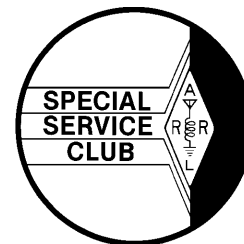




SIERA News



Service, Progress, Comradeship

Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association December 2008

PRESIDENTS Corner

November brought us into the election process. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers to the membership.

Austin Cathey KE7DZY, the spokesperson for the committee presented the following; President John Abrott KD7NHC, Vice president, Austin Cathey KE7DZY, Treasurer George Uebele WW7E, and Secretary Phyllis Hogan KD7DKJ. For the Director positions, Davis Ausbrook, KC6VRN, Mel Hogan WA6EYD, Bill Massie K7NHP, J.D. Fowler AD7CD, and Bruce Pfeiffer N7CPP.

No additional nominations were received from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented by acclamation.

The members present voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers.

If you have not been to a Sierra general meeting lately, we have a new location within the church. We are located in the learning center classroom. When you enter the church guide to the right side of the main foyer and you will see the entrance to the learning center.

This classroom serves our needs very well. It is a smaller area with better acoustics.

2009 will bring us another technician class. This will be a full blown class, not a ham cram. Ham crams only teach the answers to the exam not the theory or prudent operating.

J.D. Fowler has accepted the position of technician class manager. J.D. is working on the technician program. He is looking for members that are interested in teaching the

technician class. Mark Spencer, WA8SME has expressed an interest in teaching portions of the class. If you are interested in helping out with practical demonstrations or teaching various subjects please contact J.D.

The technician class will be held at the Methodist church in Gardnerville. As soon as a schedule is finalized it will be posted to the website, and emailed to the membership. The classes will be publicized in the local newspapers and posters.

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Membership information:

Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association is an organization of amateur radio operators interested in fostering service, progress, and comradeship. Membership is open to anyone who shares the group's goals.

General meetings are the third Thursday of each month (except January, July and August) at the Carson valley united Methodist church building, 1375 Centerville lane Gardnerville Nevada. Meetings start at 1900hrs.

A social breakfast is held on the fourth Saturday of every month at 0800hrs, located at Sharkey's in Gardnerville.

Annual dues or \$24.00 per year for \$32.00 for a household membership, renewable January 1st. For an application call 775 – 265 – 4278 or send e-mail to ww7e@arrl.net. Please send changes of address and the applications to the club address. SIERA is an ARRL affiliated and club

Articles for newspaper and T. V. publication contact John Abrott (775) 465-2330, email kd7nhc@arrl.net.

Please note that articles and information submitted for insertion in the newsletter should be sent to the editor.

Items of interest will be considered for printing from any radio club with open membership.



Bill Massey K7NHP has agreed to be the pony express manager for 2009. John Abrott KD7NHC, is working with Bill to learn the process of coordinating the pony express re-ride for SIERA.

The 2009 PEX re-ride will depart Utah/ Nevada state line (Ibapah, UT) on Monday June 15th at 11:30 PM Pacific daylight time. The mail is scheduled to depart Nevada/ California state line on Thursday June 18th 6:00 AM Pacific daylight time.

Please mark your calendars for this event. The pony will be traveling from east to west this year.

Dale Anderson KV7S has agreed to service and maintain the SIERA repeater. This will help out George WW7E. George has been maintaining the machine for many years, and it is hard to get to the site. Good Job George!

Mel Hogan WA6EYD, volunteered to be the trustee for the Sierra repeater. The paperwork will be processed to CARCON in the near future, to make the necessary changes. George WW7E has

been the trustee since the repeater was placed into service, and is ready to retire from this duty.

AFTER HOLIDAY DINNER

The SIERA after the holiday's dinner will be held on Saturday January 17th 2009 starting at 6:00 PM. The dinner is a Basque Family Service at the Carson Valley Country Club Restaurant, Gardnerville.

The full menu includes Steak, lamb, salmon and chicken, with all of the trimmings. The beverages include red wine, coffee and tea. Ice cream for dessert. The cost is \$28.75 per person which includes tax and gratuity.

Send your Reservations with money to Bruce Pfeiffer N7CPP. Bruce's address is 5687 Ethel Way, Carson city Nevada 89701-6746. His telephone is (775) 882-2207.

The country club has great food and plenty to eat!

Take your raffle items to Bruce or bring them with you to the dinner. Raffle items do not have to be ham radios. (Nice but not necessary) Home baked goodies, radio equipment, test equipment, antennas, and books are all welcome. If you are not sure about an item please call Bruce.

SIERA Meeting Schedule for 2009

| | SIERA Board | SIERA General Meeting | Event |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|--|
| January | | none | Jan 17 th After the Holiday Dinner |
| February | 10 th | 19 th | |
| March | | 19 th | |
| April | 14 th | 16 th | |
| May | | 21 st | Pony Express Briefing |
| June | 9 th | None | (PEX 16-18 th), PEX Potluck 25 th |
| July | | 16th | Workshop |
| August | 11 th | 20 th | Workshop |
| September | | 17th | |
| October | 13 th | 15th | |
| November | 10 th | 19 th | Nominations |
| December | 8 th | 17 th | Elections |
| January | | TBD | After Holiday Dinner |

The Nevada Day Parade Board of Directors asked for our assistance with communications again this year. We applied what we learned last year to this parade. "Net control" was upstairs inside a room, allowing sound isolation from the announcer station, marching bands and shooting cowboys. Headsets with boom microphones helped get the message through. The volunteers were invited to a party after the event. We received nice certificates from the parade committee, along with a formal introduction and a thank you. We have been asked to come again next year. This is becoming a reoccurring event for SIERA. I would like to thank the

following SIERA members for volunteering:

Dale Anderson KV7S,
 Gary Budd KD7LBJ,
 Ed Goldberg KE7EAA,
 Daryl Haines KE7HDX,
 Mel Hogan WA6EYD,
 Robert Lapp KE7NML,
 Tom Tabacco KE7NCJ.

I had the privilege of being mobile on a golf cart with the parade director. A bit cold, but fun. Mel was our net control, and did an exceptional job of getting the information passed to the operators along the parade route. We are looking forward to next year's parade.

 The board of directors discussed several possible topics for presentations at the

general meetings. If you have any requests for a presentation, please contact any board member, or myself. Suggestions are always welcome. Some of the upcoming topics are general in nature, not necessarily ham radio related. This past month's guest speaker was Carol Freeman. Carol gave a very interesting photo show of her travels. The photographs were very well done, and inspirational. Expect to see carol in the near future for another presentation. She is a retired commander from the Los Angles County Sheriff's department. Her presentation is about her experiences with emergency communications.

Merry Christmas to all, and a Safe and Happy New Year.