

SARA Club minutes 17 October 2013

Meeting began at 1900 hours adjourned at 1958 hours, 17 Oct 2013. VP Jim, N4MOC presided.

12 members plus 2 XYL's attended.

Minutes of 5 October reviewed, approved.

Report of Family Day activities discussed. Good time enjoyed by all. Approx. 20 members plus 5 Xyl's attended. Thanks to our great chef Felix, KJ4MIA for wonderful burgers, hot dogs, and delicious sausage, and to wives for cakes, chewy cakes, potato salad, slaw, etc. We all ate too much because it was so delicious. Thanks to John, KJ4AMs for lemonade, and Jean for tea.

\$52.00 for meats paid by Felix, and \$12.09 paid for ice, plastic tableware by Sonny. Resolution proposed and passed unanimously for Felix and Sonny to be reimbursed by SARA Treasurer from club account.

Jim reminded us elections will be first meeting in December, which is December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day. Jim recommended everyone be thinking of electing younger members to carry on the progress our club has made over last few years. Leon suggested that the incoming president insist on continuing ham radio education as a part of future meetings, by club members or invited speakers.

Topic of discussion tonight led by Wendell, KJ4AMR who has reviewed letters to the editor of QST magazine. The last few issues have dealt with discussions of what ham radio really is. This led to lively discussion in the club. Ham radio is wide open for what each ham wants it to be for him: experimenter, inventor, rag chewer, DX hound, or just buy and operate equipment to talk by radio. Our ham license permits us to do any or all of the above. It was noted that most of the advances made in communication over the last hundred years has been the result of experimenters and inventors who were amateur radio licensees. Thanks Wendell.

Short discussion followed re the need for an instructor for our club, and the need to pursue providing FCC exams via the SARA club. Leon has an interest in instructing. Russ, KJ4VIG has an interest in taking over responsibility for providing examinations. Andy has teaching background and would be excellent instructor as well. .

Attendees: Dan Doster, Bill Currie, Wendell Gross, Jim Hill, Rose Hill, Franklin Smith, Felix Loya, Russ Dees, Ed KJ4JTS, James Lamb, Leon Curry

Meeting adjourned.

Leon, W4TYM, acting secretary