

Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts (CARE), KG7JPA July 2017 Meeting:

Date: Tuesday July 11, 2017

Time: 18:30 hours

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

President Joe, AF7GN, brought the meeting to order at 1830hrs.

Guests included: KF7NYJ, Marco, Johnny, Scott, Abe N5ABE, and KD7DUJ. Welcome to all.

A Special Note: Joe Gunderson, AF7GN, the club President and leader of the Instructors has tendered his resignation from the CARE club. Joe is moving to Oklahoma City to be with family. Joe has led the development of the club from its original humble membership of 13 hams to over 50 in the last year and half. Under his tutelage, Joe has led full education classes at the Smullin Center which have produced successful ham graduates at all levels. Joe has turned the educational responsibilities over to Curt, KF7VZV, who has also been instrumental in training since the inception. Joe will continue to publish, via the internet, his monthly Newsletter. He also plans to stay in touch with the many hams he has befriended in the Rogue Valley. We will miss you, Joe. Cheers, and 73s.

Johnny, WA6RHK, moved that Joe be granted life-time membership to the CARE Club. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Congratulations, Joe, and thank you, Johnny.

Secretary's Report: Rob, N7RFD, briefed the club on June's meeting notes compiled by Carrie, KD7HSD. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie, KI7ENG, reported the expenses for last month were: \$201.40 for the Field Day, and \$11.00 for a name tag for Curt, KF7VZV, the CARE Public Relations Officer. After these expenses the club has a balance of \$1,863.32. Of the balance, \$268.99 is reserved for Field Day activities, and \$457.99 is in the Class book fund. This leaves \$1,136.34 available for CARE Club activity.

Curt, KF7VZV, briefed the club on the method of acquiring books for his new class members. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Thank you for the great work, Debbie.

Old Business: Chris, N7CGD, will present the club's contesting results and other stats from last month's Field Day during the August meeting. The Field Day was a tremendous success. This was a result of the work that Chris and Scott, from the other club, put into the event's local preparation. Members in general from both clubs lent hands, materials and time to help make the 2017 Field Day a Rogue Valley success.

New Business: Johnny, WA6RHK, announced that the next Monday night's CARE Net 1900hr radio session will be hosted by Nikki, KI7LUD, and it will include a roll call on an alternative repeater, 145.410MHz, pl 100, negative offset. The purpose of this exercise is to simulate a power grid collapse in the Valley. The regular CARE repeater does not have backup battery

but the alternative repeater does. All members should check in using hand-held units or stations running on emergency power. Check in at the normal Bat time, 1900hrs, on the normal Bat channel, 147.100MHz, on Monday evening and you will be instructed when to switch to the backup repeater channel. It would be a grand idea if everyone had the backup frequency pre-loaded in their rig before the event.

The Soldering and Kit building classes had been postponed. However, Curt, KF7VZV, revised them tonight. Curt asked for, and received signature commitments from members for both activities. He will communicate directly with each participant regarding materials, time and place. Thank you all for reviving these fun and worthy classes.

Election: Nominations for the President's chair were held. Nominees are:

Joseph, W3JVC; Darrell, N7CZX; Bill, N7EU; and Bill, W7QMU.

The election will be held by ballot at the August meeting. Any one of these hams would make a fine club leader for the remainder of 2017.

Break: A 15 min break was called for at 1905hrs.

Raffle: Johnny, WA6RHK, conducted the evening raffle. The winner of a 75w dual band mobile and a Radio Shack power supply was Rick, KF7VZ. Congratulations, Rick, enjoy your new rig.

Presentation: Darrell, N7CZX, hosted tonight's presentation. He had received as a gift a QYTKT-8900D, dual band, 2m and 440band mobile radio. Darrell brought the new rig into perspective by comparing it to other popular and similar sized mobiles. In short, programming is tedium, Chinese to English translation of the manual is a grammatical nightmare, but there were some excellent features of the \$80 radio. The power is 25w for VHF and 20w for UHF. Darrell was very delighted about the ease of viewing of the 4-channel screen display and of the quality of the radio's output sound.

Darrell gave us a well presented video presentation in his 8900D analysis, and he kept his audience tuned in and he left us all with a good impression of his new radio. Darrell suggested that for the price the quality exceeded expectations and that it would make a very compact unit for our cars.

Kudos, Darrell, and thank you for the presentation. As you found out others in the club are using the QYTKT-8900D.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 1950hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Duncan, N7RFD, Secretary