



SIERA News



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SIERA ON THE MOVE

Welcome to the new **SIERA** website. Come back often to enjoy the updates and the activities schedule.

Check the listing of your new Directors for Twenty-ten - See "About Us" on the pull down tab. All are dedicated to the goal of keeping **SIERA** the voice of amateur radio in the Carson Valley. With help from all the membership the goal can be accomplished. Success requires input and participation and from all.

Our general meeting schedule has been changed to the first Saturday of every month. The location remains the same, as will the format.

The fourth Saturday will see us continuing our breakfast meetings at Sharkey's - a fun time for all.

This and future newsletters are planned to be placed on the **SIERA** website. They will be stored there so everyone can access

them at any time. A hard copy can be downloaded anytime. If you would prefer a copy by USPS we can do that as well.

SIERA looks forward to a continuation of our normal activities - and then some. Will (KD7NIR) has already spent considerable time with the Pony Express folks and they look forward to our continued participation. As do we! That's a fun activity, provides a valued service, and allows participants to "get out among 'em". If you've done it before, stand by and be prepared to go at it again. If you haven't participated, you really are missing a great activity and please consider this to be the year you'll join in. Your talents are necessary to the success of **SIERA** in this adventure. Pull down the "Activities" tab for details and dates.

Your club is already moving forward with plans to be the communications arm during the Nevada Day Parade. This is a challenging project, because of parade noise. That's part of

what makes it so much fun. More on this in the coming months. Better to be in the parade than standing alongside the curb trying to see over others. Plan on it!

In past years, **SIERA** and **TARA** have worked together on communications projects. Mostly this has been on a member by member basis, with several of our folks holding dual memberships.

In Twenty-ten there will be a more formal arrangement, meaning that **SIERA** will request participation by **TARA** members in the re-ride and parade. Conversely, **TARA** will request our member participation in their several bike rides. Both clubs will include **DCART** in the requested participation as well. The crux is that all amateur radio operators, wherever they may be, or whatever group they may belong to, are warmly welcomed to all activities. One of our strengths is working together to a common and successful end.

SIERA and **TARA** will also be working to link repeaters. The .24 and .33 repeaters, linked, offer a dramatic improvement in the communications capability during emergencies and other public service activities.

A good move!

Speaking of repeaters the **SIERA** repeater has a new call – **NV7CV**. Dale (KV7S) is the repeater custodian, offering an expertise that continues the excellent operation of this repeater.

Active participation is an essential for the continued success of any volunteer organization. **SIERA** is no exception. And new members play an important role in that success too. If you know of a ham that might benefit from and contribute to membership in **SIERA**, please ask them to contact Membership Chair Austin (KE7DZY). Or you do it for them and Austin will follow up on your lead.

Anybody accessing this web site is aware that Don (W3DRM) has done a great job putting it all together. Many hours were spent by Don on this project and the perfection shows it. If you want to contact any of your Board members, just click on the "Contact Us" pull-down tab. Your input

is requested for ideas and thoughts that will benefit us all. Comments will all be answered.

Have you listened to the activity on "The Watering Hole"? If so, you're aware of the give and take, and good information, coming forth. If you haven't listened in, give it a try. Wednesday evenings at 7:30 on the **NV7CV** repeater. Brad (WT6B) hosts this offering and you'll not find anyone with a better radio background and history. A good learning experience!

In days of yore, when I had a business to run, a quick learn was that a good Secretary is essential to continuity. Same with **SIERA**. Lucky for us we have Phyllis (KD7OKI) to fill that important chair. Our first Board meeting consumed 3 hours, yet Phyllis covered it all very well in two pages. With some embarrassment guess have to suspect we had too much music during the session.

Dorothy (N7MXA) did a great job putting together the "After the Holidays Dinner", with 33 showing up for great camaraderie and good food. It was at this gathering that **SIERA** paid homage to the Uebeles, George (WW7E) and

Dorothy for their many contributions over the 22 years of our activities as a radio club. George has served as Treasurer during that entire time and both did more for the club than any other two people any of us can remember. Our sincere thanks to both! We will continue to have benefit of George's talents as he continues on the Board and oversees the Exam sessions the third Saturday of each odd month.

2010 CALENDAR

Jan 23	– Social Bkfst
Feb 6 th	– Meeting 1PM
Feb 27	– Social Bkfst
Mar 6	– Meeting 1PM
Mar 27	– Social Bkfst
April 3	– Meeting 1PM
April 24	– Social Bkfst
May 1	– PEX meeting
May 22	– Social Bkfst
June 5	– PEX meeting
June 6	– AMBBR
June 8–12	– Re-ride
June 19	– ReRide Potluck
July 3	– Meeting 1PM
July 10	– DEATH RIDE
July 17	– Special Dinner
July 24	– Social Bkfst
Aug 7	– Meeting 1PM
Aug 28	– Social Bkfst
Sept 4	– Meeting 1PM
Sept 12	– TourdeTahoe
Sept 25	– Social Bkfst