



RAINBOW CANYONS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
CEDAR CITY, UTAH 84720

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Treasury Report October 2006

Beginning balance	\$1078.48
Food	-\$29.86
Food/Note books	-\$70.00
Ending Balance	\$978.62

VE TEST SESSION
December 12TH 6:00 P.M. RIGHT BEFORE
CLUB MEETING IN THE CHAMBER
BUILDING 581 N MAIN ST. THE SAME
PLACE THE CLUB MEETS EACH
MONTH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
TAKE A TEST PLEASE CALL ME AND
LET ME KNOW SO I CAN PUT YOU ON
THE ROSTER. YOU CAN CALL ME AT
586-7297 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.
THANKS DE N7BO.

Merry Christmas!



Club Meeting

Voting in of the new officers and Christmas party.

Here are the names of the people that have been nominated for the ballot.

**President: Terry Lee KD7TTT
Lorren Lamoreaux KC7TCE**

Vice President: Travis Pickett AC7MF

**Secretary/Treasure: Ken Oliver W7KBM
Kevin Truman KA7SWA**

News Letter Editor: Bill Bates KD7MKD

ECOM: We would like to thank Bill Rankin WA0YPL for the fine job as ECOM manager. Thanks for all the hard work you put into the job.

Congratulations to Joel Clements N7SIY for volunteering as the ECOM Manager. Way to Go Joel

RACES NETS: VHF is the 3rd Thursday of every even month at 8:00 P.M. on frequency 146.940 with a PL of 100hz.

HF nets are on every odd month at 8:00 A.M on frequency 3.918 MHz plus of minus QRM.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Sometimes I struggle not having much information to fill this page. This month I actually have too much! So, let's get started.

On October 28, 2006, RCARC MADE HISTORY! It was the first time RCARC participated in a callout exercise in association with Iron County officials

The official callout came at approximately 9:45 A.M. Trevor Pollock, N7TBP, who was representing Iron County, made the initial call. Within 10 minutes, 14 members of RCARC responded to a central location to receive last minute information prior to dispersing to assigned locations around the valley.

By the time I got there, everyone had left and did not get the last minute materials. **(First problem identified)**. I was delayed by a parent who had my helper with them in Wal Mart.

We were to set up communication links from Parowan, Enoch, Kanarrville, and 3 locations inside Cedar City. Local community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) were to generate messages which club members relayed to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Those in the outlying area did the same using the "76 repeater. Those teams inside Cedar used simplex frequencies.

All went well until Brad Biedermann, WA7HHE, keyed his high powered radio with a gain antenna, which blocked out a handheld radio with a rubber duck antenna, operated by Steve Clark, KA7DUS, used to relaying messages to me at the EOC. Many repeats had to be asked for until the problem was identified. This slowed the message delivery rate considerably. **(2nd problem identified)**. Toward the end of the exercise and after switching frequencies, message flow rate picked up. Within an hour and a half, some 39 messages flowed into the EOC. They were not "word perfect" but the general information got passed. **(3rd problem identified)**.

We have not met with the CERT members to receive their evaluation, but from my perspective, we did the job we were asked to do.

I would like to express my gratitude to all who participated, planned for, set aside personal activities, responded at the last minute, had to drop out at the last minute, troubleshoot equipment, drove long distance, worked in the background, spent time and money or assisted in any way, to streamline our first-ever effort in passing traffic for others. Thank you **so much** for making our "show and tell" a success!

Some exciting things are in the wind for RCARC. We have a lot of work left to do as far as emergency communicators are concerned. Many avenues remain to be explored by individuals. If you have an interest in something we are not providing, let us know. We are always looking for new subjects that people find interesting. Log onto the ARRL web site and it will surprise you what others are involved in. Or, type in the call sign AC6V and look at the index page. You could spend hours at this website alone!

Lets Make 2007 a banner year in more ways than one.

Richard Parker K7ZI.