



RCARC Minutes for
October 9, 2012

President Larry Heddings W0CDG called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Treasurer Ken Oliver W7KBM reported \$835.96 in the bank and outstanding bills totaling \$162.58.

Secretary Bill Stenger K6QOG asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. None were reported. Denice Sheffield KF7WIY motioned for approval, Ken Oliver W7KBM seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Those in attendance:

Russ Chaffee N7BO	Shirleen Chaffee KB7QXB	Jeff Pedersen NR7E
Denice Sheffield KF7WIY	Fred Sheffield KF7GPZ	Johnny Ellison KE6ZIM
Joel Clements N7SIY	Sylvia Clements KB7UMU	Brian Crum W0NW
Ken Munford N7KM	Richard Parker K7ZI	Jim Beal KG6LFU
Don Blanchard WA7GTU	George Gallis AL7BX	Ken Head K7KCH
Jim Ashby K5JCA	Merlin Mackay N7TCE	Ken Oliver W7KBM
Larry Heddings W0CDG	Dennis Porter KA7QJN	Bill Stenger K6QOG
Cameron Abbaticchio		

Cameron Abbaticchio was introduced as the latest new ham. He passed the Technician test before the meeting.

Dennis Porter KA7QJN explained the FOX hunter (hidden transmitter). The frequency is 147.46 and showed one of the transmitters that belong to Don Blanchard WA7GTU. There would be two transmitters that would be synchronized. One would be designated as Fox 1 and the other Fox 2.

Ken Munford N7KM explained how he built his transmitter and demonstrated how it worked.

A new/old member was introduced: Brian Crum W0NW, Panquitch who recently moved to Cedar City.

Dennis mentioned that November's meeting would be nomination of club officers and December would be the vote.

Dennis mentioned another issue: where are the younger people? A discussion followed on possible classes.

Don Blanchard reported inter modulation on the Frisco Peak and Blow Hard repeater sites. They changed the PL tone and that seemed to fix the problem.

Ken Oliver asked who have participated in satellite communications. Two people responded. They

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briefly described their experiences.

The fox hunters were released at 8:03 and asked to return at 9 p.m. Or when they found the fox. Which ever comes first.

THE WINNERS



Fred KF7GPZ and Denice KF7WIY Sheffield

FYI

FOR SALE

Jon Hunter has a HYGAIN-TELEX 54' CRANK UP TOWER W/ TILT OVER FIXTURE AND MAST – call Jon K7JH 586-1189.

FCC NEWS

ARLB024 FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types

Earlier this month, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) -- WT Docket No. 12-283 -- proposing to amend the Part 97 rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. On October 24, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register and the FCC is seeking comments on it.

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Specifically, the Commission is proposing to modify the Amateur Radio Service rules to grant examination credit for expired and beyond-the-grace-period-for-renewal Amateur Radio operator licenses; to shorten the grace period during which an expired amateur license may be renewed; to revise the time a call sign is not available to the vanity call sign system correspondingly, and to reduce the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer an amateur license examination. The NPRM also asks for comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration, and proposes to amend the Amateur Radio Service rules to allow amateur stations to transmit certain additional emission types.

Comments must be filed on or before December 24, 2012 (60 days after publication in the Federal Register); reply comments must be filed on or before January 22, 2013 (90 days after publication in the Federal Register). Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 12 of the NPRM.

The NPRM can be found on the web in PDF format at,
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db1002/FCC-12-121A1.pdf.