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March**



**MEETING NOTICE
Tuesday March 17, 2009**

NEXT MEETING:

When: Tuesday March 17, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: El Santiago Rec Center

Program: Fox Hunting

Feel free to bring a guest

**TVARC is open to anyone regardless of
where you live!**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The first item to be discussed is: We are in the process of making Club Membership Cards and will have them soon for all the Dues Paid Members. Hint Hint-PAY YOUR DUES!!!

Moving right along, the Tech. Class was a success and the General Class is underway. We had a very good outing at the Electronics Expo, we had a great deal of interest. Cudo's to all involved especially Dennis.

On the meeting room there is good news-bad news. We can get a bigger room , but only when we can show an average attendance of at least 50. Soooo lets all get to the meetings, even if only to check in. The Villages has said if we are having a guest speaker we can twice a year request a larger room.

Dennis and I have been in contact with the area clubs, and are attending their meetings, any who wish to accompany use are welcome.

This months program is going to be about Fox Hunting, Some of the members of the Sun Country Amateur Society are presenting. They are very active, they "hunt" a couple of times a month. I am sure it will be interesting.

And finally for those who care my Comet is safely housed inside of a Flag Pole made of Schedule 80 non conductive electrical conduit. Performance has not changed and all the Villages are now I hope happy.

See you at the Meeting

George KCØYRB

THE VILLAGES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SCHEDULE FOR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TRAINING FOR 2009

FIRE STATION 51 - NE CORNER OF BUENA VISTA AND BONITA BLVD

General License Classes:

Are in progress

Amateur Radio License Exams:

April 13, 2009 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Minutes of February, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President, George Rutkoskie, KC0YRB, at 7:00 p.m. at the El Santiago Recreation Center. He welcomed all present to the meeting and led them through the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked the visitors to introduce themselves to the membership and introduced himself to them. There were no minutes to review of the last meeting because it was a Skywarn Training Class. The only item was announcing the resignation of Tom Frields, W4TWF, who could not continue as Vice President because of illness in the family. The President said he had found a volunteer to accept the job of Vice President, Dennis Hardoin, W4DIH. He asked for any additional volunteers or nominations. There were none. The President called for a vote. There were no dissents. Dennis Hardoin thus became the Vice President replacing Tom Frields.

The President then called for the Treasurer's Report. It was passed around with a Formal Audit of the Books which was presented by J.T.Fleming, W3GQJ. The Report and Audit were accepted in the form presented and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business was called for. Dennis Hardoin was introduced as the new Vice President. The President then informed the Club that the Trustee for the K4VRC Call had been changed. Jim Vrioni, W4JV, requested that he be relieved. The new Trustee appointed was The President himself. The paper work (over the internet) was carried out by the Secretary at the President's direction.

The Incorporation Papers were renewed when they were sent to the Secretary. The Fee of \$61.25 was paid by the Treasurer in a check which was approved at an earlier meeting. This renewal was necessary to protect the members, individually, in case of an injury to the Public at a Club Event.

The Skywarn Meeting last month was a roaring success with 65 members and guests getting their Skywarn Spotter Cards. Both the Basic and Advanced Courses were given by Dan Noah, WX4DAN, at our last Club Meeting. It was an excellent presentation as usual. We plan to invite him back next year to the ARES Group so as to pass around the training throughout the two Groups.

The President noted that R.B.Coulter, AI4OD, had given a Dell Computer to the EOC for use by the ARES/EM personnel. This was from his Uncle and will be noted by a written Thank You note by the Secretary.

Minutes of February, 2009 Meeting

Committee Reports were called for. The ARES report was given by Ed, W5TWR. He noted only that the Icom-706 MKIIG, power supply, cables, and wire autotuner were taken to the Firehouse 51 location and placed in the Storage Closet for protection. After erection of the Broadband wire antenna, the station will be available for use by Licensed Amateurs who would like to practice with it for emergencies and make sure all the Modules are working properly. Unless the equipment is used regularly, we will never know when it breakdown until an emergency actually occurs.

The President announced that the Tech Fair will be Feb 28th at the Hacienda Center from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. He asked for volunteers writing the times and names of all who agreed to staff the booth.

New Business was then called for. The President noted that the Meeting room frequently seems packed. He has spent time attracting new members and other Clubs in the area to attend our meetings. He has found that a bigger meeting room at Laurel Manor is coming available because a large Club is moving out of their old room. He has applied for this room, and if agreed to by the Administration, it would permit meetings and training to push over 100 members. It has a full complement of A.V equipment for Formal Presentations. Ed Williams moved and R.B. Coulter seconded a motion to go forward with the New Room if it becomes available to us. The one problem with it would be that the meeting would have to be moved to WEDNESDAY night. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Comments and suggestions were requested by the President. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by many motions and seconds. The voice vote was roundly in favor of the motion. The Program on Show and Tell was started after a short break for cookies and soft drinks.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ed Crowell, Secretary**

VE Test Session Results

TVARC conducted a VE test session on February 26, 2009 specifically for those who had finished our Technician License Training Classes. However, we also allowed walk-ins. We had seven candidates who took exams during the session. Five of the fellows had been in our classes, one was a walk-in and a TVARC member wished to upgrade his license.

I am pleased to report that Richard Woods, KJ4DIS, upgraded his license to Extra Class. I am sure we all congratulate Richard for this accomplishment.

Villagers, Thomas A. Preston, John Battin, Chester Curry and Charles R. Varwig all passed their Technician Exams and are now bonifide members of the Amateur Radio community. Our congratulations go out to all these fellows.

We had one fellow, who had not been in our license classes, not pass the Technician exam because he had been studying an outdated Technician Class License Manual that had been given to him. This should prompt us to make sure when we are attempting to assist someone in getting their license that we make sure they are studying the correct material. This was very unfortunate for the fellow as it appeared that he had studied hard for the test. We tried our best to console him and encourage him to continue his studies. Another fellow failed his test, but had not been able to attend all of our Technician classes. This indicates we should really encourage folks to attend all of the classes.

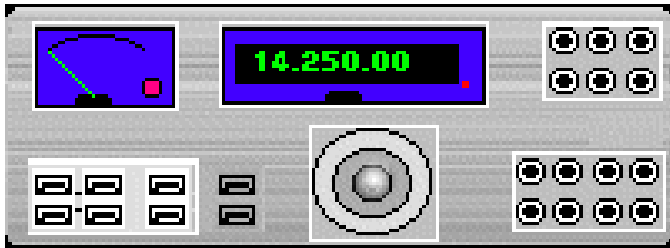
I want to express my gratitude to the VE's who assisted in this session. They were Ed Crowell, W5TWR, Jules Deschenes, W1GDE, Gene Schlosser, K1MND, Wayne Schieber KC4FE, Hal Lloyd, W4OE, and Bob Goodspeed, WB3HML.

For those interested in upgrading their licenses, we will be conducting another VE Test Session on Monday, April 13, 2009, at 6:30 PM, at Fire Station 5 (51).

R. B. Coulter, AI4OD
VE Liason

"THE VILLAGES ANTENNA GUIDE"

A PRESENTATION AT OUR SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON CD. INQUIRE AT THE NEXT MEETING.



Pictures and Articles Needed



If you have pictures or articles you would like to write for inclusion in the TVARC Newsletter, please contact the editor at editor@tvarc.net. Additionally, if you have ideas for articles, please contact the editor. This is the club's newsletter not just the club officers' or the editor's.

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Local Event Reminders

TVARC Meeting - Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 PM
El Santiago Recreation Room

TVARC Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 AM at
The Veranda in Lake Sumter Landing. Everyone welcome

QCWA Meeting - Thursday April 12, 10:30 AM, The Veranda
Restaurant, Everyone welcome

ARES Meeting - Thursday April 12, 7:00 PM, Sumter County
Government Annex, Wildwood, FL. Visitors Welcome.

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