

# CRACKLIN' STATIC

*Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society*



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## **Chairman's Voice:**

Here it is April already, time flies when you're having fun. Jim Shepherd, W6US has stepped in as our Tech Committee chair due to Howie being unavailable for a period of time, taking care of Sue who had major surgery.

The merger committee has been busy developing the info regarding the pros and cons of the two clubs merging. There is a website that you can visit that will be up and running on April 1<sup>st</sup> – [www.newradioclub.info](http://www.newradioclub.info) - It will contain the info that has been developed by both clubs. There is provision for submitting your comments also. This is your opportunity to submit your suggestions, comments, etc. for further review. There is also a time-frame included.

This is the start of the busy time of the year for ham operators to assist with the numerous outdoor race events that will be taking place over the next several months. Most are listed in the newsletter with other reminders (and requests for assistance) being sent out by several sources.

The Reno Ham Swap and Field Day activities will be upon us shortly. Info about both events is being posted in a number of places (including this newsletter) and will get more specific as time gets closer.

73 – Mike, N7MSK



## Amateur Radio License Testing 2013

**SIERA:** Silver State Charter High School, 788 Fairview Dr.....George Uebele, WW7E [ww7e@arrl.net](mailto:ww7e@arrl.net)  
**SNARS,** Third Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. Testing will be at the REOC located at 5195 Spectrum Blvd., Reno .... Bill Nichols... NN7K

**Elko Area:** Third Saturday of January, April, July, October. 11:00AM, Northeast Nevada Regional Hospital  
.....Joe Giraud, N7JEH [n7jeh@arrl.net](mailto:n7jeh@arrl.net)

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### SNARS Repeater System Frequencies

#### Linked System --- Reno, Carson Area

146.610 (-) 123.0

443.075 (+) 123.0

#### Lovelock & Black Rock area

146.925 (-) 123.0

**Rag Chew 147.390 (+) 100.0 (not linked)**

**Packet 145.050**

**APRS 144.390**



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**Membership: \$25 Individual, \$40 Family**

### OFFICERS 2013

**Chairperson.....Mike Katz.....N7MSK**  
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**Station Licensee for W7TA.....K7JN**  
**Control Operators for W7TA.....K7JN**  
**Tech Committee Chair.....W6US**  
**(ARRL) Liaison.....NN7K**

**The SNARS breakfast meeting is Saturday morning 04/06/2013 - 0700 @ Carrow's – Plumb & Kietzke.**

The program will be presented by Chris Smallcomb from the NOAA. He will discuss the weather spotter program and how hams can participate and assist the weather service.



**TRAPS...** Devices installed in antennas to collect rain-water, to keep from Running further down the antenna.



**QRP...** Restricting final input power to the transmitter to anything less than 500 watts, on 20 meters.



## **NETS**

- Daily 1200 Western Nevada Noon Net WA7DG Linked System – 147.030, 147.150, 147.210 [KF7BNO](#)
- Daily 1200 Jefferson Noon Net 7.204MHz (alt 3.987MHz) <http://nv.arrl.org/nets.html>
- Daily 1900 Golden Bear Net 3.975MHz <http://goldenbearnet.org>
- Weekly (Sat) 0800 NV State HF ARES Net 3.965MHz (3.9665LSB) [KQ6FM](#)
- Weekly (Sun) 1500 Slo-Speed CW Net 28.140MHz [NB7A](#)
- Weekly (Sun) 1400 10 Meter USB Net 28.350MHz [K4SAK](#)
- Weekly (Mon) 1900 Condor Net-Newsline after 224.300 (PL 156.7) [W7DED](#)
- Weekly (Mon) 2000 2 Meter "Weak Signal" Net 144.250MHz (USB) [KC7YCX](#)
- Weekly (Tue) 1900 NW ARES District Net WA7DG Linked System 147.030, 147.150, 147.210. [KQ6FM](#)
- Weekly (Tue) 1945 S.A.T.E.R.N.-Reno Net 145.290MHz (PL 123.0) [KC7YCX/W7TAP](#)
- Weekly (Tue) 2015 NV State S.A.T.E.R.N. Net 441.650MHz (PL 123.0) [KC7YCX/W7TAP](#)
- Weekly (Wed) 1900 NV Section Skywarn Net 441.650MHz (PL 123.0) [KA7ZAU](#)
- Weekly (Thurs) NV Ares HF net on EchoLink-NV Gate, IRLP - #9258
- Weekly (Thurs) 2000 4X4 / Off-Road Net WA7DG Linked System 147.030, 147.150, 147.210. [KN0CW](#)
- Weekly (Sat) 0800 NV State HF ARES Net 3.965MHz (3.9665LSB) [KQ6FM](#)

## **THE NEW HAMS & INFORMATION NET**

The New Hams Q&A Net on 146.610. **The net is held weekly at 1300, every Sunday afternoon.** The purpose of this net is a Q&A and information net for newly licensed hams and all hams wishing to ask question about different aspects of Ham Radio. It will give new hams in particular a venue for getting on the air in a controlled net moderated by a ham with more experience. The net will be open to any interested ham. Questions will be answered and discussed by the more experienced hams listening on the Net.

For those in the NorthValley- out of the range of the 146.610 try using the 443.075 (+/123). It works well from Lemmon Valley.

### **2013 Events / Races**

Mark your calendars to help with this year's races and events, where we provide communications and support.

**Silver State Striders 50/50 --May 18, 2013**

**Reno-Tahoe Odyssey -- May 31-June 1, 2013,  
June 2nd 2013**

**Western States Endurance Run -- June 29-30,  
2013**

**The Death Ride -- July 13, 2013**

**Tahoe Rim Trail 2013 -- July 20Th & 21st, 2013**

**Expedition Man 2013 -- August 24th, 2013**

**Edible Pedal September -- 2013**

### **Name This Rig:**



**IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A PROGRAM AT ONE OF THE MEETINGS, PLEASE LET THE BOARD KNOW ABOUT IT.**



# Reno Ham Swap

Saturday, May 4th, 2013

Sandy's Electronics Parking Lot, 9744 S. Virginia Street

Talk-in Frequency: 147.300 /+, PL 123.0

For all the details, go to the website...

[www.renohamswap.com](http://www.renohamswap.com)

**SNARS will have a table available if you want to put some items up for sale. Be sure to label each item with a price.**



Name that Rig - Answer  
Hammarlund Super-Pro



# Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday 21 March 2013

6:30 PM, Carrow's Restaurant, Reno, NV

Welcome (Chair)

Sign -In Sheet

- I. Call to Order (Chair) Time: 1828L
  1. Board Members Present: N7MSK, K7SJW, NN7K, KE7VSR, KB7ZBN, K7PTT, N2MOO
  2. Additional Present: KF7EGU, K7STV, W6US
- II. Adaption of Agenda
  1. Additions/Deletions - NONE
  2. Approval –
- III. Reports
  1. Chair – directed other to report.
  2. Secretary
    - a. Membership new and renewals to date: 95
    - b. Current membership: 95
    - c. Remember ARRL Renewals are available through SNARS with SNARS receiving a "commission" for renewals.
    - d. Member address updates needed.
  3. Treasurer
    - a. Bank Balances:
      - Checking: \$ 3,218.90
      - Savings: \$ 3,233.18
      - Total: \$ 6,452.08
- IV. Committee/Appointment Reports
  1. W7TA - K7JN – not present, no report
  2. Tech Committee, W6US: Tulon – the RLC was not working properly, spare parts are available in storage and will be retrieved on Friday with a site visit hopefully next week - weather permitting.
  3. Website, KE7HLR – not present, no report
  4. Field Day: Scott reported on the conversations with the REOC and its possible parking lot use, also on the RF survey he performed as it was suggested that Red Peak generates too much QRM -- and the efforts to secure permission to use Galena High School.

Peter reported the 40 acre site is granted awaiting written confirmation from the land owner/manager.

San Rafael Park was mentioned but has prohibited rules and expenses

Sheels was not brought up, no BBQ allowed.

The club PIO (Dana) needs to be informed once a location is secured/decided on so she can invite personnel, public announcements etc.
  5. The Merger talks: Still ongoing, a web site has been created for both club members to see what has been proposed so far, and will have the ability to add comments (anomalously if desired). The web site will be available starting 1 April.

Also, the joint tech committees met to suggest plans for the future; such as things that need to be fixed, adjusted, possible linking, possible coverage area, etc. -- all with the idea that the club will decide what, when, where & how much.
  6. Swap meet: Being organized by Jim, KD7DPW is planned for Sandy's parking lot the first Saturday in May.



- V. Old Business:
- VI New Business
  - 1. Announcements – None
  - 2. Bill (NN7K) brought up that various reports, interim reports, projects in progress reports are not being brought forward to the Board of Directors.
- VII Motion to Adjourn by: K7SJW
  - Seconded: K7PTT
  - Adjourned: Time: 1948L



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SNARS...**

**45 YEARS OLD ON APRIL 16, 2013**

