

San Benito County Amateur Radio Association

San Benito County ACS/RACES

San Benito County Sheriff's Office
2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister, CA 95023

Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm, Thursday, September 7, 2017

6. Previous Events:

- a. August 17, Ham Fun Night: Jack W6KRK - Skype presentation on contesting by DX Engineering
- b. Aug 18 – Emergency Preparedness event in the Kmart parking lot. Tim W6TST, John KJ6KQI, Gary K5CHP, Sal KM6EQV and Mel KK6MES participated.
- c. August 19, Saturday 10am – 1pm Emergency Preparedness Fair partnering with OES, in the K-Mart parking lot. Gary K5CHP demonstrated a solar oven. Many local government, Red Cross and PG&E reps were present. John KJ6KQI hosted the SBCARA booth.

8. Upcoming Events: see SBCARA.org for details...

- a. September 21, Ham Fun Night: Jack W6KRK host - Dave Andrus, K7DAA will demonstrate and teach how to use remote base stations such as W7DXX, located in New Mexico, and RemoteHams.com. Call Jack for directions 831-637-0344. Oct. topic TBD. Nov. topic will be concerning antenna theory. Dec 14, second Thurs will be on CubeSat, small satellites.
- b. September 23, Hollister Ham Cram and Testing at the SBC Sheriff's Dept. contact Heatherly N6HKT testing@sbcara.org Heatherly expects a larger group in November, after Morgan Hill CERT classes.
- c. September 25 - Emergency Preparedness Workshop - San Juan Bautista, contact SBC OES
- d. September 26, 2017 at 1900 hrs Ham 101: Intro to Emergency Communications at the SBC Sheriff's Dept, Conference room. contact Tim W6TST
- e. Sept 28 – Oct 1 SBC County Fair – Tim W6TST is looking for volunteers to assist with our booth and working an HF station. Sign-up email coming soon.
- f. Oct 7,8 - California QSO 4 hr party – Jack W6KRK hosting, RSVP's appreciated
- g. Oct 14 - Olive Festival – contact Tim W6TST and Heatherly N6HKT, communications TBD
- h. Oct 14 - SET Simulated Emergency Test ARRL - contact Tim W6TST who will lead a net check in.
- i. Oct 20 - 22 – Pacificon Jack W6KRK will be hosting the NARCC booth
- j. 2018 – Oct 20 Condor Classic is back!! SBCARA participation has been requested

9. New Business:

- a. Saturday Sept 16 - Clean up day for DOC, power wash the outside, organize, clean inside. Interior ceiling tiles need to be replaced. Jack suggested removing the carpet and temporarily painting the base. Ron KD6ZXG will coordinate clean-up; equipment needed and volunteers, 8 am start, lunch.
- b. Ron started inventorying equipment and sorting valuable vs. not needed. He will buy storage bins to hold equipment. Bins are budgeted, funds to be allocated.
- c. New SBCARA information rack cards and “ham is...” posters – Heatherly N6HKT. Motion made to reimburse and make rack cards. Rack card/posters expenses are budgeted, funds to be allocated.
- d. [Human interference on repeater – Tim W6TST](#)
- e. Continue identifying and preparing donated equipment for use - Tim / Ron / Dave. Subject came up of liability for radios stored at the DOC that do not belong to SBCARA (ie. Red Cross radios). Ron will bin the radios and label accordingly. Dave, quartermaster will include Red Cross equipment with inventory.
- f. Net Control:

November	Jack W6KRK (no T'day net)
December	Sara KJ6SAS (no Xmas net)
January	Robert W6INO

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10. ARES/ACS/RACES/SAR:

- a. Need new members - County Fair - Events - etc... Let's spread the word - think of people you would like as an addition to the team. Discussion of best ways to involve new hams with the association: include ham practice with meetings, reach out in newsletter form – John KJ6KQI suggested sending out “drip” information to hams with info on upcoming events. Contact newly licensed hams beneficial.
- b. New training for satellite and network gear - need more trained people – replace Brad's KJ6ATF expertise. Brad's position as SAR operations expert will need to be replaced. Tim W6TST volunteered to run SAR communications as well as RACES. The group approved.
- c. Make sure you have your ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 training and send completion certificates to Tim.

11. Other Business:

- a. Gary K5CHP spoke with the manager of Target. Manger noted that they could donate gift cards rather than money. Heatherly has utilized this for ham cram/testing refreshments.
- b. Show n tell - Gary K5CHP Bug-a-salt – shoots bugs with salt. \$40.

Meeting adjourn: 2102hrs

John KJ6KQI reminded everyone that officer elections are coming up