

MINUTES for UCARS July 2016 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET, opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with 12 Members and 2 Visitors

Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	Mal Speer WA2TWA
David Keever K8IP	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Paul Corso KK4PIB
Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Galen Stutzman KC4AN
David Higgs K3WL	Craig Sharp KD6B	David Funderburk N4DKF

Visitors attending: Bo Yates W4BCY
Rob Giebel KJ3C

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,636.34

- 1) Bill opened the meeting with an Introduction of visitors Rob Giebel, KJ3C and Bo Yates, W4BCY.
- 2) The Treasurer's Report was given.
- 3) Announced that we had 3 applicants at the last VE Session with 2 new amateur licensees.
- 4) Bill announced the passing of Jake Beasley (Norm's son) and the appreciation that Norm had for members attending the memorial service.
- 5) Bill announced the passing of his sister this past week.
- 6) Meeting minutes for the June meeting were summarized.
- 7) Open discussion on the subject of Field Day.
- 8) Andy Kaby mentioned how great his voice assist device is.
- 9) Bill announced that he had purchased an MFJ voice assist unit from proceeds from Leon Winters estate donation. It will be made available for the club's use as needed.
- 10) David K. reviewed the Field Day results and the Bonus points that we are eligible for.
- 11) Bill explained the reason for the tower issue experienced at Field Day.
- 12) Andy Kaby felt that we should had better antenna installations, if we had more time we could have mounted antennas higher and tested before commencing Field Day. We were delayed due to the tower delay.
- 13) Andy Kaby relayed that Siler Presbyterian were pleased with the condition that the church was left in and that we would be welcome again next year.
- 14) A number of members agreed that the location is good and would like to return next year.
- 15) David K asked if the same Special call if preferred for next year. It was agreed to request the same call.
- 16) It was discussed that the 1 X 1 call does cause some confusion for contacts but better than using the club call due to length and phonetics.
- 17) David K mentioned that we overlooked sign in sheets for visitors this year.
- 18) Bill F noted that we needed Club Handouts such as business card or flyer. In the past we had a small card.
- 19) Power provision was discussed. Craig S. reported that we had plenty of reserve and could have operated a second day.
- 20) Shelby Hamfest on Labor Day weekend that we will rent a space or two (one for parking).
- 21) Discussion turned to Project/Presentations for upcoming meetings.
 - a. Chris W will give a presentation about Arduino processors at the August meeting.
 - b. Alfred K will present the construction of the tape ruler antenna for two meters.

- c. Warbirds over Monroe Air Show, does UCARS want to attend as in the past? Bill F believes it is good exposure for the club and suggest we investigate attending. Paul C. will make contact with a representative to have the club involved. The event is the weekend of November 11-13.
 - d. Craig S. will give a Solar power presentation after the Christmas Holidays.
 - e. Chris W will give a presentation on PSK31 digital communications. He prefers that it be given close to next year's Field Day so that the training will be fresh. Chris is encouraging more use of digital at Field Day as it provides more points per contact.
- 22) The 50/50 drawing was held with David Higgs winning making the club's donation at \$35.00.
- 23) Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.
- 24) Informal one on one discussion followed.

COMING EVENTS

Next **VE Session** is **October 27, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

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

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **August 18, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**