

RAMS Meeting
PO Box 2951
Orangevale, CA 5662
March 12, 2015

Present: 18 in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Steve and he welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report: February 12, 2014 minutes was approved

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance	\$ 994.50
Withdrawals	\$ 37.09
Deposits	<u>\$ 41.84</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 999.25

Board of Directors Report:

Joe Cardoza stated while putting a new coat on the roof they found a hole approximately 1" diameter - there was no damage to the equipment.

Next VE Session: March 21, 2015 Location- LDS Church, Hazel & Cherry. Refer to the RAMS website W6HIR.com for future dates of the VE Sessions.

2 Meter Net – 10-12 people most weeks

10 Meter Net – Averaging about 5 per week

RAMS Repeater: Per Steve the repeater is down due to maintenance; no estimate time of completion. Continue to use Jim's repeater – 146.985 – PL 94.8

RAMS Web-Site Update – Minutes are posted, events added to the calendar.

Steve reviewed the following:

- The ARRL & Sacramento Valley Section Passdowns and the upcoming ARRL Section.
- The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 – H.R. 1301. This has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions.
- ARRL is asking members to comment by April 19 on possible changes to the League's HF Band Plans suggested by the HF Band Planning Committee. The survey is part of the committee's efforts to tweak the band plans for the RTTY/data/CW portions of 80 through 10 meters – excepting 60 meters.
- Nevada State Convention: May 1st thru 3rd in Reno Nevada – Boomtown Casino Hotel. For more information go to <http://nvcon.org>

- WIAW 2015 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule. The SFM ARC (W6SFM) will hold CW beginners class in Carmichael at the Carmichael Presbyterian Church from April 14th thru June 16th from 7 to 9 pm. Cost is \$3 which includes a practice key (J38 type straight key) and an Oscillator w/speaker to use during class and to keep for home practice.
- Sierra Foothills ARC will hold their first Ham Swap on Saturday, March 14th in Loomis at the Historic Loomis Train Depot starting at 7:30 am

Unfinished Business: If your dues are not paid (\$15.00/yr) please pay Dennis Smazenko, club treasurer.

Focus Topic: The D.I.Y. Magic of Amateur Radio (YouTube Video)

Opens:

- Pony Express Re-ride: The riders will be at Harrahs in Tahoe 12:30 pm on June 24th and will arrive in Old Sacramento on June 25th 11:30 am. Ron Norton distributed forms for the Commemorative Letter by Pony Express the cost is \$5.00/ea. Visit www.xphomestation.com for more information
- Steve expressed an interest in having the club participate in a fox hunt / picnic this summer.

The next RAMS meeting will be April 9, 2015