



# SPECS

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## SPECS Users Group Annual Meeting

January 21, 2012

0800: Membership renewals, coffee, tea, donuts, ID Photos by Bob Epperly (KF6H).

0900: 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 ~75 attendees.

*NOTE: The Treasurer's Report, by Dru Anderson (KG6LAD), is included as Appendix A in this document.*

## Welcome and Introductions

Jerry Haag (K6GAC) welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it was good to have support of so many people. He introduced the Board Members and thanked June Welsh (KF6WPQ) for handling the coffee and donuts.

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

### ECs Attending:

Los Altos:	Tom Smith (KD6SOJ)
Los Altos Hills:	Ed Jones (W7WPO)
Mt. View:	Jerry Haag (K6GAC)
Palo Alto:	Paul Lufkin (K6PML), AEC
Sunnyvale:	Phil Stewart (K6PHL) AEC
NASA Radio Club:	No EC present
Stanford Radio Club:	No EC present

Phil Steffora (K6TT), the ARRL Section Manager, shared items from the League: operators in Sacramento don't want to leave the 440 band because of PAVEPAW and there may be increased enforcement near Beale; RadioFest is March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Monterrey; Section Elections are coming up; ARRL has electronic balloting for East Coast positions.

Larry Carr (KE6AGJ), District Emergency Coordinator, is beginning his 14<sup>th</sup> year. He announced that there we will be a training exercise this afternoon. He encouraged people to get on the SMS Messaging system. Larry would like to meet local repeater trustees and receive monthly reports from the cities about the number of active hams.

Lou Steirer (WA6QYS), SVECS Chairman announced the next SVECS Quarterly Breakfast is Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be NVIZ.

## Speaker: Rick Van Mell (KI6PUR)

### **Topic: Amateur Radio Support for Community Emergency Response Teams**

Rick Van Mell (KI6PUR) talked about the role Amateur Radio serves in linking Mountain View CERT teams with the Mountain View EOC.

In Mountain View, there are sixteen neighborhood CERT Teams that report neighborhood conditions into the city: fires, hazards, injuries, road obstructions, etc..

They use a Damage Summary form that looks like the ICS-213 Message form. It takes 3-5 minutes to transmit this form by voice. Amateur Radio Packet is preferred over voice. Mountain View has a system where reports come into the EOC by packet and automatically appear on a status screen in the EOC. Printed versions come out in the Mt. View Ham radio room. The Packet computer in radio room is directly connected to the EOC display computer so there are no transcription errors.

## Break

Break started at 955 and ended when Jerry started the Annual Business Meeting at 1009.

### **Attending Board Members:**

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

## Treasurer Report: Dru Anderson (KG6LAD)

Dru thanked Wes Freeman for his teamwork this past year. SPECS started 2011 with total assets of \$23,568 and ended 2011 with assets of \$25482, which was an increase of \$1914.

The Flea Market net income to SPECS UG was \$1388. SPECS has 133 paid members. Dru and Wes developed instructions for future boards that detail all the federal and state forms that must be filled out each year. The full Treasurer report is in Appendix A.

## Secretary Report: Michael Murray (KI6JDY)

Thanked Tom Smith for doing the Newsletter and June Welsh for assembly and mailing it to the members. The 2010 Annual Meeting minutes will be changed to reflect that Peter Griffith's call sign is WA6VAQ. Jerry declared the minutes approved since there were no objections.

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

In the weeks leading up to the Flea Market, Doug was worried about not having enough volunteers, but everyone came through. There was good weather for this year's flea market. For 2012, July 14<sup>th</sup> is the SPECS flea market date.

## Recognition of Annual Meeting Helpers: Wes Freeman (KG6POV), 2nd VP

Wes thanked Jerry for running meeting, Doug as a backup helper and June Welsh (KF6WPQ) for coffee and donuts.

Jerry recognized Tom Smith for maintaining the SPECSNET.ORG web site and getting out the newsletter.

## Training Report: Mike Prince (KJ6DAK)

SPECS sponsored the April 23 ham radio study session. SPECS has a prototype blog at <http://w6ash.blogspot.com>

## Repeater Association Report: Dave Platt (AE6EO)

The W6ASH three band repeater system is still on the old hospital. The Repeater Association is in active discussion with the hospital on moving the repeater to new hospital. The 220 repeater had an antenna problem. The antenna was replaced with one Scott Overstreet built. Training on the repeater codes will be given after main meeting.

## Elections:

Secretary declared a that a quorum has been met (10% of membership)

Dru Anderson led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2012 from the nomination committee is:

Jerry Haag	President	K6GAC
Doug Greig	1 <sup>st</sup> VP	KG6DSV
Mike Prince	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	KJ6DAK
Wes Freeman	Treasurer	KG6POV
Mike Murray	Secretary	KI6JDY
Steven Olson	Training Officer	KI6MYE

Dru Anderson will assume the role of Past President. There were no nominations from the floor.

**Motion (Tom Smith first, Howard Krawetz second): Move to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Paul Goldstein/ Ralph Hunt) Moved to accept nominations. Motion passed unanimously**

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 (UG) Treasurer's Report for 2011

January 21, 2012

The SPECS (UG) checkbook balance as of January 1, 2011 was **\$8200.84**. SPECS (UG) had **\$15,367.42** invested in CDs, so the total assets at opening balance were **\$23,568.26**.

At the close of Fiscal Year 2011, the checkbook balance, as of December 31, 2011 was **\$10,061.72**. The total value of the two CDs was **\$15,420.04**. Adding the CDs to the Checkbook balance brought the cash assets to **\$25,481.96** for the close of 2011 Fiscal Year.

Total income for 2011 for SPECS (UG) was **\$1,913.70**. This included the following:

- Income from member dues in 2011 was \$680.00.
- Income from bank interest in 2011 was \$52.64. 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 \$1,388.46. (Receipts were \$4,986.34 (gate = \$2,380, donation table = \$1,765.50 and food = \$1,109.01) and expenses were \$3,597.88. Expenses include a payment of \$1,625.00 to ASVARO and \$1,388.46 transferred to the Repeater Association.
- The Roche Corporation donated various Ham Radio items to SPECS in 2010. The final piece of equipment was sold in 2011 for \$850.
- Meeting and newsletter expenses were \$309.61, the mailbox fee was \$240.00, and liability insurance was \$520.00.

There were no Repeater Association expenses in 2011, other than the transfer of Flea Market funds of **\$1,388.46**, the RA share of the Flea Market proceeds.

The 2011 Income/Expense detail is shown on the following page.

There was one outstanding bill at the end on 2011: A payment of \$85.00 to the CA Board of Equalization for 2011 sales tax on equipment sales and taxable Flea Market concessions. This payment is due in January, 2012, and has subsequently been filed.

We had a total of 133 dues paying members in 2011. One hundred and three members (77%) indicated that they are ARRL members.

Respectfully submitted,

Wes Freeman, Assistant SPECS Treasurer. Reviewed by Dru Anderson KG6LAD, Treasurer, 2011

<b>SPECS Income and Expenses for 2011 by Category</b>						
Date	Check#	Item Description	Received	Payments	Balance	Category
<b>1/1/2011</b>		<b>2011 Initial Balance</b>			<b>\$8,200.84</b>	
1/12/2011	131	Jerry Haag for mailing newsletter		\$212.98	\$7,987.86	3
1/28/2011		Dues	\$235.00		\$8,222.86	1
2/17/2011		Dues	\$370.00		\$8,592.86	1
2/20/2011	132	Doug Greig, donuts for Annual meeting		\$78.00	\$8,514.86	3
2/21/2011	133	Village Mail Center, mailbox		\$240.00	\$8,274.86	6
2/22/2011	134	ASVARO for Flea Market		\$1,625.00	\$6,649.86	4
3/11/2011	135	June Welsh, refreshments for Annual Meeting		\$18.63	\$6,631.23	3
3/11/2011	136	Marsh Affinity Group, Liability Insurance		\$520.00	\$6,111.23	7
3/28/2011		Equipment sales	\$850.00		\$6,961.23	9
3/28/2011		Dues	\$20.00		\$6,981.23	1
4/30/2011		Dues	\$35.00		\$7,016.23	1
5/9/2011		Contributions from donuts at Hamcram class	\$11.20		\$7,027.43	9
5/9/2011		Dues	\$5.00		\$7,032.43	1
5/27/2011		Dues	\$10.00		\$7,042.43	1
5/29/2011	137	Doug Greig, cash for Flea Market concessions		\$200.00	\$6,842.43	4
6/14/2011		Flea Market concessions	\$805.00		\$7,647.43	5
6/14/2011		Flea Market gate receipts	\$2,380.00		\$10,027.43	5
6/20/2011		Flea Market junk table	\$1,765.50		\$11,792.93	5
6/23/2011	138	Doug Greig, donuts & supplies for Flea Market		\$371.09	\$11,421.84	4
7/21/2011		FARS for Flea Market leftover soda	\$35.84		\$11,457.68	5
8/27/2011		Dues	\$5.00		\$11,462.68	1
8/27/2011	139	SPECS RA		\$1,388.46	\$10,074.22	4
8/27/2011	140	Michael Murray, secretarial supplies		\$12.50	\$10,061.72	9

<b>Totals by category:</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Category</b>
Dues	\$680.00		1
Interest (Reinvested in CDs)	\$52.64		2
Meeting and newsletter expenses		\$309.61	3
Flea Market expenses		\$2,196.09	4
Flea Market receipts	\$4,986.34		5
Mailbox		\$240.00	6
Liability Insurance		\$520.00	7
SPECS RA, one half of flea market profit		\$1,388.46	8
Donations and miscellaneous	\$861.20	\$12.50	9
Sales tax (Will be paid in 2012)		\$0.00	10
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$6,580.18</b>	<b>\$4,666.66</b>	

<b>Calendar Year 2011 Profit</b>	<b>\$1,913.52</b>
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