



# Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club

## Dec. 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 0900 hours PST by Bruce W7BCW (John AC7LC President & Ron W7LVG V.P. not in attendance).

**Introductions:** 9 in attendance and 1 guest Martin KJ7CNZ, Martin became club member.

**Treasurers Report:** \$246.70 in bank account; \$20 in cash.

**Repeater Status / Net Report:** 70cm – operational; 2m link – operational; APRS – station is set for beacon plus digipeater use only and is working Ok; 6m – operational, John AC7LC reports he is monitoring the repeater 7/24 from his QTH ; NET @ 19:30 hours every Tuesday status averaging 6 - 7 check in's for Nov. – Dec. 2018 so far. Next NET control: 1/1/19 No Net, 1/8/19 Kathy K7THY, 1/15/19 Dave KB7GFL, 1/22/19 Kathy K7THY, 1/29/19 Tom K8TOM.

**Webmaster Report:** Kathy K7THY added two letters that the club Secretary received from Daryl WZ7O a longtime past member/founder and another from Avery's mom in appreciation of posting a website that will help new Operators. It appears Avery's family is going to become ham operators too! Check out the clubs web site at [www.w7sky.org/otherlinks.html](http://www.w7sky.org/otherlinks.html) for lots of operating and other ham topics of interest.

**Old Business:** FD site at City of Monroe, Brad KE7EOF mentioned the EOC room has been completed and antenna tower has been ordered from Rohm and waiting for delivery. Dave KB7GFL brought up that a good FD site would be on the corner of route 2 and 179<sup>th</sup> Ave NE in Fairgrounds by lumber jack events area however Brad KE7EOF brought up that this would not be free to the club and cost money. This idea was scraped after hearing that.

**New Business:** Dave KB7GFL discussed what he has heard about solar cycles as discussed by Tamatha Skov as seen on QRZ.COM. Cycle 24 which we are in may not be the low for HF propagation as Ms. Skov has suggested that cycle 25 will be even worse! Tom K8TOM brought up that with propagation being so poor that the digital mode FT8 version 2 seems to be taking over HF QSO's (if you could call it that) and other modes are falling by the way side.

**Good of the Order:** Bill KE7WTR talked about his friend in Georgia and how the club his friend is in has a club website extremely lacking in content and information and thought W7SKY site was excellent and full of all kinds of ham related info. Dave KB7GFL mentioned that Bills friend should get in touch with ARRL Speakers Bureau to help them inspire their club members for participation in the club.

**Adjournment:** 0939 hours seconded by Dave KB7GFL

**50/50:** Kathy K7THY provided 2 dishes full of chocolate crinkles to raffle off along with raffle proceeds. Dave KB7GFL won the first round and donated proceeds back to club but won on another ticket and kept a plate of cookies for himself. Tom K8TOM won the second plate of cookies.