

Rainbow Canyons Amateur Radio Club

Cedar City, Utah

Club Officers:

President:
KR7KR
Ken Richter

Vice-President:
K7ZI
Dick Parker

Treasurer:
AL7BX
George Gallis

Secretary:
K6QOG
Bill Stenger

Local Repeats:
146.980 Mhz
No Tone

146.940 Mhz
Tone 100 hz

146.760 Mhz
Tone 123.0 hz

Remote Base
449.500 Mhz
Tone 100 hz

Remote Base
449.925 Mhz
Tone 100 hz

IRLP/Echolink
449.900 Mhz
Tone 100 hz

Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Sheriffs Search & Rescue Bldg.

RCARC NETS:

Breakfast Net: 7:00am 146.98Mhz, no PL tone required, every weekday.

Friendship Net: 9:00pm 146.98Mhz, every evening.

Club breakfast is January the 9th at the Pastry Pub. Come in and place your order then come to the side room to be with other hams and your order will be brought to you. It is a most relaxing and friendly environment.

Next club meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 pm

TOPIC:

Info on doing NPOTA (national parks on the air) and Battery Depot will come out and give a presentation on portable battery power

Local News

Books to be Given Away

As you all who know me know, I am a great lover of books. So, in 2016 I am going to donate books to be given away starting at the January 2016 meeting. Each month there will be a drawing for a book (or two) to tie in with the monthly presentation. All members are eligible. If you are interested in the give away, just put your name in the drawing. It's that simple. Of course, you have to be present to win. There will be 2 books given away in January, "Amateur Radio & the Great Outdoors" by Edward Breneiser, WA3ASJ and "Batteries in a Portable World" by Isidor Buchmann.

At each monthly meeting you will have

a chance to go home with a really great book. See you at the meetings!

Linda KG7PBX

From ARRL Newsletter

This is a quick reminder that ARRL's dues are set to increase on January 1, 2016. Details about the increase including the new rate structure are available at <http://www.arrl.org/dues-increase-faq>

North Korea on the Air for First Time in More Than a Decade

In an unexpected turn of events, Polish DXer Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, who visited North Korea -- officially the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) -- this month in advance of a planned Amateur Radio operation early next year, showed up on the air from the most-wanted DXCC entity around 0000 on December 20. During a "demonstration" for North Korean officials,



Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, in Pyongyang, North Korea.

P5/3Z9DX made nearly 800 DXers -- most of them in Asia -- very happy over the couple of days he was on the air. Grzyb operated mostly on 15 meters with some excursions on 20 and 10 meters, SSB only. The P5/3Z9DX preview was the first from North Korea since the 2001-2002 operation by Ed Giorgadze, 4L4FN.

For more information see ARRL Newsletter

FCC Proposes to Penalize California Licensee \$25,000 for Causing Intentional Interference

The FCC Enforcement Bureau has proposed fining William F. Crowell, W6WBJ (ex-N6AYJ), of Diamond Springs, California, \$25,000 for intentionally interfering with other Amateur Radio operators and transmitting prohibited communications, including music. FCC San Francisco District Director David K. Hartshorn released a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NALF) on December 18, detailing the allegations.

"Deliberate interference undermines the utility of the Amateur Radio Service by preventing communications among licensed users that comply with the Commission's rules," the FCC said in its NALF. "Mr Crowell's deliberate interference to other users, using voice, noises, and music, directly contravenes the Amateur Radio service's fundamental purpose as a voluntary noncommercial communications service..."



An Advanced class licensee, Crowell is no stranger to the Enforcement Bureau, which warned him as far back as 2000 about intentional interference. In 2008 the FCC designated his current license renewal application for hearing, alleging that he had caused intentional interference, interrupted others' communications, transmitted music, and made one-way transmissions, including some containing "indecent language," the FCC said. His license,

which expired in 2007, has not been renewed, but Crowell may continue to operate while his application is pending. Prompting the December 18 NALF were complaints earlier this year by members of the Western Amateur Radio Friendship Association (WARFA), which conducts nets three times a week on 75 meters.

The Enforcement Bureau recounted that its agents and the High Frequency Direction Finding (HFDF) Center monitored Crowell's transmissions during the WARFA Net on 3908 kHz on August 25 and August 27. As the agents and the HFDF Center listened, Crowell "repeatedly interrupted other amateurs using noises, recordings, and music, in addition to talking over amateurs affiliated with the WARFA Net, so as not to allow them to transmit on the frequency," the FCC said in its NALF. "His transmissions and recordings included racial, ethnic, and sexual slurs and epithets." According to the NALF, the interference continued until the net shut down.

For more information see ARRL Newsletter

AO-85 Slow Scan TV Image Likely a Prank, Not a Test

A Slow Scan TV (SSTV) image that a Brazilian radio amateur reported receiving on December 13 from Fox-1A (AO-85) was most likely a prank, not any sort of official test of the satellite's SSTV capabilities.

AMSAT Vice President for Engineering Jerry Buxton, N0JY, said the Robot 36 image, which depicted a cartoon fox and the legend "Testing Fox-1A/AO-85 AMSAT satellite," was of terrestrial origin and transmitted via the AO-85 satellite's transponder.



For more information see ARRL Newsletter

What Happened at the last Meeting?

Minutes for RCARC December 8th Meeting

President Ken Richter KR7KR called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Ken started with introductions of all those present.

Those present were:

Fred Sheffield KF7GPZ

Denice Sheffield KF7WIY
 Mardi Biedermann KB7HHB
 Brad Biedermann WA7HHE
 Carolyn Bauer KG7YIB
 Boyd Woolsey KG7YIA
 Ken Munford N7KM
 Jan Munford KB7UVO
 Merlin Mackay N7TCE
 Devin Elliot KG7NYJ
 Jim Beal KG6LFU
 George Gallis AL7BX
 Linda Shokrian KG7PBX
 Ken Bauer KG7YIC
 Don Blanchard WA7GTU
 Bill Stenger K6QOG
 Ken Richter KR7KR
 Tony Bennett KA7HGX



The food table that everyone contributed too. Great Food

Family, Friends, Guests:

Carol Stenger, Kasey Warhurst, Linda Blanchard, Teresa Elliot & friend Geanine, Tammy Richter, Jacob Richter (piano entertainment), Sarah Richter, Wyman Satchel, Bonnie Satchel and a few others.

Ken mentioned that since there are no opposed nominees does anyone make a motion to accept the nominees as the elected officers. Don Blanchard WA7GTU made the motion to accept nominees as officers and seconded by Denice Sheffield KF7WIY. The vote was unanimous.

(Linda Shokrian KG7PBX replaced Dick Parker K7ZI as Vice-President.)

Linda distributed a list of possible topics for future meetings and asked everyone to fill it out while visiting and eating.

Dick mentioned there is a 10 Meter Technician contest sponsored by the ARRL this Saturday December 12th. The contest runs for 48 hours and you can take as much or as little time as you want. It will be exciting and fun activity for those who have HF equipment.

Carolyn Bauer KG7YIB has recipe on the back table for anyone who would like it.

There were no more information from the floor so Ken called for the end of the formal portion of the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy at 7:45pm.

And so we began with food and music

Jacob Richter at the piano with Laura Marie



As Dick can attest to!



Don and Linda supervising!

Carol and Linda enjoying the company and the food.



Fred, Denice and Jim got some unexpected entertainment from Tristan.



Ken and Jan and Tony eating and catching up!



Mardi, Brad and Boyd



Edith, Merlin, Tony, Devin and Teresa with Jacob at the piano



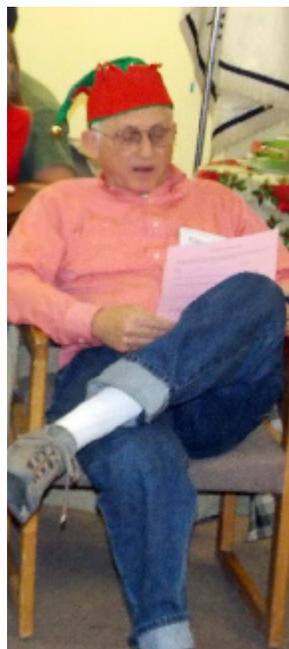
Mom Megan, Tristan & Dad Jim



Tristan and cake



Unknown



George, Carolyn and Ken were apparently the only ones doing their homework.