

Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts

Club Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph, W3JVC, at 1830 hrs.

The following visitors were recognized: Allen K7GT, Andy KI7RII, Sandy W6YUY, and Chris KI7RIF. Welcome.

Secretary's Report: Rob, N7RFD, presented the minutes from October's meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie, KI7ENG, needed to leave early. Darrell, N7CZX, made the report. Currently the club has \$1,694.42, of which \$685 is committed to Field Day and Class expenses. The report was approved.

Ham Plates: Curt, KF7VZV, reported that 6 cards have been sent to hams with ham license plates.

Class Report: Curt, KF7VZV, announced the class produced 5 new Techs, 1 General, and 1 Extra. Congratulations to Mentors and Students.

Holiday Party: Darrell, N7CZX, reminded the club that the December meeting, and the Holiday Party is to be held at eh Ashland Grange on Saturday, December 2nd, beginning at 3pm. Darrell asked that members call him at 541-777-0718 to RSVP. He will also be able to suggest dish options the member, and guests, can bring. Johnny, WA6RHK, will have a radio to auction at the party. Tickets can be bought in advance, if you are not able to attend the party. If there are not enough tickets sold to cover the cost of the radio, the auction will be held over until the January 2018 meeting. Tickets purchased before, or at the party will be held over until the January meeting.

ARRL Membership: For the club's purchase of liability insurance from ARRL it is necessary for the club to maintain at least 50% membership. The club is currently above this level, but membership additions are encouraged. The club receives a \$15 kick back for new ARRL signups, and it receives a \$2 kick back for each renewal.

Election: Ballots were passed out for the 2018 club officer positions. The results are:

President: Joseph, W3JVC.

Vice President: Bruce, KG7TUO.

Secretary: Darrell, N7CZX.

Treasurer: Debbie, KI7ENG.

Members at Large: Bill, N7EU,
Johnny, WA6RHK, and

Amy, AG7GP.

Congratulations to all of the 2018 CARE club officers.

Presentation: Bill, N7EU, was this evening's presenter. Bill has been a ham for over 50 years. His interest in things electronic began at the age of 12. He received a multi-function breadboard kit from his neighbor. Making things work took over Bill's mission in life. He has been kit building and scrounging modifiable devices and hardware for those many creative ham year. Bill has made few purchases of ham related gear. His philosophy is: If you can build it, you can fix it.

Bill made a good distinction between kit building and home brewing. Kits come complete. They have instructions and all of the components ready to sort and assemble. Having put the kit together, the ham has knowledge of how to repair it, should something fail.

Home brewing is similar, but more individualized. A ham has an idea. He/she researches how the idea could be put together, or built. The idea may be a working, stand-alone piece of hardware, or it may be a circuit modification on existing equipment. The ham finds a circuit diagram that meets the need. A list of components and hardware needs to be made, and the devices purchased (or cannibalized from junked equipment).

Both approaches to obtaining new pieces for your shack are rewarding. Bill presented a slide show of different devices and components he has built. It was clear from Bill's presentation that the club has seen only a fraction of what N7EU has been up to for those many years. Thank you, Bill. The presentation was a good educational experience for all.

President Joseph, W3JVC, adjourned the meeting at 2035 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Duncan, Secretary, N7RFD