

SIERA BEACON

News and Views of the SIERA Membership, Carson Valley, NV May 2016

Trailer Renovation: Tom Tobacco KE7NCJ, J.D. Fowler AD7CD, and Bob Williams K7VOC worked on the configuration of the trailer recently. Following the guidelines agreed upon by all of us at the April meeting, they built a work/storage station inside our new trailer. It's going to be the centerpiece of our Field Day setup at the airport. Check out these photos Deb Williams KC6RIC took of the whole operation:



April Meeting, Jeff Cauhape presented Dale Yance's Powerpoint about packet radio, showing the components needed for your own station and what stations in Douglas and Lyon counties have. It seems fairly simple. All you need is a

transceiver, antenna, laptop with Outpost software installed on it, and a TNC (Terminal Node Controller).

General Meeting: Our general meetings are always on the first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville, NV. Meet people you talk to on the nets and bring your ideas and concerns to help improve SIERA. Oh, and invite your HAM buddies and aspiring wannabees to join us, too.

The May meeting: Ed Eggert K3VO will be talking about vintage radio technologies. So, if you've got a soft spot in your heart for *tube gear*, come on by.

I'm bringing the cookies in May. Anybody want to sign up for future meetings? Also, we're always looking for new presentations. If you have a special project or technology you'd like to share, call Jeff at 775-224-6836 to set up and meeting date.



Happy Birthday to Daryl Haines KE7HDX and Isaiah Echavaria KG7NHY Both of these SIERA HAMS received rousing renditions in honor of their birthdays.



Who's next?

Upcoming Events:

June 16-18, Pony Express Re-Ride

June 25-26, Field Day

July 9, The Death Ride

Check stories below for more details and contacts.

The Pony Needs HAMS: Jeff Cauhape K7BCV is still looking for volunteers to cover the Pony Express Re-Ride, held June 16-18. We'll need adventurous HAMS to provide coverage as relay stations or following the rider(s) in 4X4 vehicles. They really appreciate us following during nighttime hours. This year, the moon will be full, but if it's cloudy, our physical as well as radio presence is essential to their safety and success. Anyone who wants an adventure as well as doing public service, call Jeff Cauhape at 775-224-6836 or email him at j_cauhape@yahoo.com.

Field Day: Bob Williams K7VOC needs volunteers for a Beam Crew to raise and turn a beam antenna for Field Day, 11 a.m. June 25 to 2 p.m. June 26. This is not a complicated thing, folks. All you might need is a wrench and a pair of strong arms. Give him a shout on the air or call him at: 775-392-2693.

The Death Ride: If you want to help cover the Death Ride on July 9, contact Paul McAfee at KI6OCB@arrl.net.

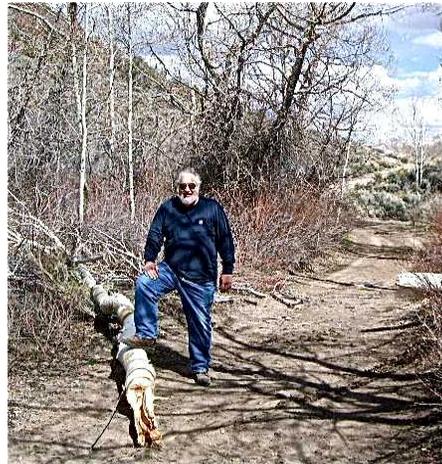
HAM Breakfast: The Tail Dragger at the Minden-Tahoe Airport always serves up the best breakfast and friendliest hospitality in Carson Valley. Come join us every fourth Saturday 8 a.m. It's another chance to meet some HAMs.

My goodness, we had a packed restaurant last Saturday. We may need to find a bigger venue, although everyone seems to like the Tail Dragger a lot. Gee, maybe that's why everyone's coming out to join us. Renee (Tail Dragger manager) must be doing a happy dance.

Next HAM exam: The next local HAM VEC exam in our area will be Saturday, 9 a.m., May 21, at the Shepherd of the Sierras Church, behind Best Buy on Topsy Lane.

New SIERA Caps: We still have a few of the new SIERA caps for \$15. You can add your call sign, name, or other message along the sides of the cap. Contact Karen's Embroidery, 775-246-7255.

More Classes (?): Would you like to teach a class to help people get their licenses? If you are eager to show off your knowledge all by yourself or team up with someone to teach a class, call Jeff at 775-224-6836.



During a recent "Sunday Drive" over Basque Summit along the Pony trail, Jeff and Sue Cauhape cleared a fallen tree off the road. Like we said above, following the Pony can be an adventure.

Here's a link to the April 20th issue of the ARRL Newsletter:
<http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=2016-04-20>. To get a list of all the years' issues, just erase the date and equal sign from this link and hit "Enter."

Well, that's all for this month's Beacon. If you have news and photos, email Sue Cauhape at scauhape2002@yahoo.com. 73s everybody!