

## **Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts (CARE), KG7JPA** May 2017 Meeting:

Date: Tuesday May 9, 2017

Time: 18:30 hours

Venue: New Far East Restaurant, 236 N Front St, Medford, OR

President Joe, AF7GN, opened the May meeting at 1830 hrs.

Visitors welcomed were: John, KI7ICQ; Sara, KI7RMG; and Jason, KI7ITJ.

**Secretary's Report:** Rob, N7RFD, gave a summary of the April minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie, KI7ENG, reported the following: Field Day Fund contains \$459.39; Class Books Fund contains \$207.99; and Available funds are \$1078.79. Total in the bank is \$1746.17. Debbie's report was approved.

**Old Business:** During the May CARE Board meeting it was decided that the Rogue Elmers should be blended into the club as a prominent educational resource of CARE. The Rogue Elmers has been an association of CARE members, led by Joe, AF7GN, who provide training for earning a Ham license. Adding the classroom functions to the club will add no additional fiscal liabilities. The club insurance policy will cover the teaching activities. The Smullin Center classroom will be available as long as the CARE club has a need for a Sunday training location. Chris, N7CGD, moved that the classroom activities be made a part of the CARE club functions. The motion was approved. Welcome, Elmers.

Joe, AF7GN, briefed the club regarding our liability insurance. This year's cost was \$200. The premium total of \$200 per annum provides the following limits of insurance:

- General Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000;

- Products Completed Operations Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000;

- Personal and Advertising Injury Limit - \$1,000,000;

- Each Occurrence Limit - \$1,000,000; Fire Damage Limit - \$100,000; and

- Medical Expense Limit - \$10,000.

Joe noted that the premium next year may be a few dollars more because the fee is based upon club membership. The secretary, Rob, N7RFD, has copies of the Memorandum of coverage should any club activity require such documentation.

Chris, N7CGD, is the Field Day coordinator. Chris went through a list of needs for a comfortable event. Items such as canopies, chairs, coolers, lights, etc. were offered for use by club members. The field day is on the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup>. We seem to be well on our way to having a fun event. Chris will contact members as the day comes closer.

**New Business:** Curt, KF7VZV, sought an Echo-Link mentor for a ham who contacted him with the request. An expert in the field was found within the membership.

Curt also announced 6 new books that have been added to the Club Library. Rob, N7RFD suggested the available book titles be published on the Club website for Members to choose from. Curt has published the titles and a Request Form on the **Club Documents** page.

Joseph, W3JVC, just finished building an Elecraft QRP CW kit. He shared with the club the fun he had putting it together and asked if others may be interested in kit construction projects. He received several raised hands. Joseph will tee up with members who are interested. Nice finished project, Joseph.

President Joe called for a short break before the raffle and the presentation.

**Raffle:** Five items were to be raffled by Johnny tonight.

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- 1) A dual band antenna, 2m & 440 bands; This was won by Carrie, KD7HSD.
- 2) Power supply; This was won by Curt, KF7VZV.
- 3) Homebrew Antenna; Was won by Bill, N7EU, who donated it to Diane, KI7HST.
- 4) Keyer; was won by Charlie, KI7NEP.
- 5) Dummy Load: was won by Jason, KI7ITJ.

Debbie reported there was \$110 profit to the club from the sale of tonight's raffle tickets. That surplus will be placed in the Class Books Fund. Well done by all.

**Presentation:** Sara Rubrecht, KI7RMG, is the Jackson County Emergency Services Manager. Sara has held this position for five years. Her office reports daily to the Sheriff. One of her main duties is the oversight of 21 fixed, emergency communications sites. During an emergency situation these sites would be manned by a ham trained and registered through the county. The operator's job would be to communicate emergency information to the county's central facility. The needs of the county would then be relayed to Salem, and on up the National chain.

JCARES is the organization of hams which Sara heads up. JCARES currently has 24 trained, card carrying hams she can call upon to man the 21 sites. She wishes to add several more JCARES hams to her list. She told the club what was involved to become a JCARES member. This consisted of a background check and the passing of three on-line FEMA classes. Once on board, the new member would be assigned responsibility to a site near his/her residence.

JCARES applicants must be at least 18 years old and a licensed ham. Sara told the club of the many opportunities for hands-on experience with a variety of hardware. Ultimately, Sara is seeking members to JCARES who have the technical skills and drive that she sees in the general membership of our CARE club. If you have further questions of Sara, or wish to get started as a JCARES volunteer, please contact Sara through her email:

[RubrecSN@jacksoncounty.org](mailto:RubrecSN@jacksoncounty.org).

Thank you, Sara, for a fun and lively presentation. It is our hope that a few CARE members will seek the opportunity to work with you and JCARES.

The May meeting was adjourned at 2022 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Duncan, N7RFD  
Secretary