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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 if-morris@usa.net

Next Meeting: Monday Oct 9, 2017

doors open 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm

OCTOBER MEETING

We will have a presentation, and the digital HT that will be the grand prize for the XMas drawing will be available for inspection.

With elections coming at the November meeting, all members should consider where they may be able to serve the club as an officer.

All members are invited to attend the Directors' Meetings, held on the 4th Monday of the month at 5pm at Lumberjack's restaurant at 2075 Nevada City Highway.

NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO **CLUB MINUTES**

No minutes submitted for the last meeting. **Unofficial notes:**

28 Attendees

FT-8 Mode was a hot topic of discussion. The Northern California DX Foundation offers elmering classes. Ike, KM6IUI is looking for others interested.

Many members were able to travel to the path of totality for August's eclipse.

Dave, W9GR, has posted eclipse video at: http://w9gr.com/clips/eclipse.mp4

Cal, AI6MC, has posted his images and video to Facebook.

Ken, WO6H, routinely checks in to the SATERN Net during meetings. This is the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network. The net he checks in on the MDARC repeater on Mount Diablo: 2 meters, 220 MHz and 440 meters: 147.060 /+ (100PL); Linked to 224.780/441.325 /+ (100PL)

Amateur Radio Supports Disaster Communications in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Mexico, etc.

Recent events have drawn radio amateurs into action in many areas. In Texas, local ARES activated using primarily analog VHF communications which they had trained in as giving the greatest interoperability between stations for tactical communication. SATERN was active on 14.265MHz, and MARS on 60 meters.

While local public communications infrastructure had benefitted from recent hardening efforts in recent years--only 4% of the cellular network was shut down by hurricane Harvey, the amateur radio stations integrated with the Harris County EOC provided "an extra set of eyes and ears" for problems that the county workers and local law enforcement needed to address, bringing faster response and more information for prioritization of response.

The St Croix Amateur Radio Club has likewise provided direct communications support for Virgin Islands officials in the wake of hurricane Irma. They provided communications to the relief ships USS Kearsarge and USS Iwo Jima via 60 meters, as well as critical safety-of-life communications for the St Croix and St John area via 2m to a station at the Virgin Islands EOC. The club also provided tactical communications for helicopter operations at the St John Medical Center, coordinating landings for supply deliveries and medical evacuations.

In central Florida, Pascoe County put out the call for amateur radio support. Local amateurs turned out at the EOC and from their home locations to provide road condition information to allow first responders to route themselves to the locations where they were needed in the wake of the storm.

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Upcoming Hamswaps:

10/20, 21, 22/2017 | Pacific Division Convention (PACIFICON 2017)

Location: San Ramon, CA Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://www.pacificon.org

Tickets: \$25 in advance for all 3 days, \$30 at the door. Ages 17 and under are free, College students with valid ID \$5.



San Ramon Marriott Hotel 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon CA 94583 1-925-867-9200

Take highway 680 to Bollinger Canyon Rd. exit in San Ramon. Go east on Bollinger Canyon Rd. First left onto Sunset Dr. Second left onto Bishop Dr. About 1/4 mile to Hotel on left. Parking is limited. See instructions on website.

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