



Nevada County Amateur Radio Club

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## Officers and Ranch Hands

President	K6LRL	Larry Latta
Vice-Pres.	N6HNS	Walt Hammontree
Secretary	W8BIT	Mark Graybill
Treasurer	KE6FIQ	John Hart
Director	KI6CM	Chuck Murphey
Director	AA7C	Al Helberg
Past-Pres.	N6HNS	Walt Hammontree
Repeater	AB6LI	John Everson
	KD6GVO	John Yarber
	W6AI	Dan Patterson
ARES	K6TM	Richard Vizcarra
Webmaster	AI6MC	Cal McKitrick
Newsletter	W8BIT	Mark Graybill

## **Club Net**

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

147.285 + offset PL 151.4 or 136.5

Members / Guests are encouraged to check in.

After 2m Net: Informal 10m Net@ 28.453 USB

## **Coffee Chat (Ham n' Coffee)**

Thursdays, 8am at Valentina's Bistro

841 Sutton Way, Grass Valley

## **License Exams**

At the Salvation Army Meeting Room

10725 Alta Street - Grass Valley

Contact John Morris W6EXX

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Monday Dec 11, 2017**  
**doors open 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm**

## **DECEMBER MEETING**

Christmas Potluck Dinner!

The club will be providing turkey, club members plus guest are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toy Drive this year if you are able.

There will be a drawing for the Kenwood TH-D74A handheld radio. The TH-D74A is a tri-band (2m/220/440) analog and D-Star transceiver with APRS, built-in GPS, Bluetooth, USB, MicroSD, and a beautiful color display. Get your tickets and let's see who gets this great radio!

The changing of the officers for the new year will occur at this event as well.

## **NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES**

November 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm local time by President Larry Latta, K6LRL.

During introductions it was noted that Ken Blue KO6H's picture appeared in today's

Union newspaper taking part in Veteran's Day ceremonies at Memorial Park.

Burl K4VYL recounted spending this day in 1942 on Guadalcanal being shelled by 14" guns. Ken KO6H explained that he missed the party on account of his ship not being up to task.

Larry K6LRL raised the question of whether we should have a formal position for refreshments for the club. No action was taken, though the subject was briefly discussed.

A short overview of the next year's activities was also raised in discussion, including:

Rotary Club Bike Ride, May 19th  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters event  
Gold Country/Skillman Horse Ride  
Triathlon at Scotts Flat Lake  
County Fair  
Field Day--we are seeking a Field Day Coordinator for 2018.

The idea of a dedicated ARES group web page was raised, but no action was taken.

Members were asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the potluck, as part of the club's participation in assisting local families.

Cal AI6MC mentioned that he had reviewed the club's By-Laws and found them quite out of date. An objective of the officers and directors for 2018 will be to update them, and bring a draft to the membership for approval as club operations are not currently in accord with the By-Laws, and the By-Laws need changing.

Chuck KI6CM spoke on fire evacuation preparedness, supported by Jon WA6TNC. Chuck recommended that everyone get on Code Red for alerts. Also that everyone should be able to operate their garage doors without power so that their vehicles are not trapped in the garage if power goes out before evacuation. Code Red registration can be performed at this URL:

<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/1293/Code-RED-Emergency-Alerts>

Or by visiting [mynevadacounty.com](http://mynevadacounty.com), Departments=>Office of Emergency Services, then selecting Code Red from the left side navigation menu.

Chuck will seek to provide a list of frequencies where local emergency services can be monitored for the newsletter.

### 2018 Officer Elections

Elections were held for the 2018 officer slate.

Ray, K6YIN nominated himself for Vice President, and was seconded by Ed KK6SIF, but later withdrew from the election when he learned that there was already another candidate for the post, though he expressed his willingness to serve the club in whatever capacity he could.

Larry K6LRL moved that the number of Directors at Large be increased to 4, but the motion did not pass.

The slate submitted for 2018 officers was:

President, Cal McKittrick, AI6MC  
Vice President, Peter Mason, N6ERL  
Secretary, Mark Graybill, W8BIT  
Treasurer, John Hart, KE6FIQ

Cal gave a campaign stump speech, and displayed electronic campaign buttons, saying "Vote for Me, All Your Dreams Will Come True".

The vote was held by a show of hands. 22 for, none opposed.

The club gave thanks to Larry for his service as club President, as well as all the officers stepping down. Current Directors at Large will continue in their offices, Walt and Larry will share the Past President post as Larry's residence schedule in the area permits.

The meeting was closed by a short

presentation of an RTL-SDR dongle and "directional antenna" by Cal, AI6MC. The antenna was a source of amusement to the attendees.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm local by K6LRL.

Respectfully submitted by NCARC Secretary  
Mark Graybill, W8BIT

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