

Minutes for UCARS July 16th, 2015, Meeting

Paul, KK4PIB, Opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 10 members and one guest.

Members attending:

Alfred Kokoszczynski KC2GZI	Paul P Corso KK4PIB, VP	Jack Stegall WD4E
John Griffin KG4WAC	Craig Sharp N6OJY	Brad Cansler AK4RE
Robb Johnson KK4LLB	Norm Beasley KO4CB	
Leon Winter WX6I, Secretary	David Keever K8IP, Treasure	

Guest Jim King KK4AWQ

Treasure's report. July balance, \$1,331.86

Our guest answered questions about helping Boy Scouts get their Communication Badges. Training sessions on specific subjects will be taught and a test of ascertain understanding will be given. More to come on this.

2015 Field Day Review from the Field Day Committee.

The following was reviewed and discussed by members of the Field Day Committee at a meeting on July 16, 2015. The meeting was held to find the good and the improvements that can be made for future Field Days.

- 1) Location
 - a) All agreed that the location was good
 - b) A pending request will be made to use the site next year
 - c) Concern of visibility for attention to the public to attract visitors.
 - d) Larger signage on the highways
- 2) Need to implement a plan for operators to become familiar with the radio in use.
 - a) Suggested that a training or exposure to the equipment be made at meeting prior to Field Day.
- 3) A suggestion was made that the UCARS consider purchasing radios to be used for events.
- 4) There was concern that the Tri-Band antenna on the tower was not functioning properly on 20 meters. VSWR was measured high on 20 meters but very low on 10 and 15 meters.
 - a) Is this a result of the antenna being assembled and disassembled numerous times?
 - b) Antenna needs to be tested to see if there is anything that can be corrected
 - c) Should UCARS invest in purchasing a new antenna?
- 5) There was concern of the long cable lengths to the antennas.
 - a) Need a plan for placement of antennas prior to Field Day.
 - b) Need to ensure that all antennas are mounted on the tower prior to raising.
- 6) Need to begin planning earlier in the year for Field Day.
- 7) Discussion if we want Field Day to be a Social event or a Contest.
 - a) This will determine how we operate.
 - b) If a contest suggested that we designate a primary high contact position for experienced contesters and a 2nd position for less experienced contest operators.
- 8) The need for a "Check List"
 - a) Not only a Field Day list of responsibilities and items to bring but a list of items to be completed during the Field Day.
 - b) Need to identify all items that we need to complete to obtain points and ensure that they are completed.
 - c) Someone(s) to be appointed to be responsible for the list at the site.
- 9) Logging computers had an issue whereas a hard drive became dislodged on one laptop.
 - a) No data was lost but duplications were affected and had to be removed in the final count.
- 10) We operate as 2A, suggestion made to consider 3A operation allowing 3 simultaneous transmitters.
 - a) Change would place us in a different Classification for rank.

- 11) A discussion about operators showing up only for Field Day but do not participate in UCARS meetings and activities during the year. While we encourage participation this does create issues as non-active UCARS members must be shown on site what is to be done and what is expected.
- 12) Mandatory meeting attendance for operators planning to participate prior to Field Day. A licensed operator that shows up would be allowed to operate but would have to be given guidelines on site.
 - a) Suggested that we try to recruit more members that would participate in events as Field Day.
- 13) On Air Operators should not be interfered with, changes made by others that can distract or negatively affect the operation. Any input or changes to be made should go through a designated person.
- 14) 1X1 Call was successful and request made to be used in the future.
- 15) Field Day this year did not include food for a meal, this was decided earlier, but it was agreed that we should consider food next year which we can prepare on site.
- 16) A suggestion was made that we purchase additional banners/signage for future events.
- 17) Field Day list of "to do" items will be held for next year with a review of earlier list to see if additional items should be added.
- 18) GOTA station was not ready at the beginning of Field Day.
 - a) Should we move GOTA station closer main activities?
 - b) Operators at the GOTA station should be within the rules eligibility.
 - c) Logging for GOTA station needs improvement.

Submitted by the Field Day committee members:

Norm Beasley, KO4CB

David Keever, K8IP

Chris Whitaker, AE4WJ

Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC

Jack Stegall, WD4E

Craig Sharp N6OJY

The 50/50 drawing won by Alfred who kept one with \$15 going to the treasury.

Paul, KK4PIB, adjourned the UCARS Club meeting at 7:56 PM.

The next regular meeting will be on August 16th at the Monroe Red Cross.

The next UCARS breakfast is Saturday, August 8th at the Monroe Golden Carrel

Respectfully Submitted,

Leon, WX6I