

Corona-Norco Amateur Radio Club

FEBRUARY MINUTES

February 2, 2009.

In attendance: Carlos Fontes KD6CZT; Carlos Sosa KI6JRN; Ed Snyder KC6ITV; Jim Way KN6XX; Leon Jones N7TEB; Gwyn Magaditsch KE6JOF; Joe Magaditsch KO6XB; Dick Scheplar AF6F; Jim Cresap KD6ECI; Larry Michalski KI6DCG; Norm Musselman KN6CV; Ray Shupp N6UUC. Guests: Fred de Boer, Norco Fire Department Battalion Chief.

7:00 PM come to order and the pledge of allegiance was capably led by Jim Cresap.

Treasurer's report: Norm reported that the current balance is \$2,401.30.

OLD BUSINESS:

CNARC/RACES NET: Jim KD6ECI reported that we had the largest group to date. There were 8 including the net host. There were several low watt HT's being used from 0.5 to 2 watts. There was a discussion about having a ten meter net following the two meter portion. Jim will set this up for possibly a couple of weeks down the line.

FRED REPORT: Fred is doing very well and may join us for the March meeting.

RACES REPORT: Dick AF6F and Leon N7TEB attended a Golden Guardian debrief in Beaumont. Everybody had the same types of problems that we had. They will organize a training session to teach how to transmit messages concisely, possibly on DVD. There is a new frequency list available.

FIRE DEPT. RADIOS: Norm KN6CV, JEFF KE6LEM, Jim KD6ECI and Carlos KD6CZT visited the fire department roof to determine how and where to place the new antenna and what would be the least invasive way to penetrate same. We will get together with Fred de Boer with architectural plans before proceeding.

IECARO MEETING: Perry AE6GQ and Norm KN6CV attended the meeting. It was determined that we will not participate in the next convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

SHOW AND TELL: Carlos Sosa KI6JRN made a trip to HRO and Orvac electronics and with the help of Norm KN6CV, Larry KI6DCG and Carlos KD6CZT, spent his allowance money on his new Icom 7000 system. He reported that everything is ready to go but would like some experts standing by when he lights up.

T-HUNT CHALLENGE: Norm asked for volunteers to come up with creative locations for the transmitter in future T-hunts. Carlos KD6CZT volunteered for the March T-hunt.

WORKSHOP INTERESTS: Norm will come up with workshop projects of interest to members. Members should suggest projects to Norm that would be of interest to them. I wouldn't mind a workshop on antenna installation, how to make clean connections, soldering and such things of interest to klutzes like me, KD6CZT.

PROGRAM: Frank de Boer spoke of a meeting he recently attended. It seems that if one accepts federal grant money there are strings attached. No kidding! The fire dept. received grant money from Homeland Security for new and upgraded radios and in turn it stipulated that a dept. representative needed to attend a security meeting.

The meeting discussed how every terrorist group known seems to be present in some form or another here in sunny Southern California. Disturbing indeed. He went on to say that the agency needs the law enforcement and fire protection agencies, along with the public, to be alert to anything that might be suspicious and to report same.

The radios they are purchasing are Kenwood 2180's and Bendix-King command's. He asked if anyone knows of a good vendor, they have a lot of business to send their way.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carlos Fontes KD6CZT