

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

February 12, 2024

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

Attendees

In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Jim Marks	KN6VTC
Ednalee Warnecke	KN6VTY
Rob Ding	KO6ROB
Ross Talarico	W6OGX

via Zoom:

Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Don Simon	NI6A
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Todd Teachout	W8BIK
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP

Agenda

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

New business

- Establishing a Budget (planned expenditures) for KARO ECHO
- Hornet Visit, and future presentation
- Contesting report, Jim KN6VTC

Old business

- Training workgroup report
- Winter Field Day follow up
- Past logistics follow-up
- Address change update
- Newsletter editor change
- Membership renewal reminder

Outreach/PR/web

- Report from Outreach workgroup

Tech./Infrastructure

- Tech corner, Jay KJ6WSS, mobile operating stations

Elmering

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

Training and Operations

- Operation, Net Control and Digital Overview for April 27 SET

Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

January membership meeting minutes approved

Meeting agenda approved

The treasurer's report is in the current KE newsletter.

Proposals were made to:

- Send members a club membership card upon receipt of their yearly membership renewal.
- Generate a yearly budget and record all income, donations, and expenses.

Business session

Visit to USS Hornet Museum in Alameda

- Frans KJ6IUV, Curt KM6HFT, and Tom KN6BUY visited the Hornet Amateur Radio Club located on the USS Hornet in Alameda on Feb. 3 at the invitation of Ross W6OGX.
- The Hornet Radio Club applied for and received a grant of \$80,000 from the ARDC for replacing aging military radio equipment with new technology amateur radio equipment.
- We have invited Geoff Abriu K6ERA, president of the Hornet Amateur Radio Club, to speak at our membership meeting on Mar. 11.

Contest recognition

- Jim KN6VTC was recognised for scoring well in the World Wide Award for 2024.

Training planning committee

- The training planning committee will meet to discuss feedback from the previous week's exercises.

Winter Field Day

- Both KARO-ECHO and EBARC members participated, approximately 25 participants in all.
- The event was more social than contest operating.
- One disadvantage of the UU Church is that it is a noisy location.

KARO-ECHO Postal Address

- Our club mailing address change notification has now been completed for all places that the address is given, including the FCC.

Newsletter

- Annette KJ6SWK is now editing the newsletter.
- There were many contributions for the newsletter this month.
- We will add anyone who would like to receive the newsletter to the newsletter email list, it is not restricted to KE members only.

Outreach Committee

- The outreach committee is planning to meet every 2 weeks to discuss how to increase membership.
- Mailing postcards to prospective members is one idea.

Technical Talk

- Jay KJ6WSS continued his talk on the subject of being prepared for an emergency by having emergency power and portable radio equipment available.
- Jay described various plywood boxes and shelves he built to hold batteries, power connectors, USB charging ports, a laptop, clipboard, a radio, and an antenna mount.
- He also demonstrated a medium size plastic case with a handle and a large plastic case with built-in dolly wheels that can contain portable equipment.
- Jay has boxes he has built for sale and will also assist anyone wishing to build a similar box.
- Feedback from anyone using one of these boxes is useful for further design improvements.

Training

Spring SET

- A sign-up web page for the Apr. 27 spring SET will be available soon.
- For this SET we will ask operators to send and receive practice messages, but unlike previous years the time may be scheduled to be within a certain time period rather than scheduled to the minute in an attempt to make the simulation more realistic.
- Operators are encouraged to take a turn being net control for the SET as we have been practicing on the weekly net.

Meeting adjourned.