

MINUTES for UCARS January 2016 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET, opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with 15 members and 2 visitor

Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	Norm Beasley K04CB
David Keever K8IP	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Paul Corso KK4PIB
Paul Closius KM4AB	Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	Marcos Bilbao K3MJB
Charles Cross KM4QJT	Richard Morris KK4NKN	Robb Johnson KK4LLB
Jed Hayes KI4UER	Craig Sharp KD6B	Jim Tompkins KF4TOM

Visitors attending:

Michael Williams KM4EOZ Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,534.00

- 1) Bill welcomed two visitors Michael Williams and Ricardo Fisher
- 2) Name badges are available, have your picture taken at the end of the meeting
- 3) Bill reviewed last month's meeting minutes
- 4) Alfred KoKoszczyński gave a report on National Parks on the Air that is active for the year 2016. We want to have a part this year. Bill will work from the Outer banks this summer
- 5) Members were reminded of the NCQSO party to be held on February 28 at the club location. Details will be discussed at the February meeting.
- 6) The NCQSO party is on Sunday the 28th and the SCQSO party is on the day before on the 27th.
- 7) Paul Corso has contacted Siler Presbyterian Church about facilities for Field Day activities. He has submitted agreement to the church.
- 8) David Keever gave a synopsis of the ICS300 class and the requirements.
- 9) Bill asked about our location for the April Club meeting. We will need to acquire due to conflicts at the Red Cross building.
- 10) It was announced that Jack Stegall will not be able to attend our meetings for a while due to health issues.
- 11) Since Jack Stegall will not be available for the NCQSO party for CW operation we are looking for a CW operator.
- 12) Charley Cross has experience with CW and we hope he will volunteer to be the operator.
- 13) The Mecklenburg Hamfest information was provided by David Keever.
- 14) David has pre-admission and prize tickets available for sale tonight.
- 15) Alfred KoKo spoke about Winter Field Day and is there interest in it.
- 16) Alfred announced and requested participation in the ARRL School Club Round-Up. This an event of school students (elementary, middle, high school and college) operating Amateur radio exchanging QSO contacts with other school students and encouraging all hams to participate.

The events will be held: February 8-12, 2016

October 19-23, 2016

Details are available in the January issue of QST, Page 89.

- 17) Bill Foust provided a presentation of Winmor digital and RMS express mailing, detailing the installation and operation of the platforms. Equipment was shown that is needed to perform the operations in addition to inexpensive alternatives that can be used.
- 18) Bill announced that we are trying to arrange a Presentation of Packet operation at the February meeting.
- 19) We added three new members to the Clubs Roster this evening.
 - a. Charley Cross KM4QJT
 - b. Michael Williams KM4OEZ
 - c. Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO
- 20) The 50/50 drawing was held with Charley Cross winning and donating \$23.00 to the club treasury.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next regular meeting will be **February 18, 2016** at the Monroe Red Cross.

The next UCARS breakfast is Saturday **February 13, 2016** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 9:00 AM.