

MINUTES for UCARS January 2017 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET, opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with 16 Members and 2 guests

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	Mal Speer WA2TWA
Brad Cansler AE4RE	Bill Turner W4WNT	Jim King KK4AWQ
Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	David Funderburk N4DKF
Dave Higgs K3WL		

Guests: Julie Meeker
Alan Meeker

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,861.46

- 1) The Treasurer's Report was given
- 2) Bill opened the meeting with announcements:
 - a. Welcomed our guest – Julie Meeker & Jim King
- 3) Announced that 2017 Club Dues are due
- 4) Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society Hamfest was announced and details of the event were presented. Volunteers were recruited for the Hamfest, Tickets are available at a discount tonight.
- 5) Bill announced that there will be three tables at the Hamfest for UCARS
- 6) Members reminded that they may place items for sale on the tables. You must provide an asking and the lowest price that you will take for your item. You should be available if a buyer has questions.
- 7) The NC QSO Part and Winter Field Day were discussed. UCARS has elected not to participate as a club but all members are encouraged to participate as an individual station at home.
- 8) Members that do participate are encouraged to submit their logs no matter how small they are to confirm and verify other entries.
- 9) It was announced that the VHF Contest is being held this weekend. (January 21 & 22)
- 10) UCARS will conduct VE Exams this weekend at the Red Cross Building.
- 11) VE volunteers were solicited and identified.
- 12) Alan Meeker and Julie Meeker were in attendance as guests to receive the radio equipment that had been brought to the last meeting for review. Equipment had been checked by Ray Rising and he confirmed equipment was operable and in good condition. Since the November meeting Alan had successfully obtained his amateur radio technician license.
- 13) Paul Corso presented the club's program entitled "Grounding and Bonding" The program presented the proper way to ground your electrical service to not only prevent damage to your equipment but also to prevent damage to individuals. The presentation was well received and generated several questions and comments. Including examples of issues that some members have had.
- 14) Andy Kabasakalian, who likes to dig around in old stuff talked about some antenna insulators dating back to old days of radio that he had found at an old hardware. The arrestors used neon inserts to discharge voltages to ground to prevent damage to receiving equipment.

- 15) The 50/50 drawing was held with a \$21.00 amount. Bo Yates was the winner and he donated all proceeds to the UCARS treasury.
- 16) Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM

COMING EVENTS

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **February 16, 2017** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

The next **UCARS breakfast** is **Saturday February 11, 2017** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 9:00 AM.

The next **UCARS VE Session** will be **April 15, 2017**