

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

**9/04/24
via Zoom**

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Jim Marks	KN6VTY
Tom Fattaruso	AA6BY
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Don Simon	NI6A

Potential Board discussion items:

- Follow-up on Coastal Regional exercise Aug. 22
- Digital voice mode net
- Strategic plan and budget setting process?
- Training workgroup
- Newsletter
- Linger items
 - Completing new join form transition
 - Opt-in public roster follow-up timing with current year memberships
 - Migration of gdrive file ownership and access for new board members
 - Website updates
 - ARES registration (individuals and EC)
- Follow-up with Fire Dept SOG, coordination on future EOC exercises
- Follow-up with patch box installs
- Onboarding/Elmering volunteer follow-up
- Encourage participation in upcoming State QSO parties, including CA
- Plan for future meetings
 - September: Oct 13th SET preparation
 - October: Oct 13th SET review
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?

Topics discussed:

North Coast Emergency Communication Exercise

- A review of the Aug. 22 North Coast exercise will be a topic for the 9/9 membership meeting.
- Don NI6A will hold a Zoom review of the exercise on Friday, 9/6 at 7PM.
- Not many messages were passed during the exercise that involved Contra Costa County.

Digital Voice Mode

- A link for a questionnaire was sent to members for a survey of who would be interested in digital voice experimentation and who has radios with the required hardware.
- 8 members have responded so far.

El Cerrito - Kensington CERT training

- A free 8 part CERT training session is being offered by the city of El Cerrito once again.
- How will radio communication be incorporated in the CERT training?

Coordinator for new joining members

- Rhys AK6BA is unable to continue with being the coordinator for new members joining KARO-ECHO.
- We need a volunteer to take over this position.

Training

- Training exercises for the Thursday evening net have begun again after the summer break.
- For a few weeks while Frans KJ6IUV is traveling Jim KN6VTC will coordinate the exercises.

Fall SET

- The date for the fall SET will be Sunday Oct. 13, 10AM to 1PM.
- The main topic for the 9/9 membership meeting will be plans for the SET.
- There is only one more membership meeting remaining after the September meeting for planning the SET.

KE social events

- The date for the KE social/instructional event will be Sunday, Oct. 27, 1:00PM at Tom's, AA6BY.
- KARO-ECHO members have been invited to the EBARC picnic on Sep. 8, 11AM at Miller Knox Park.