

December 8th, 2018
Sequoia Amateur Radio Club
Minutes

There was no December General Meeting due to our annual Christmas Dinner.

Next meeting will be January 12th, 2019 with installation of new Sequoia Amateur Radio Club Board Members.

Sequoia Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting
November 10th, 2018

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, led by club president Bill Hesse N6TF. There were 26 members in attendance, with 2 guests; Marjorie Waclawski and Michael Reymann, who took a tech exam and passed. A quorum was established. 18 memberships were renewed and there were 18 Christmas dinner reservations paid.

President Bill thanked the Bakersfield hams for driving up for the meeting and he thanked the Elks Lodge for allowing us to use their building for our monthly meetings. Thanks also to Cheri for volunteering to serve us coffee and lunch. Thanks to Pete W6SV and Donna WA6FUN Higginbotham for supplying the donuts.

Old Business: Club history, photos and minutes are available online at N6KRV.org. The 50-50 drawing today will include a donated ham radio in lieu of cash.

New Business: A \$500 anonymous donation was made to the club in Dave Light's name. A stipulation was made that the membership dues do not rise for 2019. Ken Russell has ham equipment of Dave Light's available.

A new slate of officers for 2019 were confirmed by popular vote and are as follows: Bill Hesse N6TF President, Robert Bradley KI6TLB Vice President, Skip and Nancy Reymann N6SR and K6NJR jointly as Secretary, Mike Higgins KA6IYS Treasurer and Webmaster, Don Jefferson KC6OCA and Jan Robertson N7CCV as Board Members at Large and Chuck Caudell appointed by President Bill Hesse as Membership Chair.

There was no speaker this month due to officer elections.

Prize Winners were as follows:

Door Prizes:

Christine Hesse KK6AZQ: needle nose pliers

Bill Hesse N6TF: measuring tape

Jan Robertson N6CCV: digital voice recorder

Torin Swinland KK6YAB: flashlight

50-50 winner: Dale Ripley KG6TBQ ham radio. Cash was donated back to the club.

No Meeting in December
Christmas Dinner
December 8th, 2018

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
October 20th, 2018 Minutes

The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by club president Bill Hesse N6TF. 21 members were in attendance and 3 guests; Julie Gray, Wayne Yarnall KM6VRO, from Bishop who tested and passed his general exam and Andy Valdez. A quorum was established. Pete Higginbotham W6SV spoke of Dave Light's funeral and said it was a good service. President Bill Hesse N6TF thanked Pete and Donna-WA6FUN for bringing the donuts and Cheri for serving us in the Elks Dining Room.

General Business: Minutes, photos and club history is available online at the club's website. Ham equipment is also available.

New Business: Nominations for club officers were announced: Bob Bradley KI6TLB for Vice President, Skip and Nancy Reymann N6SR, K6NJR jointly as secretary. Bill Hesse N6TF as agreed to be club president for another year. Mike Higgins KA6IYS has agreed to remain treasurer and Chuck Caudell KI6GOG will remain as membership chair. Voting for officers will be held in November. It was announced that the club will also vote on a dues increase; \$25 for single membership and \$30 for a family, which is a \$5 increase. Also mentioned was an increase for the Christmas Dinner which will cost \$25 this year.

Vice President Donna Higginbotham WA6FUN introduced the speaker, Dean Ott who gave a history on the Missing Man Place in the Elks Dining Room and also spoke about the Elks and what they do for the community.

Raffle Prize Winners:

Janet Higgins-key chain light
Mike Higgins KI6IYS-Crazy Bill's soap
Torin Swinland KK6YAB-digital multimeter
Sonny Niduvitch WB6SN-Crazy Bill's soap
Dick Milburn N6SKJ-50-50 Winner \$25

Next Club Meeting:
November 10th, 2018
Elks Lodge
Wofford Heights

Sequoia Amateur Radio Club
September Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2018

Today's meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance, led by club president Bill Hesse N6TF. Introductions were made, with no new members. 22 members were in attendance along with 2 guests, Mark Gordon and Alex Ledesma, KM6EQZ, both from Kern Valley Healthcare District. Quorum was 17.

President Bill thanked the Elks for the use of their dining room and Cheri, for serving. Bill also thanked Pete W6SV and Donna WA6FUN for picking up and purchasing the donuts.

General Club Business: Minutes, photos and club history is available online. The 50-50 prize drawing will include a set of radios that were donated to the club, or the cash prize. If the radios are chosen the 50-50 cash will be donated back into the club. President Bill, N6TF mentioned that Dave Light, KG6YSZ and Jon Armstrong, K6QXG are still under the weather. No ham exams were given. Ham equipment is still available on the club website.

New Club Business: Nominations will be held at the next club meeting. Positions of Vice President and secretary and all other positions will be available. Next month's club meeting will be held one week later than usual, on the 3rd Saturday of the month, October 20th, 2018. A board meeting will be held after this month's meeting.

Vice President Donna Higginbotham, WA6FUN introduced this month's speaker, Mark Gordon and Alex Ledesma, KM6EQZ from the Kern Valley Healthcare District. Discussed was the importance of "the golden hour" that time after an incident that is so important to saving a life, especially after a stroke or heart attack. Also discussed was Measure Q, the parcel tax to benefit the Kern Valley Hospital.

Prizewinners were as follows:

Skip Reymann: N6SR solar powered charger

Christine Hesse: KK6AZQ carabiner with tape measure

Bob Bradley: KI6TLB flashlight

Chuck Caudell: KI6GOG first aid kit

50-50 Winner: Pete Higginbotham W6SV radios, which he gave to Christine Hancock. Cash prize donated back to the club was \$31.00

A board meeting was held after the general meeting. In attendance was President Bill Hesse, N6TF, Past President Skip Reymann, N6SR, VP Donna Higginbotham WA6FUN, Secretary Christine Hesse KK6AZQ, Treasurer Mike Higgins KA6IYS, Membership Chair Chuck Caudell KI6GOG and Board Member at-Large Jan Robertson N7CCV. Voted on and passed was to place an ad in Highlights Magazine, Lake Isabella Senior Services, Inc. at a cost of \$50.00. No other business was discussed.

Next Club Meeting:

October 20th, 2018

Elks Lodge

Wofford Heights

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
August Meeting Minutes
August 11th, 2018

Today's meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by club president, Bill Hesse, N6TF. Introductions were made, with no new members. 19 members were in attendance, with a quorum established at 17.

General Club Business:

No ham exams were given and no upgrades.

Minutes, photos and club history are available on-line.

Ham equipment is still available on the club website.

President Bill, N6TF thanked the Bakersfield Club folks and mentioned that Dave Light, KG6YSZ and Jon Armstrong, K6QXG were under the weather. Bill also thanked the Elks Club for use of their lodge for meetings. Bill also thanked the Higginbothams, Pete and Donna, W6SV and WA6FUN for bringing the donuts.

New Business:

An election was held to elect a new Board Member at Large. Jan Robertson, N7CCV is the new member of the board. Thank you to Bob Bradley, KI6TLB for being willing to run.

A board meeting will be held at the conclusion of the next club meeting on September 8th, 2018.

Mike Higgins, KA6IYS, the Club Treasurer, gave an interesting presentation on Field Days through the years.

Door Prizes:

Cheryl Ripley- tape measure

Janet Higgins- picture frame

Dick Milburn, N6SKJ- digital clock

Chuck Caudell, KI6GOG- volt meter

Skip Reymann, N6SR- flash drive

50-50 Winner- Janet Higgins, \$23.00

Next Club Meeting

September 8th, 2018 @ 9:30

Elks Lodge

Wofford Heights

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
July 14th, 2018

In lieu of a meeting on July 14th, 2018, an ice cream social was held on the picnic grounds behind the Elk's Lodge in Wofford Heights. A good time was had by all, about 26 people.

President Bill Hesse, N6TF thanked Mike Higgins, KA6IYS for taking on the task of requisitioning all the ice cream, toppings, and other various items. President Bill, N6TF also thanked Janet Robertson, N7CCV for bringing 2 pies.

The only business conducted was to take nominations for a Board Member at Large. Club growth to 50 has necessitated this. Bob Bradley, KI6TLB and Janet Robertson, N7CCV were nominated.

No other business was conducted and no door or raffle prizes were given out.

Next Meeting
August 11th, 2018
Elk's Lodge Dining room
Wofford Heights

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
June 9th, 2018 Minutes

The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Club president Bill Hesse N6TF.

23 members were in attendance, along with 2 guests: Gladys Lucero and a friend. A quorum was established at 17.

President Bill Hesse gave special thanks to the Bakersfield folks for coming up to meetings. Bill also thanked Cheri and the Elks Club for use of their building.

General club Business: Two ham exams were given with 1 passing and becoming a new member. Guests and members were asked if anyone needed help with studying. Minutes, photos and club history are available online.

Old Business: Ham equipment is available on the club's website.

New Business: Field Day 2018 was discussed. Mike Higgins, KA6IYS, Field Day coordinator said he hoped to see members there. July's Meeting will be an ice cream social which will be held behind the Elks Lodge. Details will be in the newsletter.

Donna Higginbotham, WA6FUN and club VP introduced the speaker, Jerry Waclawski, KB7BX. Jerry talked to the club and showed a few homebrew antennas and test gear that he made and their specifics.

Door Prize Winners: Dave Light, KG6YSZ-Outdoor Thermometer Marjorie Waclawski- Coffee Cup
Jerry Waclawski, KB7BX- Flush Cutters Jane Causey, KA6CZS- Flashlight
50-50 Winner: Dick Milburn, N6SKJ Cash prize was \$20

Next Club Meeting
July 14th, 2018 9:30
Elks Lodge Picnic Area
Wofford Heights

SEQUOIA AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

GENERAL MEETING – MAY 12, 2018 MINUTES

The meeting began with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Pres. Bill, N6TF. Afterwards introductions were conducted around. There were 25 members present and four (4) guests with a total of 29 in attendance. Guests were Greg McGill, Brian Barrett and Cpt. Glenn Maki of the Kern County Fire Department. They were also featured speakers for this meeting. A quorum was established.

Health report for Dave Light, KG6YSZ: He is on the mend but must limit his activities and take time to rest and recuperate. Members are encouraged to call him or e-mail him to support him during this time.

At the S.A.R.G. June meeting Jerry, KB7BX will exhibit some of his home built items and demonstrate his building techniques.

Pres. Bill, N6TF announced he will hold a Board of Trustees meeting right after the June S.A.R.G. meeting and asked Board members to keep it in mind.

Three individuals took their ham license exams and passed. Rosie Lynn-Tech class; Steven Sorenson, KM6SFW-Extra class; Andrea Walker-Tech class. Congratulations!

New members who joined S.A.R.G. this meeting were:

Jerry Waclawski, KB7BX-Associate member from Bakersfield;

Dale Ripley, KG6TBQ-Full member (rejoined) from Walker Basin;

Mike Siwula, K6LDK-Full member from Bodfish & Valencia;

Rosie Lynn-Associate Complimentary Membership;

Steven Sorenson, KM6SFW-Associate Complimentary Membership from Inyokern;

Andrea Walker-Associate Complimentary Membership from Bakersfield (daughter of Dale Ripley; husband is Dusty Walker).

The S.A.R.G. membership is now up to 49 hams with 33 full members and 16 associate members.

V.P., Donna, WA6FUN introduced speakers Cpt. Glenn Maki, Engineer Brian Barrett and Greg McGill of the Kern County Fire Department. Each gentleman gave his personal background and job description. They described quite a list of responsibilities involving house cleaning, property maintenance, equipment used, inspections of buildings and extinguishers, community services, etc., all besides fire fighting. Radio communication and the various agencies with whom they work were discussed. It was noted that it is very helpful and saves critical time and lives if people have an envelope with their personal information posted on something in their home, e.g., refrigerator, cabinet, etc. a list of mediations, medical history, copy of their Advanced Health Care Directive (or Do Not Resuscitate), name and phone number of someone who has authority to speak in your behalf in emergencies.

Torin, KK6YAB announced a presentation to be held at the KRV History Museum about the history of mining. It will be held on Sat. and Sun., May 19 and 20. For more information he can be reached by phone or e-mail (as listed in the S.A.R.G. Directory).

Door prize winners were: Bill, N6TF-Surival Tactical Kit (Stealth Angel); Jan, N7CCV-First Aid Kit; Dick, N6SKJ-Spring Clamps; Bob, KI6TLB-Digital Voice Recorder.

Raffle prize winner: Chuck, KI6GOG-Cash

Next meeting is Sat., June 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Wofford Heights Elks Lodge.

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
April 14th, 2018
Minutes

In lieu of our general meeting, a Swap Meet/Potluck was held at the Valley Estates Community Center. There was a good turnout of people and the food was enjoyable.

Next Meeting
May 12th, 2018 @ 9:30
Elks Club
Wofford Heights

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
General Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2018

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by club president Bill Hesse, N6TF. Introductions were made. 25 members and 3 guests were in attendance with 1 new member, Sonny Niduvitch, WB6SN. A quorum was met.

Special thanks were given to the Bakersfield folks who come and support our club, Pete and Donna Higginbotham W6SV and WA6FUN for always bringing the donuts and to the Elks Club for the use of their accommodations.

General Business: No ham tests were administered. Minutes, photos and Club history available online.

Old Business: Membership dues for 2018- \$20 for individual, \$25 for family. Checks to Mike, KA6IYS or Chuck, KI6GOG. Ham equipment still for sale, available on website.

New Business: Mike KA6IYS and Skip N6SR went to Oildale on 03/10/18 to administer a test for a group who had been studying. In lieu of the April meeting, there will be a Pot luck and swap meet.

The speaker was Tom Klein, who gave information on CERT, what they do and when and where to attend workshops, if interested.

Door Prize Winners:

Gregg Causey, KF7ZI Nail Clippers

Jane Causey, KA6CZS Microfiber Cloths

Mick Streeter, Flashlight

Dick Milburn, N6SKJ Needle nose Pliers

50-50 Winner Rich Wildhaber, KJ6TDL \$30, which he donated to the refreshment fund.

Next Club Meeting

Saturday, April 14th, 2018

Valley Estates Community Center, 10am to 1pm

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
February 10th, 2018 Minutes

The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Club president Bill Hesse N6TF. There were 21 members in attendance and 3 guests, “Sonny” Nidovitch, WB6SN, and wife and Peggy Gill.

Introductions were made, with 1 new member, Mick Streeter.

President Bill Hesse gave special thanks to the Bakersfield folks for coming up to meetings.

General club Business: No ham exams were given and members were asked if anyone needed help with studying. Minutes, photos and club history are available online.

Al Price brought to everyone’s attention of the recall of 4.6 million Kidde Fire Extinguishers. The plastic handle was defective and would break.

Old Business: Cost of membership dues for 2018; \$20 individual and \$25 for family. Checks to Mike or Chuck. Ham equipment still available online at club website.

New Business: No new business at this time.

Jayne Price, KK6JPZ introduced this month’s speaker Chris Horgan, “Stewards of the Sequoias”.

Prize Winners: Dave Light, KG6YSZ - Bookmark. Richard Elton, AE6TA - Flashlight. Sam Beckham, KJ6CNH - Voltage Tester. Chuck Caudell, KI6GOG - coffee cups. Bill Hesse, N6TF - whistle. Janet Higgins won the 50-50 drawing. Cash prize was \$28

Next Club Meeting
March 10th, 2018 9:30
Elks Lodge
Wofford Heights

Sequoia Amateur Radio Group
January, 2018 Minutes

The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Club president Bill Hesse. There were 22 members in attendance and 3 guests, Mick Streeter, guest of Jan Robertson, N7CCV, Selden "Sonny" Nidovitch, WB6SN, and Julie Gray, mother of KK6YAB. Quorum was 12.

Introductions were made, with no new members.

President Bill Hesse gave special thanks to the Bakersfield folks and the Elks Club. He introduced last year's board members and thanked them for their service.

General club Business: No ham exams were given and members were asked if anyone needed help with studying. Minutes, photos and club history are available online.

Old Business: Cost of membership dues for 2018; \$20 individual and \$25 for family. Checks to Mike or Chuck. Ham equipment still available online at club website. Dan Turk's antenna system was delivered to Bakersfield by club members and that project is considered finished.

New Business: President Bill Hesse let club members know Dick Milburn's son sent a card thanking them for their well wishes. Skip Reymann was not yet ready to update members on his repeater project.

Vice President Donna Higginbotham, W6FUN introduced the speaker, Al Price N6ALP who gave a presentation about "The Last Wild West Shootout on the Streets of Havilah, April 24th, 1905"

Prize winners were Al, N6ALP-voltage tester, Mick Streeter, 2 coffee cups, which he donated back to the club, Skip, N6SR-stylus Bob Bradley, K6TLB-soap. Bill Hesse, N6TF won the 50-50 drawing. Cash prize was \$24.

Next Club Meeting
February 10th, 2018 9:30
Elks Lodge
Wofford Heights