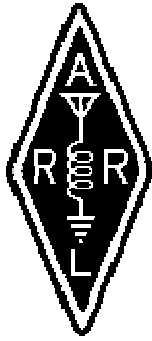


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## SPECS Users Group Annual Meeting

January 19, 2013

0800: Membership renewals, coffee, donuts, ID Photos by Phil Henderson (KF6ZSQ).

0903: Meeting called to order by Jerry Haag (K6GAC) on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the El Camino Hospital Rooms E, F and G. There were ~70 attendees.

*NOTE: The Treasurer's Report, by Wes Freeman (KG6POV), is included as Appendix A in this document.*

## Welcome and Introductions

Jerry Haag (K6GAC) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mike Prince acknowledged the people who helped with the Annual Meeting. Jerry pointed out Special guest: Gary Waldeck (K6AIR), Los Altos Hills mayor.

Each attending EC stood up and recognized the city team members present.

### ECs Attending:

Los Altos:	Jim Clark (N6JRC) AEC
Los Altos Hills:	Ed Jones (W7WPO)
Mtn. View:	Jerry Haag (K6GAC)
Palo Alto:	Pat Muffler (KG6TMI)
Sunnyvale:	Phil Stewart (K6PHL) AEC
NASA Ames Radio Club:	No EC present
Stanford Radio Club:	Lea Roberts (WA6ITV)

Larry Carr (KE6AGJ), Section Emergency Coordinator, commented that Brandon Bianchi (NI6C), ARRL Section Manager, is supporter of Emergency Communication. Larry is working on developing a structure to include county to county communications, increasing communication to the county outskirts that aren't associated with a city and bringing in younger hams.

Scott Morse (KC6SKM), District Emergency Communications, announced that last year hams donated 15,000 hours of volunteer time and Santa Clara County MAC program is expanding world-wide.

## Speaker: Ken Dueker (KB6BPM)

### **Topic: Emergency Response in Palo Alto, From 911 Call to EOC Activation**

Mike Prince announced the speaker, Ken Dueker, who is Director of Emergency Services for Palo Alto.

Palo Alto has combined RACES/ARES, CERT, neighborhood watch personnel into Emergency Services Volunteers.

Four dispatchers for taking all calls and talking to officers. Can get overloaded. Need Situational Awareness at EOC: initial damage, transportation/roads, and significant incidents. Priorities: Life, infrastructure, environmental. Damage Assessment Mobile App for volunteers to transmit damage assessment to EOC. Looking for people to innovate.

The presentation is available on the SPECS website, <http://www.specsnet.org/>

## Break

Break started at 0956 and ended when Jerry started the Annual Business Meeting at 1015.

### **Attending Board Members:**

Yes	Jerry Haag	President	K6GAC
Yes	Doug Greig	1st VP	KG6DSV
Yes	Mike Prince	2nd VP	KJ6DAK
Yes	Wes Freeman	Treasurer	KG6POV
Yes	Michael Murray	Secretary	KI6JDY
Yes	Steven Olson	Training	KI6MYE
Yes	Dru Anderson	Past President	KG6LAD
Yes	Scott Overstreet	RA Liaison	N6NXI
No	Mark Foster	Director-At-Large, NASA-Ames ARC and Palo Alto ARES	KI6DHU
Yes	Lea Roberts	Director At Large, Stanford Amateur Radio Club	WA6ITV

Jerry asked for comments from audience.

Dru Anderson (KG6LAD) announced the next Ham Cram class on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Los Altos Hills town hall. Ed Fong (WB6IQN), suggested members look at the Boefeng Ham Radio, which is a great radio for \$30.

## Treasurer Report: Wes Freeman (KG6POV)

SPECS started 2012 with total assets of \$25482 and ended 2012 with assets of \$26736. The Flea Market net income to SPECS UG was \$1325. SPECS has 127 paid members. The full Treasurer report is in Appendix A.

## Secretary Report: Michael Murray (KI6JDY)

Mike thanked Tom Smith (KD6SOJ) for doing the Newsletter and June Welsh, Jerry, Doug Greig (KG6DSV), Mike Prince (KJ6DAK) for assembly and mailing it to the members. Jerry declared the minutes approved since there were no objections.

## 1st VP Report: Doug Greig (KG6DSV)

2012 Flea Market was on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-two dozen donuts were sold and \$2650 made, which was split evenly with repeater association. Next SPECS Flea Market is August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## 2nd Vice President Report: Mike Prince (KJ6DAK)

Mike recognized Annual Meeting helpers earlier in meeting.

## Training Report: Steven Olson(KI6MYE)

Created brochures with SPEC email address to distribute at local events. Distribute flyers for Em. Comm class.

## Repeater Association (RA) Report: David Platt (AE6EO)

Repeater has not moved yet. Repeaters are working and there is need to move. On the new hospital, there may be a potential interference problem with hospital net. The 220 repeater is fixed and returned to use. The RA could use some new people to help maintain/program the repeaters. Training on the repeater control codes will be given after main meeting.

## Elections:

Jerry led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2013 from the nomination committee is:

President:	Steven Olson	KI6MYE
1st VP:	Jerry Haag	K6GAC
2nd VP:	Mike Prince	KJ6DAK
Secretary:	Doug Greig	KG6DSV
Treasurer:	Wes Freeman	KG6POV
Training:	Bjorn Lienres	KN6IW

There were no nominations from the floor.

**Motion (Richard Van Mell [KI6PUR] first, Pat Barrett [AF6OT] second: Move to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Paul Goldstein [KJ6AMM]/ Peter Griffith[WA6VAQ]) Moved to accept nominations. Motion passed unanimously**

Jerry recognized Dru for many years of service to SPECS upon her retiring-retirement as Past President. Thanked Mike Murray for work as Secretary. Thanks to hospital for room support.

Jerry turned meeting over to the new president, Steven Olson, to close the meeting. Steven asked members to come out to board meetings and to participate.

Meeting Adjourned by Jerry: 1044. There was a first and second by many people.

*Respectfully submitted, Michael Murray, SPECS Secretary 2012*

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## SPECS Treasurer's Report for 2012

January 19, 2013

Our checkbook balance on January 1, 2012 was **\$10,061.72**. We had **\$15,420.04** invested in CDs, so our total assets were **\$25,481.96**.

Our checkbook balance on December 29, 2012 was **\$11,272.06**. The total value of our two CDs was **\$15,464.10**. Adding the CDs to the Checkbook balance, our cash assets are **\$26,736.16**. Our net income for 2012 was **\$1,254.20**

Income from member dues in 2012 was **\$655.00**.

Income from bank interest in 2012 was **\$43.86**. Our CDs now pay interest monthly, unlike 'traditional' CDs which have prepayment penalties for early withdrawal.

The Electronics Flea Market resulted in a net income to SPECS of **\$1,324.75**. (Receipts were \$4,929.16 (gate = \$2,770.00, donation table = \$928.51 and food = \$1,230.65) and expenses were \$3,651.83. Expenses include a payment of \$1,625.00 to ASVARO and \$1,324.75 transferred to the Repeater Association.

Meeting and newsletter expenses of **\$151.23** were partially offset by contributions of **\$58.30** for donuts. The mailbox fee was **\$240.00**, and liability insurance was **\$300.00**. Other expenses were **\$85.00** to the CA Board of equalization for 2011 sales tax on equipment sales and taxable Flea Market concessions, **\$20.00** to the CA Secretary of State for our corporate registration, and **\$84.06** for renewal of the SPECSNET.ORG web domain.

There were no Repeater Association expenses in 2012, other than the transfer of Flea Market funds.

There was one outstanding bill at the end on 2012: A payment of \$31.00 to the CA Board of Equalization for 2012 sales tax on Flea Market concessions. This payment is due in January, 2013.

Janie Taylor, KI6SER, and Andy Rose, KI6SEP, examined the SPECS financial records. All expenditures were accounted for and the Treasurer's records matched the checking account bank statements.

We had a total of 127 dues paying members in 2012, of which 92 (72%) indicated that they are ARRL members.

Respectfully submitted,

Wes Freeman, KG6POV



<b>SPECS Accounts for 2012 by category</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Check</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Category</b>
<b>1/1/2012</b>		<b>2012 Initial Balance</b>			<b>\$10,061.72</b>	
1/17/2012	141	Board of Equalization, sales tax on equipment sales		\$85.00	\$9,976.72	10
1/18/2012		Donation	\$25.00		\$10,001.72	9
		Dues	\$170.00		\$10,171.72	1
2/1/2012		Dues	\$85.00		\$10,256.72	1
		Contributions for donuts at Annual Meeting	\$58.30		\$10,315.02	3
2/13/2012		Dues-collected at Annual Meeting	\$300.00		\$10,615.02	1
2/25/2012		Dues	\$25.00		\$10,640.02	1
2/28/2012	142	Wes Freeman - donuts for Annual Meeting		\$71.30	\$10,568.72	3
2/28/2012	143	Village Mail Center, mailbox		\$240.00	\$10,328.72	6
2/28/2012	144	ASVARO for Flea Market		\$1,625.00	\$8,703.72	4
2/29/2012	145	Jerry Haag for mailing newsletter		\$79.93	\$8,623.79	3
3/2/2012		Dues	\$25.00		\$8,648.79	1
3/8/2012	146	Hays Companies, liability insurance		\$300.00	\$8,348.79	7
5/9/2012		Dues	\$20.00		\$8,368.79	1
5/12/2012	147	Wes Freeman- Sec'y of State SI-100 Form		\$20.00	\$8,348.79	9
5/25/2012	148	Tom Smith- Web site renewal		\$84.06	\$8,264.73	9
6/18/2012		Dues	\$25.00		\$8,289.73	1
7/12/2012	149	Lou Steirer, Left over soda for Flea Market		\$38.28	\$8,251.45	4
7/14/2012	150	Doug Greig, cash for Flea Market concessions		\$300.00	\$7,951.45	4
7/16/2012	151	June Welsh, supplies for Flea Market		\$22.25	\$7,929.20	4
7/16/2012	152	Doug Greig, supplies for Flea Market concessions		\$341.55	\$7,587.65	4
7/16/2012		Flea Market gate receipts	\$2,770.00		\$10,357.65	5
7/16/2012		Flea market concessions	\$1,230.65		\$11,588.30	5
8/3/2012		Maynard Stevenson, donation	\$40.00		\$11,628.30	9
		FARS for Flea Market leftover soda	\$35.00		\$11,663.30	4
		Dues	\$5.00		\$11,668.30	1
8/25/2012		SPECS RA for Flea Market donation table sales	\$928.51		\$12,596.81	5
8/27/2012	153	SPECS RA for Flea Market profit		\$1,324.75	\$11,272.06	4

<b>Totals by category:</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Category</b>
Dues	\$655.00		1
Interest (Reinvested in CDs)	\$43.86		2
Meeting and newsletter expenses	\$58.30	\$151.23	3
Flea Market expenses		\$2,292.08	4
Flea Market receipts	\$4,929.16		5
Mailbox		\$240.00	6
Liability Insurance		\$300.00	7
SPECS RA, one half of flea market profit		\$1,324.75	8
Donations and miscellaneous	\$65.00	\$104.06	9
Sales tax (for 2012)		\$85.00	10
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$5,751.32</b>	<b>\$4,497.12</b>	

<b>Calendar Year 2012 Profit</b>	<b>\$1,254.20</b>
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