

Minutes for UCARS November 20th, 2014 Meeting

Paul, KK4PIB, Opened the regular meeting at 7:15 PM with 8 members and 2 guests.

Members attending:

Andrew Kabasakalian WB2WZC Paul P Corso KK4PIB Jerry Brewer N4MIU
Alfred Kokoszczyński WB2WZC Robb Johnson KK4LLB David Keever K8IP
Charles Comerford KK4HOK Leon Winter WX6I (Secretary)

Guests

Richard Kovach WA8KR Garland Denny, Navy Veteran

David, K8IP, read the treasurer's report. The current balance (11/20/2014) of \$996.⁷²
(See 2nd sheet for details)

Report that the Saturday, November 15th VE testing resulted in two new General Class hams.

The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

Election of officers was held. Ballots were handed out, then picked up and counted. The following was the result:

President: Bill Foust, KB4NET
Vice President: Paul Corso, KK4PIB
Secretary: Leon Winter, WX6I
Treasurer: David Keever, K8IP
Activities Manager: Marcos Bilbao, K3MJB

Report given of the UCARS participation in the Warbirds Air Show November 8 & 9 at the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport. The event call sign, W4W, was used for the two day event.

See pictures at: <http://nc4uc.org/2014/10/17/warbirds-2014/>

The UCARS (Union Cty ARS) standing in the 2014 ARRL Field Day (June 28-29) is listed in the December, '14 issue of QST on page 76. The entry is 7th club from bottom of 2nd column over.

Our club was in the upper half (2,214 corrected points) in the Class 2A section, which ranged from a high of 14,018 to a low of 258.

Before progressing further, we had a "round robin" introduction including name and call sign.

During the introductions, our walk-in visitor, Garland Denny (an 83 year old Navy veteran—not a ham) made a presentation looking for support for a US postage stamp that would raise support for veterans with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder.)

Jerry, N4MIU Reported on Emergency planning for Union County. Communication exercise coming up in April, 2015. No actual date set yet.

Discussion and agreement that the number of nets is too many. So now there will only be one on Thursday, on Saturday, and on Sunday. Also discussed was our Skywarn involvement.

Reminder that the UCARS annual Christmas dinner will be held at Bob Gibson's Bar-B-Q at 7 PM on the 14th, the 2nd Saturday of December. The location is 1507 W.

Roosevelt Rd, Monroe, NC 28110. Marcos, K3MJB, arranged for a room at the restaurant with enough seating for the group.

There will be not be the regular UCARS club breakfast in December.

Club Constitution: Proposed changes are being sent out (?)

David, K8IP, presented a new format for membership dues. Regular membership remains at \$20. A new membership options is for a family with two or more Amateurs could join together for \$30.

This was passed by a unanimous vote of the members present. Along with the fee, there is a new membership form to fill out that will be required for new or renewal membership.

Charles, KK4HOK, gave a packet Station update. Planning to install filters to see if operation improves. If not, maybe club should consider buying a commercial radio. Also need a new TNC that can cross-link VHF and UHF.

More on disaster assistance. Club could consider running a BBS for Union Cty. That could mean have a GoBox that includes packet ability.

Random musings:

Paul, KK4PIB, read a letter from Rep Richard Hudson on HOA issues (Home Owners Associations,) HR4969, Amateur Radio Parity Act. **Background:** In June, 2014 with Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) as the sponsor and Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2) as co-sponsor, HR 4969 - the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" - was introduced into the 113th Congress. This bipartisan effort would direct the FCC to extend the "reasonable accommodation" provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including deed restrictions and restrictive covenants.

Ham license training classes are planned to resume (start?) after the first of the year.

With a 501c3, we can solicit funds. \$400 filing fee. \$50 to incorporate

Current de facto responsibility for the:

Club website: Marcos, K3MJB

Club Facebook: Jerry N4MIU

Club Yahoo account: Ron W4RON, Charles KK4HOK, David K8IP,

Jerry N4MIU is going to talk to someone in Union Cty about reimbursement of the \$700 the Club spent.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Charles KK4HOK. Charles kept his \$1 investment thus putting \$22 into the club treasury. Thanks Charles.

The next meeting will be on January 15th.

Paul Corso KK4PIB, adjourned the UCARS Club meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leon, WX6I