

MINUTES for UCARS October 2016 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET, opened the meeting at 7:04 PM with 14 Members and 1 guest.

Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	Chris Whitaker AE4WS	Bo Yates W4BCY
David Keever K8IP	Paul Corso KK4PIB	Ray Rising K4LWJ
Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Galen Stutzman KC4AN	Ron Durie WB4OOA
Brad Cansler AE4RE	Mal Speer WA2TWA	Charles Cross KM4QJT
David Higgs K3WL	Marcos Bilbao K3MJB	

Guest: Kevin Kimbrough

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,546.46

- 1) Bill opened the meeting with announcements:
 - a. Welcomed our guest – Kevin Kimbrough
- 2) The Treasurer's Report was given.
- 3) Announced that if you are not on the Yahoo Group let us know so that you may be entered so you will receive announcements of club activities.
 - a. All in attendance are receiving announcements.
- 4) We had presentation last month of tape measure 2 meter antennas.
- 5) Warriors and Warbirds event was discussed.
 - a. Paul has received no response from the Warriors and Warbirds leaders.
 - b. Announced that we will not set up the tower this year.
 - c. We will install Dipole and vertical antennas.
 - d. Set up by UCARS for the event will begin at 3:00 PM on Friday November 11.
 - e. Paul will request 15 passes for member's attendance.
 - f. No Parking will be allowed inside the event. Members will park at the event parking lot and use a shuttle bus to our site.
- 6) The location and the December 8 party was discussed.
 - a. Discussion to look at other location than the Hilltop due to restrictions and pricing.
 - b. The Derby Restaurant and Bar will be the new location.
 - c. Paul and David will visit the Restaurant to reserve and obtain details.
- 7) January QSO party was discussed and the members elected to not participate at the Red Cross
 - a. Members are encouraged to participate from their locations.
 - b. The SC QSO party will be on Saturday and the NC on Sunday.
- 8) Paul spoke about an issue he had with his transmitter getting into his smoke detector.
 - a. He resolved by moving the detector the other end of the house.
- 9) Discussion of the potential of some LED lighting devices creating RF noise.
- 10) Announced that we had 5 attendees taking and passing technician licenses at last Saturday's VE session.
- 11) Formal part of meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.
- 12) Bill and Brad provided a program with demonstration of Wireless equipment used to transmit data in frequencies allocated to Amateur Radio shared with Wi-Fi devices.
 - a. Demonstrated that older models of Linksys modems can be used as an inexpensive alternative.
 - b. Commercial equipment is available that can be mounted at the antenna.

- c. UCARS is pursuing establishing a network in the County that would provide at the beginning a link between the Red Cross building and the County EOC.
 - d. An article by Brad Cansler about mesh networks is posted on the NC4UC.org website.
- 13. The 50/50 drawing was held with Charles Cross having the winning ticket.
 - a. A contribution was made to the club of \$19.00.
- 14. Announced that 2017 club Dues are being received.
- 15. Club officers will be elected at the November meeting.

COMING EVENTS

The next **UCARS breakfast** is **Saturday November 11, 2016** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 8:00 AM.

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **November 17, 2016** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**