

MINUTES for UCARS May 2016 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET, opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with 11 Members and 3 Visitors

Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	David Funderburk N4DKF
David Keever K8IP	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Paul Corso KK4PIB
Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Kelly Lambe KW4IS
Brad Cansler AK4RE	Craig Sharp KD6B	

Visitors attending: David Dudin KM4TLP
Daniel Brinneman KG4DNI
Frank Adelman

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,849.53

- 1) Bill opened the meeting with an Introduction of visitors, David Funderburk N4DKF and Frank Adelman.
- 2) Bill reviewed the Tape measure antennas and the forthcoming plans to build.
- 3) The upcoming Field Day were discussed.
 - a. UCARS has a new Canopy, purchased this month.
 - b. Screening the Canopy was discussed and decided to purchase one that provides rain protection. Voted on and approved to purchase before next meeting. Projected cost is \$40.00
 - c. Bill recommended that we have some training on the equipment that will be used so that all operators will be familiar and be able to operate the radios and log for others.
- 4) Bill welcomed a new Amateur visitor, David Dubin who recently received his Technician Class license.
- 5) Andy Kady presented a certificate to Ricardo Fisher for his accomplishment of completing his first amateur radio project.
- 6) At the recent VE test session 2 amateurs obtained their Extra Class license.
 - a. Ricardo Fisher a member of UCARS received his Extra
 - b. Tom Green from Concord received his Extra Class License.
- 7) Craig Sharp was recognized for a presentation about Solar Power at the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Club. We are requesting Craig to give the same presentation to the UCARS Club.
- 8) The Field Day Plans were discussed and plans being made to:
 - a. Siler Presbyterian Church in Wesley Chapel will be the location on June 25.
 - b. Paul Corso has secured all of the permits required from the Town of Wesley Chapel to allow us to have a gathering at the church and to post signs for the event.
 - c. It was discussed that in addition to the Picnic shelter used last year that we also use the patio area at the Fellowship Hall.
 - d. Andy Kady will contact Jeanna at the church to confirm that we may use both locations on Saturday and Sunday.
 - e. It was recommended that we participate as a 3A station for field day. (3 active transmitters at power less than 150 watts).
 - f. The deployment of a GOTA station was discussed and will be resolved by the Field Day Committee. Past experience is the GOTA has not received much operation.

- g. Recommendation that we use one of the station sites as a digital site whether it be PSK, Packet or CW. These contacts provide double scoring.
 - h. David Funderburk suggested that we consider the use of a CW Skimmer, it allows CW operation from a keyboard.
 - i. Logging will require multiple laptops to be networked together
 - j. Antennas were discussed, Bill Foust will provide the tower and tri-band antenna on the trailer. An inverted V antenna is planned at the tower. David K will provide a vertical 40-10 meter antenna.
 - k. Craig has requested that we operate totally from Solar Power this year.
 - l. We need as many antennas as we can obtain. With 3 transmitter operating simultaneously a minimum of 3 antennas is required. But more is better.
 - m. Bill Foust will provide material for ARRL Public Relations Table.
 - n. UCARS will provide liquid refreshments
 - i. Water, coffee and soft drinks
 - o. The Field Day Committee will report at the June meeting their decisions for Field Day planning, the responsibilities and any outstanding issues.
- 9) The 20/20 Drawing was held, David Funderburk was the winner, contributing \$10 to the club treasury.
- 10) Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM
- 11) We have two new members that joined at tonight's meeting.
- a. David Dubin KM4TLP is our newest member, we all welcome David to the UCARS Amateur Radio Family.
 - b. David Funderburk N4DKF has rejoined the Club, welcome back to David
- 12) Demos were given:
- a. David K. presented an alternative to having repetitive calling during a contest. An inexpensive voice recorder that will record a short message.
 - i. Several members are ordering the devices for use and to experiment with.
 - b. Andy Kady gave a demonstration of Ricardo Fisher CW transceiver kit.

COMING EVENTS

Next **VE Session** is **July 16, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

The next **UCARS breakfast** is **Saturday June 11, 2016** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 9:00 AM.

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **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.**