

Minutes for UCARS March 19th, 2015 Meeting (Preliminary)

Bill, KB4NET, Opened the regular meeting at 7:01 PM with 15 members and 4 guests.

Members attending:

Andrew Kabasakalian WB2WZC	Paul P Corso KK4PIB	Norm Beasley KO4CB
Galen Stutzman KC4AN	Alfred Kokoszczynski KC2GZI	Ray Rising K4LWJ
Christopher Whitaker II KK4WJL	Chris Whitaker AE4WJ	Marcos Bilbao K3MJB
William 'Bill' Austin KK4SBX	Robb Johnson KK4LLB	Jim Tomkins KF4TOM
Bill Foust KB4NET, President	Leon Winter WX6I, Secretary	David Keever K8IP, Treasure

Guests from BSA: Brooks Hasty, Jim Pueschel, Dennios Robinson KE4YEC.
Our forth guest was Todd Howard.

David, K8IP, read the treasurer's report. The current balance (23/19/2015) of **1,285.72**.
Bill, KB4NET, reviewed the minutes from the February meeting

The representatives from the BSA shared about the scouts' interest in learning about radio. There are about 23 BSA troops in Union County. Marcos, K3MJB, Paul, KK4PIB, Chris, AE4WJ, Christopher, KK4WJL, are working on making it possible for about 12 young people to have a radio experience on Field Day.

Field Day 2015 takes place June 27-28 and is coming up fast. As of the meeting night, Christopher, KK4WJL, had an agreement with Southern Piedmont Community College (SPCC) for UCARS to use an area of their campus for our annual Field Day event.
Also discussed was an equipment list. That is, for members to begin thinking and making commitment on things they might be able to bring to cover Field Day needs.

NC4UC had lots of fun with the North Carolina QSO Party for 2015. We operated as: "Club/In State/Mixed" Our total score was 14,108. We were in the middle with two above us with the top score being 79,878 and one below us at 9,375. Considering it was our first time, we can be quite pleased with our performance!

Charlotte Hamfest went well with lots of sales and many visits. A medical emergency happened right beside our display table, so we had a front row view of the paramedic team working hard for the patient. We suppose that it turned out well.

No news on VE exam for April 16th.

Repeater from Yaesu has mostly been covered by donations from the members. We are now considering ordering a 2nd unit to increase the effectiveness of the UCARS UHF/VHF repeater. (Note that Yaesu does not use the ICOM digital modes and thus they are not compatible with each other.)

Marcos won the 50/50. He decided to keep \$5 and so \$35 went to the club. That is \$10 to the club treasury and \$25 to the repeater fund.

Bill, KB4NET, adjourned the UCARS Club meeting at 8:06 PM.

The next meeting will be on April 16th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leon, WX6I