws	\$ 128.41
Deposits	<u>\$ 119.87</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 969.21

Next VE Session: July 18, 2015 Location- LDS Church, Hazel & Cherry. Refer to the RAMS website W6HIR.com for future dates of the VE Sessions.

2 Meter Net – usually around 8 – 9 people.

10 Meter Net – around 4–5 people most weeks. Next month cross band will be available for 2 meters to transmit on 10 meters. Dennis, N6PMI will get the codes from Jeff, KE6JOR.

The RAMS repeater is up with a lazy squelch; the 220 link is down – no power. Glenn, WA7SPY will pull it and Jim, AB6OP will take a look at it

RAMS Web-Site Update – Minutes are posted on the About RAMS/Activities page. The Western State Trails Information has been updated.

Steve reviewed the ARRL & Sacramento Valley Section Passdowns and the upcoming events.

Focus Topic: Peak Envelope Power – aka General License Examination Section G5B. The Decibel, Current & Voltage Dividers, Electrical Power Calculations, Since Wave root-mean-square RMS values and PEP Calculations. Steve sent out a PDF packet prior to the meeting

Next Month Focus Topic will be Oscilloscopes.

Opens:

- Roy, KB6UT would like to see more check-ins on Saturday morning.
- Joe, KA6ROM stated if we had additional Nets available, more people might attend. Joe will send a proposal to Steve, N6AE.
- Pony Express web-site has photos and reports regarding the Pony Express Reride.
- Pacific Con will be held on October 15 – 18th in San Ramon.
- Discussion held on club events/activities:
 - Develop a field day club activity
 - Christmas Party
 - Apple Hill
 - Sacramento Underground Tours

It was suggested people bring a list of activities/events they would like the club to do.

The next RAMS meeting will be August 13, 2015