



Nevada County Amateur Radio Club

# Nuggets

Nevada County Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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**Next Meeting**  
**Monday May 8, 2017**  
**doors open 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm**

## **APRIL MEETING NOTES**

There were 26 attendees by unofficial count at the April meeting, including 2 new members to the club.

### **CLUB TABLE AT COUNTY FAIR**

As a direct example of the value of working the table at the fair, President Larry Latta, K6LRL, related how meeting John Gick WA6TNC at the club's fair booth convinced him to become a ham when he moved to Grass Valley.

So sitting there watching people walk by giving you funny looks as they try to decide whether you're talking with aliens has value. It's not the number of people who walk by that matters, but how we present ourselves as a fun and lively group to the few people who do take a minute to stop and say hi.

### **PHIL KEAST DIARY DONATED TO CLUB**

Cal, AI6C, told us that Jim W6LG has donated the diary of Phil Keast 6DD(SK) to the club. Cal will scan it and post a PDF online, then is investigating donating the book itself to the Nevada County Library as a local historical artifact that they can preserve for all in the area who are interested.

## **Club Net**

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

147.285 + offset PL 151.4 or 136.5

Members / Guests are encouraged to check in.

After 2m Net: Informal 10m Net@ 28.453 USB

## **Coffee Chat (Ham n' Coffee)**

Thursdays, 8am at Valentina's Bistro  
841 Sutton Way, Grass Valley

## **License Exams**

At the Salvation Army Meeting Room  
10725 Alta Street - Grass Valley  
Contact John Morris W6EXX  
[jf-morris@usa.net](mailto:jf-morris@usa.net)

PHIL KEAST DIARY, cont.

Some initial scans are already up on the front page of the club website (ncarc.org).

Included in the diary are Phil's contact logs from the 1920s.

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## NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES

No minutes submitted for the last meeting.

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### NEW HAM BANDS UPDATE

The ARRL reports that there is still no effective date for opening the new MF and LF amateur radio bands (see the April newsletter). The extra reporting requirements for these bands complicate their use, and the regulations and procedure are still being worked through to come up with a practical method for enforcing the regulations while having a clear method for amateurs to employ their new bands.

The new bands will require registration and approval of the location of stations that use them, and operation will only be available to fixed stations (no mobile.)

Many questions still remain as to what the approval for a site will require in terms of review from the potentially affected power switching networks (who are not predisposed toward having amateur radio on those bands.)

Hopefully this will be clarified soon and operations can begin. Then, after some period of the bands being in use by pioneering amateurs we can submit proposals to lift some of the current restrictions on the use of those bands.

<http://www.arrl.org/regulatory-advocacy>

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### 1967: NEW INCENTIVE HAM LICENSES

Fifty years ago hams received the news of the new Incentive License System that would govern amateur radio licensing by the FCC. As of November 22nd, 1967, a new Advanced license class would exist between the General and Amateur Extra licenses for those who had passed a 13WPM CW exam and a new advanced technical test beyond the tests required for a General license. The new class would have sub-

bands available only to Advanced and Extra operators on HF and 6m, with additional sub-bands available only to Extras.

At the same time, Novices lost their sole phone privileges from 145 to 147 MHz, due to take effect on the same date November 22, 1968.

Novice licenses also became good for two years, and became non-renewable. The FCC stated that they were sure that they could count on Novice operators to upgrade within that two year period.

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### Upcoming Hamswaps:

#### **New Date on Boomtown Hamswap: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society Saturday, 20 May 2017, 6:30am to ???**

Boomtown Casino Hotel, Reno

Exit #4 from California, cross over freeway, then enter hamswap through gas station parking.

*Talk-In Repeater: 147.210 + PL 100.0*

*DMR: Talk Group: SNARS (31328)*

#### **North Hills Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Sunday, 21 May 2017 7am-Noon**

Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103

5631 Cypress Ave

Carmichael, CA

<http://www.k6is.org/>

*Talk-in: 145.190 pl 162.2 or 224.4 pl 162.2*

#### **Northern Nevada 12th Annual Swap Meet 17 June 2017, 7:30am to ???**

Brad Hollander Ranch

Minden, NV

[http://www.w6thw.com/n7rca/main\\_page.html](http://www.w6thw.com/n7rca/main_page.html)

*From Sacramento area (about 2 hours)*

*Go East on US 50 through South Lake Tahoe Past Casinosto highway 207 (Kingsbury Grade) Go north on 88 (left) to 395. Turn right (South) to Buckeye (traffic light) turn right, turn left on Bobcat look for Fire Truck with ladder and flag.*