

SC4ARC GENERAL MEETING
On Zoom
April 17, 2021

Officers Present			Other Members Present	
President	Jeneen Sommers	W6NCS	Neil Panton	W6VG
			Casey Dunn	KA5WAX
Secretary	Pat O’Coffey	KJ6GMG	Bob Smith	W6RES
Treasurer	Peter Chupity	KI6FAO	Sue Duhamel	KN6CZA
Member at Large	Angelo Dragone	N6QAD	Laurel Mitton	AJ6AS
Member at Large	Irma Mitton	KM6JVU	Gabriel Blaz	AJKX
PIO	Lisa Chupity	W6LSC	Mary Panton	AF6IE

1.0. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President, Jeneen Sommers, at 1002 hours.

2.0. SC4ARC Meeting conducted over ZOOM due to Covid-19 gathering restrictions.

3.0. Officer Reports

- Pat reminded members to sign up for Net Control. We now have over 40 current members, with several additional renewals coming in this week.

4.0. Committee Reports

- Education Committee (Linda, Neil, Eva): Neil reported that the Board has approved the Buddy letters and that they will be going out soon.

5.0. Vests

- Jeneen reported that we have identified two vests that are recommended for members. One, a Radian SV55-22GD Type R Class 2, costs \$35 to \$40., with “Amateur Radio Emergency Communications” screen printing on the back. The second, is a vest from The Vest Guy, which costs \$100. Those who purchase this model should have the same screen printing put on the back.
- Jeneen will be purchasing a machine to create our call signs which can be added to either of the vests.
- Jeneen will make a bulk purchase for the Radians once we have at least 24 orders.
- Members are free to purchase the more expensive option on their own.

6.0. GMRS Radios in Cuesta for CERT Teams

- As part of a State CERT Grant the Fire Brigade received last year, we purchased a GMRS repeater, which has been installed at a location on Hildebrand, and a number of GMRS TERA 505 radios.
- There radios are very simple. Just 2 knobs and Peter has completed the programming.
- The radios will be dispersed with CERT teams when they are activated.

7.0. Field Day: June 26 - 27

- We have not been able to secure a permit from MROSD for the La Honda Open Space at Sears Rd. It’s possible that one will be granted prior to June, but unlikely. So, we will proceed with the

home version of Field Day again this year. However, there are a few non-MROSD locations that may be amenable to having us for Field Day, in which case we have an option of attending an outdoor COVID-Safe group function or operating from home. More details to follow.

- No one has volunteered to be IC, so Angelo will do it again this year, with help from Neil.

8.0. Miscellaneous

- **Smoke Point App:** Gabe Schine, who developed the Smoke Point App, will be giving a public tutorial on Sunday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. Zoom information is as follows:
 - Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74221987115?pwd=enlHOHBoK2FJUUVJjalkvaWNIvYtIzZ09>
Meeting ID: 742 2198 7115
Passcode: 464628
One tap mobile
+13462487799,,74221987115#,,,,*464628# US (Houston)
+17207072699,,74221987115#,,,,*464628# US (Denver)
 - He will be providing training sessions to other volunteer firefighters and Cal Fire.
- **ALERT Wildfire has added a new camera in Butano.** The link to all south and east bay cameras is <http://www.alertwildfire.org/southeastbay/index.html?camera=Axis-AllenPeak&v=81e004f> The one at Butano is called Lane Hill. The Smoke Point App referenced above access to the ALERT Wildfire cameras.
- **KPDO Coastside Gives Interviews:** Catherine mentioned that all south coast non-profits who are participating in Coastside Gives have been interviewed and they will be on the air periodically. Neil assisted in editing and creating a musical background. The conversations can be heard at: <http://www.kpdo.net/coastside-conversations/>
- **CERT Skills Training, May 1, and May 2:** The long-awaited in-person CERT Skills Training is scheduled for May 1 and May 2. We will have an informational station on radios and would like SC4ARC volunteers; two each morning and at least one each afternoon. In the a.m., we will be **briefly** describing what radios are and how they benefit us, specifically demonstrating the TERA 505 that will be used by CERT teams. In the p.m., the radio station will be distributing radios to each CERT Team and will relay information from Ari to the teams during the simulation exercise. Let Pat know if you can help.

9.0. Tech Session: Winlink / Packet Radio -- Peter Chupity

- Peter gave a great presentation on Winlink / Packet Radio. Thanks to Angelo for providing much of the material. Peter also talked about the new digipeater in Butano, the new consistency in frequency of winlink stations throughout the coastside and the huge improvement in winlink coverage for the coastside.
- The presentation was recorded and has been posted to our website in the library at: http://www.sc4arc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/introduction_to_packet_radio.pdf
- If you would like to get set-up with winlink and need a buddy to help you through the process, please respond to the Buddy letters that will be going out soon.

10.0. Meeting Adjourned 1136 hours