

**NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ([www.ncarc.org](http://www.ncarc.org))**

**NCARC CLUB MEETING MINUTES: April 14, 2025** *Salvation Army, 10725 Alta Street, Grass Val*

**This meeting was on Zoom. Thanks to Geoff KO6AKE.**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7 PM**

**1.0 President called the meeting to order at 7 PM**

Cal AI6MC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.0 Welcome to Guests & New/Upgraded Amateur Radio Operators -**

not mentioned

**3.0 Attendees Roll call - Name and Call**

This meeting had 21 attendees with 2 on Zoom

**4.0 April Presentation - John AB6LI, The Repeater Network**

John AB6LI provided a detailed chart of the repeater interconnections on VHF/UHF on Banner, Litton, Osborne and Truckee. The Hub is at Banner. Litton has been supporting the club for 40 years and repeater is collocated near a 2,400 watt FM transmitter. The club members should preprogram network channels and tones to provide the best channel for their transmit location. In some cases, moving a few feet one way or another can make a significant difference in operation. Also, the foreign handholds work well stationary, but many fail to provide a clear signal mobile. Users should also be aware that signal propagation conditions can also have significant impact on signal operations during the day.

And then there is Ker chunk! Please give your callsign with a Ker chunk, and maybe add your location too even if you do not intend to talk to anyone.

John notes that the new Retevis RA-79 performance far exceeds the UV-5R or UV-82 and is still available from Amazon for good price.

John also pointed out that local EMI is very common with wallwarts, LEDs, Bluetooth, and many USB chargers. The power train control module (PCM) in your automobile can also create significant EMI. If you have interference try unplugging items one by one.

**5.0 Announcements -**

(1) 2024 members are reminded to pay their dues for 2025.

(2) The 2025 budget is being discussed with the board and a reformat is in process and should be available shortly for review by members if interested. Geoff KO6AKE reports that the account is what it has been.

(3) Nevada County Fair Update

Cal AI6MC has received the fair contract and will submit the check for \$400+ with the club insurance papers to the fair office.

Cal AI6MC donated a handheld radio for a 50/50 raffle. Tickets were \$5. The first draw was won by Jim KN6NVQ and he chose 1/2 the pot which was \$80. Jim KN6NVQ then donated \$40 to the Fair fund. The second draw was Richard NC6RJ and he won the TD-H6 radio. The other half pot of \$80 was donated by Cal AI6MC to the Fair fund.

Richard NC6RJ callsign donated a check for \$200 to the Fair fund for the printer previously donated from Bob W6MCT.

Several members donated several items for future raffles, probably the May meeting raffle with winners choosing from the donated items:

John KE6FIQ donated several items.

Mike AA6NH donated an antenna and 3 proto-circuit wiring boards.

John K9RTX donated 2 HTs

The results from the April club meeting are that the amount to offset the Fair entry fee has been exceeded! Thanks to all participating club members.

**6.0 Old Club Business** - The March Club Meeting Minutes were approved. Club meeting agendas and minutes are on the website as are NCARC board meeting agendas and minutes.

## **7.0. New Club Business**

- Membership, Treasurer: NCARC has 56 paid members including 2 Associate paid members. The bank balance is \$5,411.82
- VE Report: next test May 19 but as of the club meeting no one has requested testing so it will be cancelled.
- Repeater Report - no issues
- Net Report - Ken KA6SUB. check-ins are about 20 per week and Ken KA6SUB requests you provide your birth month.
- ARES Report - Cal AI6MC explained that ARES meetings train on many topics such as WINLINK and emergency procedures. All are invited and actually call-out has happened only once in the last 10 years.
- Media Report (website and Ham&Coffee) - not discussed.
- Facebook Report - not discussed

## **8.0 Other Topics, Questions** or any other discussion

none

## **9.0 Meeting closed**

*a. Room will be open for 15 or 20 minutes for one-on-one discussions*

*b. Members with Events or other notes for future Agendas, please email wa6nrg@yahoo.com*