

Sinbad Desert Amateur Radio Club Meeting

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Next meeting March 6th, 2025 @ Ponderosa

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Agenda:

Minutes (attached) and Financial Report:

Business:

Next Meeting:

Health and welfare:

Training: Rodney Scott, TBA

SDARC 2025 Activities/Events/Announcements

- CW Weekly Skills Practice, Tuesday Nights at 8:00 pm, All Summer, 3.555MHz +/-, Send up to 10wpm
- HF Net Saturday Mornings @ 7:30 AM 3.832 MHz
- VE Testing TBA
- Club Outing Location: April 11th - 13th

Next Meeting: Ponderosa in Huntington

NETS:

- SDARC Net Night, **Every Tuesday** at 8:00 p.m.
- SDARC HF Net, **Every Saturday** at 7:30 a.m. on 3.832MHz +/-
- Sanpete/Sevier VHF SSB Net, **Every Monday** at 7:00 p.m. 144.250 upper side band
- Moab area VHF SSB Net, **Every Wednesday** at 7:00 p.m. 144.250 upper side band
- Sevier Amateur Radio Club Net, **Every Thursday** at 6:30 p.m.
- Skyline Amateur Radio Club Net, **Every Sunday** at 8:00 p.m.
- Borderline Amateur Radio Club Net Night, **Every Monday** at 9:00 p.m.
- Statewide RACES VHF Net, held on the **third Thursday of even numbered months** (February, April, June, August, October, December) from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the SDARC VHF repeater near you.
- Statewide RACES HF Net, held on the **third Saturday of odd numbered months** (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 8:00 a.m. on the 80 meter band on 3.920MHz
- Utah Beehive Net, **Daily** at 12:30 p.m. on 7.272 MHz
- Wyoming Cowboy Net, **Monday – Friday**, at 6:30 P.M. on 3.9235MHz
- Farm Net, **Daily**, at 5:45 p.m. on 3.937MHz
- Utah Code Net, **Daily**, at 7:30 p.m. on 3.570MHz

SDARC Local Repeaters

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| • Abajo Peak 146.610 (PL 88.5) | • Lake Mountain 147.080 (PL 77) |
| • Bald Mesa 146.760 (PL 88.5) | • Mt. Ellen (Henry Mountain) 147.080(PL 136.5) |
| • Boarding House 147.080 (PL 88.5) | • Horn 223.920 (PL 88.5) |
| • Bruin Peak 147.320 (PL 88.5) | • Star Point 147.200 (PL 88.5) |
| • Bruin Peak 449.050 (PL 88.5) linked | • Flat Top Uintah Basin 145.490 (PL 136.5) |
| • Cedar Mountain 147.140 (PL 88.5) | • Grizzly Peak 147.040 (PL 136.5) |
| • Cedar Mountain 448.550 (PL 88.5) HF remote base | • Moab down town 145.900 (PL 88.5) |
| • Ford Ridge 145.310 (PL 88.5) | |
| • Horn Mountain 147.060 (PL 88.5) | |

Other Local Area Repeaters

- Intermountain Intertie 147.120 (PL100), 447.625 (PL 88.5), 447.125 (PL100.0)
- Abajo Peak 447.100 (PL 107.2) Grand Mesa Repeater Association, Grand Junction, CO
- Bald Mesa 449.100 CACTUS Grand Mesa Repeater Association, Grand Junction, CO
- Star Point 447.125 (PL 100) K7GX stand alone IM Intertie
- Horn Mountain 447.625 (PL 88.5) stand alone IM Intertie
- Sanpete / Sevier Horseshoe, Ephraim 146.660 (PL100), Monroe Peak 146.820 (PL100)

The Meeting was called to order 6:40 PM at Los 2 Amigo's Restaurant
We have 24 People show up for Club meeting tonight, Rodney read The Minutes and there was one correction which was the Date of this club meeting to the 6th of February, No other corrections where found, and Motion to accept made as corrected and 2nd.

New business:

We talked about class's and how that's going, and Willie talked to us and gave us a report. We didn't make it on the 16th, we started it on the 23rd of January. We had one fellow pass a test using the online testing he almost passed his general but he didn't study for it, He has his old second class radio telephone license so he had no trouble with the theory, we think his call is KF7YWY, Willard said he checked into the net on Tuesday night, He's going on a mission back to Missouri and he needed his Amateur license. Willies son got a grant to help him get his ham license so congratulations to him for that He says he should be able to take the test here pretty quick. George talked about some study material APP that helps a lot to get licensed, We haven't had any training for almost two years and we have the study material hand out we can give out for those that are interested, We appreciate George letting us use his office building to do that.

Rodney and Dave had a project the other night, We made a presentation to some young men and their leaders, and had good interest there, We strung an antenna between the two basketball hooks in the Ward Cultural Hall, and set up a station. Talked to the kids about the importance of having amateur radio in emergencies we talked about having the ability to communicate when no one else can get out, Cell phones are down, the internet is down, the landlines are down etc. there are around 790,000 licensed Hams in the United States. Amateur radio operators have a lot of equipment and a lot of know-how, and we've learned how to communicate, So we were able to demonstrate some things, Our little set up there in the cultural hall in the gym worked out pretty well, We made some contacts to Washington and down in Texas. We talked to them about the WEBSDR's so that they can get on and listen to transmissions from all over the world, Rodney particularly likes the Half Moon Bay WEBSDR in California because you can test your own propagation on your own equipment that way and also, the Northern Utah WEBSDR that is used all across the United States, that was a good experience for Dave and Rodney, hopefully we've stirred a little bit of interest with some young people and their parents.

Health and welfare: Anita gave her surgery report and how she was doing since her surgery and it has been slow but progressing. Allan was doing good after his surgeries.

Treasurer Report given by Bret, the end of January, we had \$3,852.78 in savings and \$1,168 in checking.

Repeater Report:

We had several things happening last month, We lost the Power supply on Cedar Mountain it went down shortly after club meeting, it was the power supply out there that went belly up after about 14 years, I had a wreck of a power supply that I (Bret) took out and got things working and talked to Rodney and Jim about ordered a new Power supply and was ordered, the NEW Power came in and it would not work and DXE had

no others and so Bret left his old stand by Power supply out there. Bret returned the 1st and asked for a refund, and ordered another one from another vendor. When it comes in, he'll run it out. the Bill for the P.S was \$376.01, Bret didn't want to pull another \$376 out of the club account, so he did it off his discover card, Bret just transferred the money directly over to his account from the club savings account, once the credit came in from DXE. And then, we lost the Sinbad conference Echolink Raspberry Pi server computer. Bret had another Raspberry Pi and rebuilt the server so that's back up and going. And I think everything else is going okay. Bret will bill for the Raspberry Pi 5 when the bank account gets straightened out, so if somebody else has got a problem with the Repeaters that Bret doesn't know about let him know. Jim asked about the Abajo repeater and as far as Bret knows it is working. Henry Mountain is also still hanging in there after Josh swapped out the Charge controller last fall.

We need to thank Willard, we appreciate him jumping in and handling the net control here for a few weeks and giving Kyle a break, Kyle's been on it for about two years, we appreciate you jumping in there too.

Allan, talked a little bit about his home HF station Antenna he's using a little bit of RG8X for a short run out his window to his End fed HF antenna, He has two ground Rods at the base of the Antenna and a Water bottle to keep it damp He is in a H.O.A. and the Home has Block walls, and has attempted to make it a little aesthetically pleasing, it goes around the block wall making a kind of C so he has NO clue why it works but it does. Allan needs about 10 feet of RG8 sized cable and Bret has some for him.

Bret had one more comment, Going back on the subjects of the WEBSDR, If you're going to use the WEBSDR a lot, I would recommend you put in a relay coming off your amplifier PTT switch to mute the speaker audio on your computer so people won't have to sit there and listen to echo and crap and make sure YOUR VOX IS OFF. It happens on the Beehive net and every person that checks in hears them and then all the echo's and NET control have a devil of a time trying to pull stations out of the mess.

Outing: Maybe April 11th, 12th, and 13th same location as last year.

Club Meeting will be the 6th of March, Willie will make reservations for us at the Ponderosa Restaurant.

Jim Made a motion to adjourn and Elan 2nd.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:45