



Nevada County Amateur Radio Club

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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
jf-morris@usa.net

Next Meeting Monday Jan 9, 2017

President's Refurb Goes Well

NEW VALVE IN FINALS IMPROVES POWER OUTPUT

President Larry Latta, K6LRL, has just been returned from some work at the shop and he's looking great--better than new as he reports. Previously, his power output had been rated as low for the operational settings. Technicians diagnosed the problem as a leaky valve, which has since been replaced, restoring Larry to his specified power output.

Your intrepid reporter can state that Larry is looking great and he says he's feeling better than ever.

JANUARY MEETING: WELCOME BACK LARRY AND GO-KIT INTRO

At this month's meeting we'll be welcoming Larry back as well as having an introduction to Go-Kits, the amateur radio operator's bug-out bag.

At the February meeting, everyone who has a go-kit is asked to bring it for show-and-tell as we exchange techniques and ideas for go-kits.

NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES

General Meeting on: 2016-12-12

Attendance: 18

After the usual introductions, Acting President Walt led a discussion and vote on officers for 2017. The lucky winners were all holdovers from 2016 with one exception:

Larry, President;

Walt, Vice President;

John, Treasurer;

Al and Chuck, Board Members.

Your Secretary has gone into retirement from reporting the minutes, at least temporarily, and was not replaced. (Jon was once told that

"they broke the mold when they made Jon; and word has it they beat he** out of the moldmaker, too!") Jon will continue sending Get-Well Wishes and if necessary, Condolences. He does not like sending condolences, so if you have any choice in the matter, folks, try to survive another year; okay?

Mark, W8BIT, has kindly agreed to be our newsletter publisher. For all those articles and stories you want to send him, his email address is:

W8BIT@ARRL.NET, with "NCARC" in the Subject line. [Changed, please send to ncarc.news@gmail.com –thanks! W8BIT]

Our Treasurer's proposed budget for 2017 was approved unanimously and our current treasury stands at \$3941.68. Your Secretary read the minutes for October.

Respectfully submitted by Jon, WA6TNC,
NCARC Secretary

From the Editor

Hi, this is Mark, W8BIT your new newsletter editor. If you have anything to submit to the newsletter please email it to me at:
ncarc.news@gmail.com

I'd like to take a moment to thank Doc, NM6K for his years of work in this position before me, and his support in my taking up the task.

What I'd Like from You

Please send along any reports of events the club is involved in, as well as any personal anecdotes, snippets, or anything else you think might be of interest to the club. If you've had an interesting contact, set up something new, tried a new mode, or happen to think of something interesting or amusing related to amateur radio or communications in general, please pass it along. It doesn't have to be a big formal thing, just a note will do the trick.

Thanks-- Mark, W8BIT

SWL'S ANTENNA TRICK

A long time ago, I learned a trick to get a quick and dirty antenna for shortwave listening. I'd been using a light bulb antenna as an improvement over a whip antenna in a room where I couldn't run an antenna outside, but a guy at the radio shop gave me something better.

He told me to make up a pigtail with a plug for the auxiliary antenna jack on my receiver, then put an alligator clip on the other end.

Then, clip it on to the finger hook on the telephone for an instant long wire antenna! It worked great--until I got a touch-tone phone.

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