

MINUTES for UCARS September 17, 2015 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET, Opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with 11 members and one guest.

Members attending:

Paul Corso	KK4PIB	Leon Winter	WX6I	Robb Johnson	KK4LLB
Craig Sharp	N6OJY	Bill Turner	W4WNT	Galen Stutzman	KC4AN
David Keever	K8IP	Ray Rising	K4LWJ	Alfred KoKoszczyński	KC2GZI
Alfred KoKoszczyński		Kelly Lambe	KW4TS	Bill Foust	KB4NET

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$1,147.86

- 1) Treasurer's Report was read
- 2) Bill reviewed the last meeting notes
- 3) Paul Corso gave a report on club members attending the Shelby Hamfest.
- 4) A discussion was had about the Tri-Band antenna and concern that the 20 meter portion may not be working correctly. It was discussed if we should purchase a new antenna before the next Field day. It was decided that the current antenna should be erected and tested to determine its condition. Some members will meet in Waxhaw to conduct the tests and we will decide what to do after the tests,
- 5) The WarBirds event is coming in November and a discussion if we are to participate, where we possibly may be at the airport. Our past location is scheduled to have a hanger installed but not sure if it will be before the November event or after. We need to let the WarBirds know how many passes the Club needs 10 days prior to the event.
- 6) The Boy Scouts Merit Badge Class is to be held October 31 at the Siler Presbyterian Church. There was discussion of what we need to provide, what is needed from the church and the presentation.
- 7) A Power Point Presentation is available for use that covers the Merit Badge requirements. We will need multiple groups/instructors to make this a success. Power Point is available on the internet and is available to all interested instructors. (http://scouting.org/jota/radio_merit_badge_.aspx)
- 8) Paul Corso suggested that we meet at the church with all interested members of the Club and Church to discuss what is to be done and who will be responsible, Paul will get clarification of Counselor approvals where needed in the Merit Badge requirements.
- 9) Bill Foust announced that the licensing of Amateur Radio Operators is at an all-time high
- 10) Discussion was held on how to recruit new Hams and existing Hams to be interested in the Club.
- 11) Bill Turner brought a proposal from the NC QSO party to allow multiple transmitters. This is in the preliminary stages of discussion. Some States allow it already.
- 12) UCARS has initially decided to hold the NC QSO party activities here at the Red Cross Building on February 28, 2016. Bill will contact the Red Cross for reservation.
- 13) A discussion was held about equipping the cabinet at the Club location with Amateur Radio equipment so that members will have access to it and also to have familiarity with the equipment. This will be discussed in future meetings.
- 14) The 50/50 drawing was held collecting \$16.00 that will go into the Club's bank account.

Bill, KB4NET, adjourned the UCARS Club meeting at 8:12 PM.

The next regular meeting will be October 15, 2015 at the Monroe Red Cross.

The next UCARS breakfast is Saturday October 10 at Monroe Golden Corral.