

## MINUTES for UCARS April 2016 Meeting

**Bill Foust, KB4NET**, opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with 14 Members and 2 Visitors

Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	Ray Rising K4LWJ
David Keever K8IP	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Paul Corso KK4PIB
Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	Jim King KK4AWQ	Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO
Charlie Cross KM4QJT	Brad Cansler AK4RE	Craig Sharp KD6B
Jed Hayes KI4UER	Kelly Lambe KW4IS	

Visitors attending: David Higgs K3WL  
Lonnie Craven K4KZ

### Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,832

- 1) Bill opened the meeting with an Introduction of a visitor, Lonnie Craven, K4ZD.
- 2) Bill reviewed last month's meeting minutes.
- 3) The Camporee event was reviewed.
  - a. We had 9 UCARS members attending
  - b. Suggested that in the future we have less equipment on site
  - c. We need more preparation/organization.
  - d. Need more on the air operation and more equipment interaction with visitors.
- 4) Bill reviewed the Catawba Nuclear Test Drill
  - a. We had 4 active participants (2 at the EOC & 2 at the Red Cross)
  - b. Found that HF did not perform as well as expected.
  - c. VHF Packet worked well and able to transfer ICS Forms without issues
  - d. Information during the drill was sent to the Red Cross real time.
- 5) Alfred KoKoszczyński showed the tape measure antenna that is typically used for Fox Hunts.
  - a. Suggested that if enough interest in constructing these antennae that we make bulk purchase of parts.
  - b. Suggested that we have an assembly party but not on Club night, possibly a Saturday.
- 6) Field Day event in June was discussed.
  - a. It will be held at Siler Presbyterian Church (same as last year)
  - b. Club members need Contest Operation training.
  - c. Suggestion that the club operate 3 Stations
  - d. Suggestion to acquire logtalker (s) voice assist for contest.
  - e. Antennas for Field Day were reviewed.
    - i. Planning to have dipoles, triband antenna on tower and vertical
    - ii. VHF if we want to use Packet.
    - iii. Discussed antenna locations.
  - f. Need CW operators (double points)
- 7) Current tent needs replacement
  - a. Looking for replacement and prices.
  - b. Need tent with side screens
  - c. Tent that easily telescopes into place for easy installation and removal.
- 8) VE Session for May 7 was announced and we are looking for volunteers

- a. You can volunteer to assist even without a VE Certificate, there are position not requiring VE.
- 9) Bill presented the idea of using Broadband-Hamnet that uses Wi-Fi Routers for equipment to give wide band communications.
  - a. Looking for donations of used wireless routers.
  - b. Craig Sharp will conduct tests and provide results or what we can do with them.
- 10) Craig Sharp will be giving a Solar Presentation at the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society Club in Charlotte on April 26. The meeting will be at the St Giles Evangelical Church.
- 11) Ray Rising, who works with volunteer organization in Columbia, SA is looking for a source for contributions of Fire Fighters Clothing, Jackets etc.
- 12) 50/50 Drawing was held with \$30 in the drawing, Paul Corso is the winner and contributed \$29.00 to the Club's treasury.
- 13) Andy Kady gave a presentation of his antenna kits. That included:
  - a. An End Fed Antenna that is ideal be used Field Day.
  - b. A Terminated Folded Dipole
  - c. The MaxComm scam and use of tape measures as a self-stowing antennae element for counter poise.
  - d. Andy is putting together simple group activities for some fun and a useful device.
  - e. His Kits cost around \$5.00 down to \$3.00
- 14) Two New Members at tonight's meeting:

Jim King	KK4AWQ
David Higgs	K3WL
- 15) Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM

## COMING EVENTS

Next **VE Session** is **May 7, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

The next **UCARS breakfast** is **Saturday May 14, 2016** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 9:00 AM.

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **May 19, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

June UCARS Meeting is **June 16, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

**ARRL Field Day** is **June 25 & 26, 2016** at the **Siler Presbyterian Church in Wesley Chapel.**