

## HLM Emeritus Certificate to Richard Shappee

Branch 8 (Walnut Creek/Concord) awarded an HLM Emeritus Certificate to Richard Shappee on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Richard is the first Branch 8 HLM Emeritus recipient and also the first Branch 8 member to receive an HLM who was not previously a Big SIR. Richard joined SIR in 1993 and was presented his HLM in 2009.



SIR State President Elect 2018, Derek Southern, made the presentation in Richard's home along with 6 other Branch 8 HLM recipients, Richard's wife (Joyce) and the Branch 8 Membership Chairman that Richard sponsored.



Pictured are (left to right) HLM Don Atwater, HLM-E Richard Shappee, HLM Derek Southern, HLM Marvin Kreitz, Membership Chairman Bob Barnes, Joyce Shappee, HLM Frank Begert Sr., HLM Dave Perkins and HLM Ed Myrtle.

Richard was a major developer and publisher of the Branch 8 Newsletter (Hotline) and served as Editor for 7 years, Director for 2 years and Branch Secretary for 3 years. He also served as Secretary of the State SIRARC (Amateur Radio Club) and authored the original Kompozer Version of the Model SIR Branch Website still available on SIRINC.ORG website. Richard resides in Concord with his wife and is an important resource for Branch 8.