

MINUTES for UCARS December 2015 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET, opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with 8 members and 2 visitors

Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	Norm Beasley K04CB
David Keever K8IP	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Paul Corso KK4PIB
Kelly Lambe KW4JS	Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	

Visitors attending:

Rob Giebel KJ3C Charley Cross

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,370.86

- 1) Bill welcomed two visitors Robert Giebel and Charley Cross
- 2) Name badges were handed out
- 3) Bill reviewed last month's meeting minutes
- 4) Scheduled for the January meeting will be Digital training at the Club meeting to include an overview of Winmor and RMS Express with Demos.
- 5) Kelly requested that a video be made of the presentation as she will not be able to attend.
- 6) Tentatively for February a presentation and demonstration of VHF Packet is planned.
- 7) It was announced that a VE Session will held on January 16th at the Red Cross building.
- 8) A family breakfast gathering is scheduled for January 2 at the Golden Corral in Monroe at 9:30 AM
- 9) Alfred KoKoszczyński gave a presentation for the "National Parks on the Air". This is an opportunity for Amateurs in celebration of the National Park Service anniversary to set up radio facilities at the Parks during the year of 2016. Credit will be given by the ARRL with proper submission of the event. For details go to <http://arrl.org/npota>
- 10) The NC QSO Party will be held on Sunday, February 28. Tentative plans are to operate from the Club room using the existing antennas on the roof.
- 11) Paul Corso announced that the Field Day results for 2015 were in the December issue of QST on Page 77.
- 12) Planning is beginning for Field Day 2016. Field Day will be held at Siler Presbyterian Church in Wesley Chapel again this year. Paul Corso and Alfred KoKoszczyński will co-chair the event.
Other members to be on the planning committee include: Chris Whitaker, Andy Kabasakalian, Alfred KoKoszczyński, Paul Corso, Charley Cross, Norman Beasley, Bill Foust, Kelly Lambe, David Keever.
- 13) Paul Corso will contact Jim at the Boy Scouts to invite the Scouts to attend.
- 14) Announced that ICS300 & ICS400 classes will be given at South Piedmont Community College beginning January 5, 2016 for ICS 300 and March 16 for ICS-400.

- 15) Go to NC Terms for information or to register go to:
<https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/courseDesc.do?cofId=95435&sourcePage=Calendar&date=01-05-2016&srchEventTypeld=10&srchOgld=&legend=S+%3D+STATE%2C+L+%3D+LOCAL%2C+C+%3D+COLLEGE%2C+E+%3D+EMS%2C+H+%3D+HCC%2C+F+%3D+FEDERAL>
- 16) We are to confirm if ICS100, ICS200, ICS-700 and ICS-800 are required. These courses are available at the FEMA site to take at home.
- 17) Andy Kabasakalian provided a Show & Tell on a "Battery Booster" that can extend the use of your battery when it drops below a level that equipment may not operate correctly. Andy will place an order for the hardware. Please let Andy know if you are interested and to be added to the list of orders.
- 18) Alfred KoKoszczyński suggested that the club investigate way(s) that the Club can support the local Red Cross and become active in their events.
- 19) The drawing for the 50/50 contest was held and Andy Kabasakalian won the drawing. \$23.00 of the proceeds were donated to the Club account.
- 20) We added Rob Giebel KJ3C as a new member.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

The next regular meeting will be **January 21, 2016** at the Monroe Red Cross.
The next UCARS breakfast is Saturday **January 2, 2016** at the Monroe Golden Corral.
Please Note that the breakfast will be at **9:30 AM**.

This will be a Family Breakfast.