



## Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System

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*Serving the communities of Palo Alto, Stanford, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale by helping to recruit, train, and maintain a crew of amateur radio operators ready to provide emergency communication services in a time of need.*

### SPECS Users Group Annual Meeting

January 30, 2016

08:00 Membership renewals, coffee & donuts, ID Photos by Phil Henderson KF6ZSQ

09:00 Meeting called to order by Marc Roddin KI6HLH on Saturday 30 January 2016 at the El Camino Hospital Mountain View Campus Rooms E-F-G. There were 68 attendees.

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

### Welcome and Introductions

Marc Roddin KI6HLH welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

EC's Attending:

Cupertino	Jim Oberhofer KN6PE
Los Altos	Jim Clark N6JRC
Los Altos Hills	Ed Jones W7WPO
Mountain View	Jerry Haag K6GAC
Palo Alto	Patrick Muffler KG6TMI
Sunnyvale	Jerry Thalls KG6HI
NASA Radio Club	Mark Foster KI6DHU
Stanford Radio Club	Lea Roberts WA6ITV

Remarks by Scott Morse KC6SKM, Section Emergency Coordinator. Super Bowl is coming: have go-kits ready, hospital net will be activated. WB6EC simulcast repeaters have been used. Work is underway on direct communications via voice and packet. There are now around 300 voice check-ins per week, and around 55 packet check-ins. County training and ham-cram classes are coming up.

Remarks by Larry Carr KE6AGJ, ARRL Assistant Section Manager. Larry presented himself as an ARES "Elmer" offering his experience to help others – call or send an email.

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Speakers: Tony Bowden KF6CNT

*Santa Clara County Deputy Fire Chief Training*

Tim Maguire KF6IRE

*Santa Clara County Fire Captain Communications*

**Topic: “Amateur Radio Operators to Assist Santa Clara County Fire with Emergency Communications”**

Tony Bowden and Tim Maguire from the Santa Clara County Fire Department discussed their project to have amateur radio operators assist with emergency communications.

SPECS members Jim Oberhofer KN6PE and Jim Clark N6JRC have been involved in this project as well, since their cities are part of the initial phase of the project.

The goal is to equip fire stations in the county with identical communication systems so they can be used in emergencies. CERT volunteers and ARES/RACES Radio operators will service the stations since firefighters will most likely be away in a major event. The stations have emergency generators and will attract people who need help or have information to be passed to the county.

The presentation is available at <http://www.specsnet.org/annual-meeting>

Break

Marc started the Annual Business Meeting after a break.

**Attending Board Members:**

Yes	Marc Roddin	President	KI6HLH
Yes	Andy Rose	1st VP	KI6SEP
Yes	Jack Pines	2nd VP	W1VSL
Yes	Wes Freeman	Treasurer	KG6POV
Yes	Bruce Riter	Secretary	KE6EEX
Yes	Paul Lufkin	Training	K6PML
Yes	Steven Olson	Past President	KI6MYE
Yes	Scott Overstreet	RA Liaison	N6NXI
Yes	Mark Foster	Director-At-Large, NASA-Ames ARC and Palo Alto ARES	KI6DHU
Yes	Jerry Thalls	Director-At-Large, Sunnyvale	KG6HI

Marc discussed the roles of board members.





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### Treasurer Report: Wes Freeman (KG6POV)

The full Treasurer report is in Appendix A.

### Secretary Report: Bruce Riter (KE6EEX)

The minutes of last year's annual meeting were approved since there were no objections.

### 1st Vice President Report: Andy Rose (KI6SEP)

Andy acknowledged Jerry Haag, who gave much guidance for the Flea Market. Many volunteers helped to move equipment and staff the event.

### 2nd Vice President Report: Jack Pines (W1VSL)

Jack recognized Annual Meeting helpers.

### Training Officer Report: Paul Lufkin (K6PML)

Paul continued with focus on training new hams, including the ham cram classes offered by BAEARS. He provided flyers with information about SPECS and county Emergency Communications classes, and Mike-Mike cards.

### Repeater Association (RA) Report: Peter Griffith (WA6VAQ)

Peter reviewed the history of W6ASH and reported on the financial position of the RA. He discussed the operational status of the repeaters and the expected move to a proposed new hospital building.

Dave Platt will talk about user codes and use of the repeaters after the meeting, with a handout for any paid-up SPECS member.





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### Election of Officers:

Marc led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2016 from the nomination committee is:

President:	Marc Roddin	KI6HLH
1st VP:	Neil Katin	AI6FI
2nd VP:	Jack Pines	W1VSL
Secretary:	Bruce Riter	KE6EEX
Treasurer:	Patrick Muffler	KG6TMI
Training:	Paul Goldstein	KJ6AMM

There were no nominations from the floor.

**Motion to close and accept nominations. Motion passed by acclaim.**

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 10:57.

*Respectfully submitted, Bruce Riter (KE6EEX), SPECS Secretary*





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### SPECS Treasurer's Report for 2014

January 31, 2015

Our checkbook balance on January 1, 2014 was **\$13,394.95**. We had **\$15,491.61** invested in CDs, so our total assets were **\$28,886.56**.

Our checkbook balance on December 29, 2014 was **\$15,262.59**. The total value of our two CDs was **\$15,504.02**. Adding the CDs to the Checkbook balance, our cash assets are **\$30,766.61**.

Gross income was **\$7,834.05** (mostly from the Flea Market) and expenses were **\$5,954.00**, so our net income for 2014 was **\$1,880.05**.

Income from member dues in 2014 was **\$640.00**. Income from bank interest in 2014 was **\$12.41**. 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 **\$2,070.77**. Receipts were \$6,395.59 (gate = \$2,960.00, donation table = \$2,658.27 and food = \$777.32) and expenses were \$4,324.82. Expenses include a payment of \$1,950.00 to ASVARO and \$2,070.77 transferred to the Repeater Association.

Meeting and newsletter expenses of **\$412.15** were partially offset by contributions of **\$22.00** for donuts. The mailbox fee was **\$252.00**, liability insurance was **\$300.00** and we paid the CA Board of equalization **\$28.00** for 2013 sales tax on taxable Flea Market concessions.

There were no Repeater Association expenses in 2014, other than the transfer of Flea Market funds.

There was one outstanding bill at the end on 2014: A payment of \$30.00 to the CA Board of Equalization for sales tax on the 2014 Flea Market concessions. This expense will be paid (and has already been paid) in January, 2015.

We had a total of 123 dues paying members in 2014, of which 86 (70%) indicated that they are ARRL members.

Respectfully submitted,

Wes Freeman, KG6POV  
SPECS Treasurer

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SPECS Accounts for 2014 by category					
Date	Numbeq	Item Description	Received	Payments	Category
1/31/2014	166	Tom Smith for printing and mailing newsletter		\$144.33	3
1/8/2014		Dues	\$125.00		1
		Dues	\$75.00		1
1/9/2014	167	CA Board of Equalization- 2013 Sales Tax		\$28.00	10
1/22/2014		Dues	\$230.00		1
		Dues	\$130.00		1
		Donations for donuts at Annual Meeting	\$22.00		3
2/8/2014		Dues	\$25.00		1
	168	Wes Freeman, donuts for Annual Meeting		\$50.00	3
2/22/2014		Dues	\$10.00		1
2/22/2014		Dues	\$5.00		1
2/24/2014	169	Village Mail Center		\$252.00	6
2/24/2014	170	Hays Companies		\$300.00	7
4/14/2014	171	ASVARO for Flea Market, August 9, 2014		\$1,950.00	4
5/17/2014	172	Wes Freeman, Secretary of State S0-100 fee		\$20.00	9
5/17/2014	173	Mike Prince, coffee for 2014 Annual Meeting		\$117.90	3
5/17/2014		Dues	\$5.00		1
6/12/2014		Dues	\$5.00		1
8/7/2014	174	Cash for Flea Market concessions		\$614.00	4
8/9/2014	175	Donut Basket, Flea Market donuts		\$187.50	4
8/15/2014		Flea Market gate	\$2,960.00		5
8/15/2014		Flea Market concessions	\$1,361.50		5
9/14/2014	176	Jerry Haag for Flea Market expenses		\$93.65	4
9/14/2014	177	Paul Lufkin, Mike-Mike cards		\$26.00	9
9/16/2014		FARS for left over sodas	\$29.82		5
9/16/2014		Scott Overstreet for Flea market donation table	\$2,658.27		5
9/22/2014		Peter Griffith, donation	\$150.00		9
9/22/2014		Dues	\$10.00		1
11/21/2014		Dues	\$20.00		1
11/21/2014	178	Void			
11/21/2014	179	SPECS RA, 1/2 share of Flea Market profit		\$2,070.70	8
11/21/2014		Donation	\$0.05		9
12/31/2014	180	Postmaster, stamps to mail newsletter		\$68.60	3
	181	See 2015 checks			
12/31/2014	182	Wes Freeman, printing newsletter at Kinko's		\$31.32	3

Totals by category:	Income	Expense	Category
Dues	\$640.00		1
Interest (Reinvested in CDs)	\$12.41		2
Meeting and newsletter expenses	\$22.00	\$412.15	3
Flea Market expenses		\$2,845.15	4
Flea Market receipts	\$7,009.59		5
Mailbox		\$252.00	6
Liability Insurance		\$300.00	7
SPECS RA, one half of flea market profit		\$2,070.70	8
Donations and miscellaneous	\$150.05	\$46.00	9
Sales tax (for 2013)		\$28.00	10
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$7,834.05</b>	<b>\$5,954.00</b>	

Calendar Year 2014 Profit \$1,880.051

