

# CRACKLIN' STATIC



## **SIERRA NEVADA** Amateur Radio Society

Serving the Amateur Radio Community since April 16, 1968

<http://www.snars.org>

RENO, NEVADA

July, 2013

### **Presidents Voice:**

I'm guessing that most club members are aware that effective July 1, 2013 we are now one... The vote was unanimous to merge. So, the two Boards will meet together, vote together and manage together until December 2013, at which time the full membership will have voted for the seven (7) members that will be the new Board of Directors for 2014 and beyond.

For the SNARS members, the change will be that we have adopted the section of the WADG By-Laws that make the term on the BOD for two years and those terms will be staggered.

There are a lot of items that need to be addressed such as the transfer of all assets and liabilities of WADG to SNARS. Building a budget for 2014 that reflects the needs of the combined repeater system. The budget will also address the normal expenses such as power bills, mountain top lease payments, Field Day & swap meet expenses, and on and on.

Organizing of the number of committees that exist – Tech, membership, training, newsletter, Webmaster etc. Many will have co-chairs; some will be chaired by a member of the Board. All committees will report their activities to the Board who in turn will make the general membership aware of what activities are taking place. Lots to do, lots of help will be needed, your patience will be appreciated, and by the end of the year, we are sure you will be very happy with the direction of the “new” club.

73 – Mike



## SNARS meeting July 6



**Jack's Restaurant, 7671 South Virginia Street starting at 0730. Breakfast will be available.**

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### SNARS Repeater System Frequencies

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

146.610 (-) PL 123.0

443.075 (+) PL 123.0

#### Lovelock & Black Rock area

146.925 (-) PL 123.0

#### Mt Rose Linked System

147.030 (+) PL 123.0 Virginia Peak

147.150 (+) PL 123.0 Mt Rose

147.210 (+) PL 100.0 Peavine Peak

444.925 (+) PL 100.0 Peavine Peak

444.875 (+) PL 100.0 Lobdelle Peak

#### GSR Linked System

147.300 (+) PL 123.0 Grand Sierra Resort

444.825 (+) PL 123.0 Mt Davidson

IRLP: 7873, Echolink:WA7DG/R (581256)

**Rag Chew** 147.390 (+) PL 100.0 (no link)

52.580 (-) PL 114.8 (no link or features)

**Packet 145.050**

**APRS 144.390**

### 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)

### SNARS, P.O. Box 7727, Reno, NV 89510

Membership: \$25 Individual, \$40 Family

#### OFFICERS 2013

Chairperson.....Mike Katz.....N7MSK  
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 SK Estate Advisors.....KB7IWT  
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 Control Operators FOR KR7ENO.....WB2AWQ  
 Station Licensee for W7TA.....K7JN  
 Control Operators for W7TA.....K7JN  
 Tech Committee Chairs.....W6US & W7DED  
 Chief VE Examiner.....NN7K  
 Membership Chairman.....N2MOO  
 Awards Chairman.....KB7ZBN  
 Program Chairman.....KC7STV & KE7CKY  
 Web Master.....N7ACM & K2DMC  
 FaceBook page administrator.....KC7STV & N7ACM

If you've sensed a subtle change in the newsletter with this issue, you're correct, and more changes are in the works. For better or worse, Mike N7MSK has turned the editorial reins over to me, WB2AWQ, effective with this issue. A very brief Ham Radio bio: I've been licensed since 1961 and continuously active for 52 years, 99% CW. Besides an Extra-Class Ham license, I've held commercial GROL (the one whose only requirement is that you have a pulse), GMDSS Operator, GMDSS Maintainer, and Radiotelegraph T-2 licenses. Spent time in the US Navy as a CW operator in the 60's, and held two DX calls, KG4DF Guantanamo Bay, and SV0SV, Greece. My interests in Ham Radio are CW, old radios (the older the better), transmitter hunting, and, because of where I live, stealth antennas. I was the Tech Committee chair and newsletter editor for the 10-70 Repeater Association Inc., Northern New Jersey, (W2PQG/R and N2SE), [www.10-70.org](http://www.10-70.org) for fourteen years before moving to Reno, and still a member and regular newsletter contributor.

One thing I would like to see is more member participation in the contents of this newsletter. As a beginning step, I cordially invite all of you to send me a photo of your shack – no matter how extensive or how modest - for publication. (A neat shack may be a sign of a sick mind, so a few loose cables are OK!) Perhaps an interesting QSL card as well. And of course, if you have an article of interest to our members, be it technical, operating, whatever, I'd certainly like to consider it for publication. Of course, nothing slanderous or detrimental to our hobby, SNARS members, or related clubs and organizations!

Enjoy.....Howie WB2AWQ [WB2AWQ@arrl.net](mailto:WB2AWQ@arrl.net)

## DON CARLSON KQ6FM (SK)

Received from Mike N7MSK:

Subject: Don Carlson - Assistant Section Manager KQ6FM SK

Don Carlson , KQ6FM passed away this morning (June 21 – ed.) at approximately 5 AM from complications related to pancreatic cancer. Don was very active in both Amateur Radio as well and the commercial broadcast industry. Don worked at numerous radio stations throughout California and Nevada usually hosting oldies Rock and Roll and jazz shows. Don also owned a voice talent company providing voice overs and audio for numerous TV and radio commercials around the US.

Don's Amateur activities included ARRL appointments in California, Nevada and at the national level with the ARRL. In Nevada Don served as District Emergency Coordinator for the NW District, Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, Section Emergency Coordinator, Public Information Coordinator and most recently Assistant Section Manager. Don was also a member of the ARRL National Public Relations Committee which put together the PIO Swiss Army Knife and associated training program for PIOs.

Don could also be heard occasionally on Amateur Radio Newslines, the weekly news broadcast heard all around the world.

Don's passion for ARES and Emergency Service in general led him to be the voice of EMCOMM West. Don emceed the event when it was held in Reno and supported the activity in registering participants and serving on the Board of Directors.

Don will be sorely missed by the radio community.

Services will be held Saturday, June 28 in Sparks at a location to be announced.

ARRL Nevada Section

Section Manager: Joseph M Giraud, N7JEH [n7jeh@arrl.org](mailto:n7jeh@arrl.org)

Don's Obituary can be seen at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rgj/obituary.aspx?n=grant-carlson-don&pid=165531004#fbLoggedOut>

## SNARS AWARDS

SNARS has two awards for local hams. These awards have not be given for the last couple of years. We would like to present these awards later this year, and are asking for your help. Would you please take a moment, and think of someone that has shown exceptional service or effort on behalf of amateur radio, the club, or members of the amateur community, or if you know a worthy candidate, then jot down their name and e-mail it to me at [kb7zbn@gmail.com](mailto:kb7zbn@gmail.com) . Your help will be appreciated...thanks. Ed KB7ZBN

### New Ham of the Year Award

This Award is presented to an Outstanding Radio Amateur who has been licensed for no more than a year and a half.

Criteria:

- Has been a licensed Amateur Radio Operator for no more than 18 months.
- Is active in the Ham Radio community, as evidenced by participation in the several clubs, ARES/RACES, or in other activities.
- Has demonstrated excellent radio etiquette and knowledge of operating procedures.
- Is known to members of the Ham Radio community, and shows considerable enthusiasm for the hobby of Amateur Radio, and encourages and inspires others within the Amateur Radio community.

### Bob Davis Award

The Bob Davis award is presented to an Outstanding Radio Amateur for his or her contributions to the Amateur Radio community.

Criteria:

- Has been a licensed Amateur Radio Operator for five years or more.
- Is considered the epitome of an “Elmer,” with a record of being helpful to one and all in the Ham Radio community.
- Is active in the Ham Radio community, as evidenced by participation in the several clubs, ARES/RACES, or in other activities.
- Has demonstrated excellent radio etiquette and an has considerable knowledge of operating procedures.
- Has an outstanding reputation in the Ham Radio community, as evidenced by positive comments made by various local Hams and has shown strong leadership in the Ham Radio community.



## Weekly nets on the WADG/SNARS repeater systems

### Western Nevada Noon net (daily, 12:00 PM)

147.150 + 123.0, 147.210 + 100.0, 147.030 + 123.0,  
444.875 + 100.0

### The Morning Net (Monday – Friday at 10:00 AM)

147.300 + 123.0

### Bishops Storehouse Net (Monday nights at 9:15 PM)

147.150 + 123.0, 147.210 + 100.0, 147.030 + 123.0,  
444.875 + 100.0

### North Western Nevada ARES Net (Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM)

147.150 + 123.0, 147.210 + 100.0, 147.030 + 123.0,  
444.875 + 100.0

### State SATERN Net (Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM)

147.300 + 123.0

### State SKYWARN Net (Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM)

147.150 + 123.0, 147.210 + 100.0, 147.030 + 123.0,  
444.875 + 100.0

### Northern Nevada Preppers Group Net (Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM)

147.150 + 123.0, 147.210 + 100.0, 147.030 + 123.0,  
444.875 + 100.0

### State ARES Net (Thursday nights at 7:00 PM)

147.300 + 123.0

### SNARS New Ham Net (Sunday afternoons at 1:00 PM)

146.610 - 123.0, 443.075 + 123.0, 146.925 – 123.0



## 2013 Events / Races

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

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

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

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

**Edible Pedal September – 2013**

## SNARS FUN FACTS

With the merger of SNARS and WADG, the combined club total membership is now 161 members.

**Fuse:** A fragile, sensitive, current-limiting device which must be protected by fast-acting transistors, transformers, or tubes



## Field Day 2013

Was Field Day 2013 a success?

That depends on who you talked to:

For the purest it was operate off the grid – YES.

For the contesters it was contact everybody – well maybe not everybody, but we got lots of contacts and it will take a while to tabulate all the logs – YES.

For the rest it was show up for BBQ lunch – YES.

For the new hams it was learn something new – YES.

For the visitors it was curiosity – YES.

But all in all a fun time was had by all and everything worked; well almost, Paul's 20M SSB just would not reach anybody (heard lots) until Sunday morning.

A **special thanks** to the people who helped setup and a **very special thanks** for the ones who stayed and helped tear down.

Things to work on for next year:

Sign ups for a period of time; so the station operators don't stay on for 20 hours or more.

Sign in sheet for the members and for the visitors; would be helpful to have a good head count.

More influence with the propagation Gods for better skip.

A winning lottery ticket so we can all have crank-up towers with big beams.

I would like to thank all who participated you made it a success.

Peter M. DeBay

KE7VSR

**Some Field Day photos (with more to follow in future editions!)**



Rob NB6C, 15 SSB and Peter KE7VSR 20 PSK



Leif KT7DAD doing the grilling



40M verticals, 15M beam



Kati K7KTI on 40 SSB, Jim W6US on 40 PSK



Nancy KF7YFT on talk-in



Steve KS6A on 40 SSB



The Jerzey Boyz, KB2SFS and WB2AWQ



Paul K7PTT setting up 20 SSB

Field Day location was at Wedge Pkwy and White's Creek Lane, 39.24.30 N -- 119.45.65 W ---- 4656ft ASL.

Field Day band captains were: Rob Dunbar NB6C – 15 SSB, Peter DeBay KE7VSR – 40 Digi, Jim Newell K7JN– 40 SSB, Jim Shepherd W6US – 20 digi, Ken & Howie Holden KB2SFS and WB2AWQ – CW 80,40,20,15, Paul Tueller K7PTT – 20 SSB

**And a huge THANK YOU to Peter KE7VSR for chairing Field Day, a challenging task!**

# Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 20 June 2013

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

Welcome (Chair)

Sign -In Sheet

I. Call to Order (Chair) Time: 1830

1. Board Members Present: N7MSK, N2MOO, KB7ZBN, N7ACM, K7SJV, K7PTT
2. Additional Present: Dave Miles

II. Adoption of Agenda

1. Additions/Deletions
2. Approval: by – KB7ZBN second – N2MOO

III. Reports

1. Chair – directed to other reports.
2. Secretary -- Excused Absence – His report attached
  - a. Current Club Membership:
  - b. Other business:
3. Treasurer
  - a. Bank Balances: Report attached
    - Checking:
    - Savings:
    - Total:
  - b. Other business:

2013 Combined Budget – for approval

IV Committee/Appointment Reports

1. W7TA, K7JN: No Report
2. Tech Committee, W6US: Sold another power meter for \$405.00
3. Website, KE7HLR: Dan Has resigned. Website will be taken over by Tony Marcin and Doug Cameron.
4. Awards Committee, KB7ZBN: Will be sending out a request for nominations to the full membership.
5. Field Day, KE7VSR --- Report attached
6. Committee changes --- Effective July 1, 2013 (For Approval)
  - a. Technical Committee – Pat Sheehan & Jim Shepherd
  - b. Newsletter -- Howie Holden
  - c. Website & Face Book page -- Tony Marcin and Scott Brink
  - d. Program Coordinator -- Scott Brink & Becky Harvey

Committee changes approved.

V. Old Business:

1. Club merger status and information:
  - a. Immediate issues being worked on.
2. Transfer of assets and liabilities
3. Budget for 2013
4. Repeater repairs, upgrades
5. Revised club logo – For new website and newsletter headers.

VI. New Business:

- (1) First official “New” Club membership meeting – July 6, 2013 @ Jack's restaurant – 0730
- (2) Submit an application for SNARS to be designated an ARRL Special Service Club (SSC) ----  
Approved

(3) Issue for discussion and action – hams banned from use of the WADG repeater system. ---- The club will support the action taken by the WADG, and reinforce that after 07/01/2013 the entire repeater system (includes the SNARS repeaters) will be off limits to both of the people involved.

Moved by Ed, Second by Steve

(4) Jim Newell will work with the tech committee to develop a new repeater policy and use document.

(5) Discussion to move the WA7DG trustee to N7ACM.

VII. Motion to Adjourn: by Don Seconded: by: Steve  
Adjourned: Time: 1950

### **Secretary's Report (filed in absentia)**

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Currently SNARS is at 111 members, soon to be more (71 WADG).

Motion:

To destroy merger ballots, both SNARS & WADG ballots. No need to keep as no one has presented a challenge to the count.

Moved by: KE7VSR Second: approved: YES / NO

Notice(s):

PO Box is up for renewal, passed to treasurer for payment.

Annual State filing is done.

#### **Field Day Report:**

- The tent is rented and location within the site chosen, Camelot will setup some time Friday.
- The porto-poty is rented; we need to pick up on Friday, return on Monday; Mike?
- Field Day logging software is being setup with the station operators; Peter
- BBQ, Mike & Jon; Mike has the table & popup for the side BBQ
- We have tables & chairs for the operating stations but if you want to sit down bring your own seating.
- We have generators for all the stations and a spare & extension cords.
- We have signage & stakes to mount them.
- We have a popup for the side table at BBQ
- We are in need of someone to be host (PIO) for the visitors.
- We are in need of an Elmer or two.
- The SNARS PIO (Danna) has made contact with all the necessary individuals and/or organizations to invite them to Field Day. I have had an interview with KOH who said they would help to get the word out.
- Logging software is being installed on station laptops, still in progress.