

RAMS Meeting

March 8, 2012

Members Present: 15 Members
Guests: 3 Guest

No Board of Director's Meeting held

General Meeting

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

Secretary's Report: February 2012 report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance - \$833.25
 Withdrawals 33.58
 Ending Balance \$799.67

- 2 meter Net – Roy, 7 – 8 people each week but could be better.
- 10 meter Net –around 10, good participation from other clubs.
- RAMS Repeater Status: Per John, WB4YJT we now have a new power supply with no fan. Should solve the problem of losing the power supply.
- VE Sessions: March 24th in Auburn and May 19th in Orangevale.
- Steve stated the website www.w6hir.com is up to date with all items posted.
- Steve reviewed the following:
 - ARRL and Sacramento Valley Section Passdowns - March 10th and 11th
 - Statement regarding quiet zone around Beale AFB
 - New privileges on 60 meters beginning March 5th
 - EMCommwest 2012 in Reno, NV – May 4th and 5th

Focus Topic: ARRL Official Observers – Norm Lucas, WB6RVR

The Official Observers is sponsored by ARRL, which has been in existence for 85 yrs. It is an amateur auxiliary that augments the Federal Communication. They monitor and compile reports to send to the FCC. There are 14 observers in the Sacramento area and they coordinate with other ARRL sections throughout Northern California. Official Observers have to hold a Technician or higher license for at least 4 years and maintain their membership in ARRL. Questions and answers followed.

- The Pony Express re-ride will start in Old Sacramento on June 15th. Ron stated he has forms for the Commemorative Letterers to be carried by the Pony Express.

The next RAMS meeting date – April 12th

Meeting closed at 7:53 p.m.

