

## MINUTES for UCARS August 2016 Meeting

**Bill Foust, KB4NET**, opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with 13 Members and 2 Visitors

Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	Kelly Lambe KW4IS
David Keever K8IP	Charlls Cross KM4QJT	Paul Corso KK4PIB
Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Galen Stutzman KC4AN
Ray Rising K4LWJ	Craig Sharp KD6B	Bill Turner W4WNT
Norm Beasley KO4CB		

Visitors attending: Bo Yates W4BCY  
David Cantley WD4DDC

### **Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,676.46**

- 1) Bill opened the meeting with an Introduction of a new visitor David Cantley.
- 2) The Treasurer's Report was given.
- 3) Announced that if you are not on the Yahoo Group t let us know so that you may be entered.
- 4) Discussion of next year's Field Day location and permits. Paul Corso is to contact the town of Wesley Chapel about permits for 2017.
- 5) Bill Foust discussed the Shelby Hamfest and that there will a club location. He attempted to recruit members to be there early to assist in setup.
- 6) Bill and Galen Stutzman will go early on Saturday morning to set up at the Hamfest.
- 7) The annual Warbirds event was discussed and if we will participate. The club feels it is good exposure for the group.
- 8) Paul Corso was requested to make contact and make arrangements for UCARS participation.
- 9) We are beginning to have monthly presentations that should interest our members. The upcoming events were announced. Events coming: Tape Ruler Yagi Antenna, Solar Power, PASK31 digital and tonight Arduino.
- 10) There is some interest in Mesh Network. There is an article written by Brad Cansler on the NC4UC.org web site under Useful Links.
- 11) Bill Turner announced the Brunswick County is setting up a Mesh Network for emergency backup communications. They are receiving funding from local governments.
- 12) Bill Turner announced that the NC & SC QSO Parties will be held on the weekend of February 25 & 26, 2017. The SCQSO Party will be on February 25 and the NCQSO will be on February 26.
- 13) Winter Field Day is to be held on January 28-29.
- 14) There was discussion about Internet Access at the UCARS Meetings. We have access if the UCARS Modem is connected to the Red Cross Network.
- 15) There was a discussion for Uniforms for Warbirds over Monroe. Decision made to wear civilian clothes as in the past.
- 16) Chris Whitaker gave a presentation about the Arduino product line and its capabilities. Encouraging those interesting to get involved. There are numerous possibilities for their use.
- 17) The 50/50 drawing was held with Charlie Cross winning the drawing. Charlie's donation and the club's portion provided \$29.00 to be added to the UCARS bank account.
- 18) Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.
- 19) Informal one on one discussion followed.

## **COMING EVENTS**

Next **VE Session** is **October 22, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

The next **UCARS breakfast** is **Saturday September 10, 2016** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 9:00 AM.

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **September 15, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**