

**FOUR SEASONS BEAUMONT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MEETING MARCH 25, 2016**

MEETING: The Four Seasons Beaumont Amateur Radio Club held their monthly Club meeting at 10:00 am in the RCN building at Four Seasons.

ATTENDANCE: Conspicuous by his absence was President Pete Hersey who was vacationing in San Jose. Dick Van Bree the club Vice President lead the meeting. Mike Mendoza the club Secretary was the only other officer there. Those also present included Alfred Blair, Rob Gardner, Rudy Garcia, Pat Haynie, Harry Henderson, Ted Mohr, Fred Plenge, Bill Taylor and Fred Weck.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Next EPP Meeting April 7, at 10:00 am. The next club meeting will be April 29, at 10:00 am.

TABLE TOP DRILL POSTPONED: The EPP table top drill was postponed in January due to the El Nino meeting and the lack of committee organizers. The proposed drill will focus on generating paper work for messaging. They will also focus on routing the paper work through proper channels. Rob Gardner mentioned again that we should be more active.

RESIDENTS EMERGENCY HANDBOOK: How do we get one? I told the club that if they needed a copy that they could pull one off the EPP website.

FAMILY RADIO (FRS): Alfred was asked when the next FRS training was. He said that none was scheduled but he could be ready at a moments notice. I mentioned that I thought that the number of people showing up was more important than them signing up. We had as many as a dozen people sign up and only 5 showed up and four of them were club members. Rob mentioned that a drill would give us an idea about where our problem areas were.

RADIO ROOM: Use it! Use it! Use it! All hams in Four Seasons have been given keys to the cabinets in the Radio Room. Everything is there for our listening pleasure. If you are shy ask Alfred or Pete for help setting up and using the radios. The GMRS and 2M/440 radios are currently being used for Wednesday night nets.

POWER: No one knows anything about a generator. Rudy our link to the power team quit when the Board balked at propane power. Someone mentioned the FEMA requirements for us to be self sufficient for up to 2 weeks would necessitate about ten 100 pound tanks of propane. (Where do we store them?)

NETS: Use the most up to date script. The membership may be modified month to month depending upon individual participation.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Alfred showed us his copper J-pole antenna. The difficulty was making the solder connections. Dick showed us a dummy load for testing radios

without hooking up to an antenna. They were made from paint cans; 20 resistors, solder, two copper plates and also mineral oil.

NEWS: A writer is needed for the May issue of the Breeze.

The Elmer Net, headed by Dave Klaus, meets at 6:30 pm Tuesdays on the Banning Repeater 147.915 PL tone 123. The net format has change to an informal general discussion group. The discussions are about the things that new hams need to know.

NEXT CLUB MEETING: APRIL 29, 2016