



RAINBOW CANYONS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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January's club meeting was on old rigs to the new rigs.

Bob Brown K6RLT brought in some of his old collector radios and keys

Russ N7BO brought in an older Kenwood analog tube type transceiver.

Terry KD7TTT brought in his Icom transistor transceiver.



Dick K7ZI brought in a couple of radios. One was a kit that he built and the other was his Yaesu transceiver.

The rigs ranged from the early sixties to the now times of 2007, and what a difference there is from then to now.

Bob, K6RLT started by talking about back in those days they sure did things differently. To become a ham you started out as a novice. At that time you were only a novice for one year. Your call sign was some thing like this KN6RLT, and N standing for novice. At the end of the year of being a novice you had a choice of taking an exam to up grade to a general class, or just not progress and loose your ham ticket. Bob also mentioned, to take an exam you needed to go to the nearest FCC building to take your exam, that meant that you could have traveled for a few hundred miles, depending on where you lived. To travel so far to take an exam meant you would have been really studied up all the things you needed to know.

Radios, where to start. As mentioned earlier, there were radio from the early sixties to current. Bob showed us his vintage gear that he started out with as a novice. I don't seem to recall the names of his gear, what I do remember is Bob talking about spark gap and being rock bound. Rock bound meant you were stuck on one frequency and in order to change frequency you had to change crystals. As a novice I believe Bob said you were very limited on frequencies.

As the night went on we heard some really good stories from Bob about the gear he has used over the years. Bob also had some collectable keys there as well. Well done. Bob thanks for toting your equipment in and sharing with us.

Dick K7ZI went over the remainder of the radios that were there on display on how they have gone from tube types to transistors, from a separate receiver and transmitter to transceivers. Dick also showed us his kit radio that he has purchased and assembled. There is lots of fun stuff in amateur radio. You can all ways find something that will fill the itch to tinker and play. Good job Dick thanks.

February 13th club night is going to be on Digital, Echo link and IRLP

Ken Oliver W7BKM and Chris Wahlen KD7YQO and going to show and explain how these mode work and can help us in our communications.

Just as a reminder, the club dues are do in January. Please feel free to send payment to Ken Oliver W7KBM. The amount of the dues are \$20.00 per member or \$30.00 for family. Mail to:

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Treasury Report January 2007

12/31/2006	Balance	\$575.77
Member Dues		\$130.00
01/01/2007	Balance	\$705.77

Attention: I had started a new job back in March of last year. It has taken a lot of my time. I have been putting in a lot of hours, more so than I have in years. I really enjoy my work and love what I am doing.

Because of what little time I have left in each day, I need to give up some thing in my life to free up some time. So I regretfully announce that I will no longer be able to be the newsletter editor for the RCARC.

I have given it a lot of thought and find it to be the best for me at this time in my life. I am not going away, I just need a reprieve.

I will still be in charge of the VE testing here in our community and feel that's about all I can give at this time. Please for give me for any inconveniences that I may have caused.

Thanks for all you the members have done for me and helped out. I could have not done it without you. I will see you on the airwaves.

73's DE N7BO ES Happy Hamming (: