

Nevada County Amateur Radio Club Newsletter Join us on Facebook, search for W6DD

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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 July 10, 2017 doors open 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm

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This month's meeting will feature a presentation by Greg Dolkas, KO6TH, "How to Make Things Work".

JUNE MEETING INFORMAL NOTES

Your intrepid reporter counted 23 attendees at the June meeting of the Nevada County Amateur Radio Club. We voted on whether to have a special Christmas drawing with prizes of a quality name-brand HT as the grand prize and an 8 watt Baofeng model as a secondary prize. Other options were presented, but the feeling was that something of this sort would be welcome to draw more interest in the drawing, the proceeds of which benefit the club.

Walt N6HNS asked whether the club felt up to full coverage of a booth for the fair as requested by the fair organizers, that is coverage from 10am to 10pm on all days of the fair. The fair runs for five days, from August 9th to the 13th this year. There is a hope that split shifts can be run of about 6 hours each, rather than very long shifts of 12 hours each.

Larry K6LRL reported to the club that QRO operation has worked out well for him. "It really works!" he said, advising those who are having trouble making contacts that they should look at adding a linear amplifier to their stations.

We watched videos by Jim W6LG from Youtube on coax and on linear amplifiers. If you haven't seen Jim's videos, they are an excellent introduction to many of the practical aspects of amateur station building and operation. You can find them by going to youtube.com then searching for W6LG.

We had 3 go-kits presented to the group, one from Jason KJ6HNP for 2m in a "Seahorse" box that was a very practical transportable station solution. Another was Cal AI6MC's truck-based solution, with an antenna that goes from the bed of his truck up through the shell with weather protection. The third was a small kit that Richard KI6UOV built into a frame built from acrylic inside a tool bag. It uses a 5W Baofeng as the rig, an external antenna, and is a h i g h l y p ort a b l e b a s i c station.

NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES

No minutes submitted for the last meeting.

50 YEARS AGO in 73 MAGAZINE

73 Magazine of March, 1967, featured 73 Useful Transistor Circuits by Jim Fisk, W1DTY. It also included a tutorial on using a slide rule by W1MEG and an Integrated Circuit-based keyer by W5FQA. This mix of the old and new still pervades our hobby to this day.

See it online at: https://archive.org/stream/73-magazine-1967-03/03_March_1967

de W8BIT

"Massive and expensive equipment marks the **professional** radio station, but in the amateur field, radio parts often include pieces of assorted **junk** ingeniously assembled by operators who are called **hams**, and who take up broadcasting as a hobby."

"Radio Hams", 1939 MGM documentary. full film at: https://archive.org/details/RadioHams

Upcoming Hamswaps:

Western Placer Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 16 September, 2017 McBean Park 65 McBean Park (Highway 193) Lincoln, CA 95648 http://www.wparc.us Talk-In: 147.300+ (PL 179.9) Contact: Kathryn Miller KJ6YCP

09/23/2017 | Reno Fall Ham Swap

Location: Reno, NV Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society Website: http://renohamswap.com

10/20/2017 | Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON 2017)

Location: San Ramon, CA Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club Website: http://www.pacificon.org