

## MINUTES for UCARS March 2017 Meeting

**Bill Foust, KB4NET**, opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with 16 Members & 3 visitors.

### Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	David Funderburk N4DKF	Bo Yates W4BCY
Paul Corso KK4PIB	Mal Speer WA2TWA	Rick Lanier KN4AGI
Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Bill Turner W4WNT
Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	David Higgs K3WL	Kelly Lambe KW4IS
Ray Rising K4LWJ	David Keever K8IP	Galen Stutzman K4CAN
Moe Gingerich WA4MOE		

Guest: Brian Griffin (Union County Sheriff's Department)  
Mike Segersin KM4CGA (New Ham)  
Steve Goins KN4CJF (New Ham)

### **Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 2,095.54**

- 1) Meeting opened at 7:03 PM
- 2) The Treasurer's Report was given
- 3) Bill opened the meeting with introductions:
  - a. The Guest speaker – Brian Griffin – Union County Sheriff's Department
  - b. Mike Segersin KN4CJA who received his license on 4/15/17
  - c. Steve Goins KN4CJF who received his license at the class in Stallings.
  - d. Recognized Rick Lanier – KN4AGI as a new member.
- 4) Bill stated that the ARRL has been updated with the current UCARS information. This is required to maintain being recognized as an ARRL member club.
- 5) Brian Griffin with the Union Sheriff's Department presented the "Life Saver Program"
  - a. The program provides small wireless transmitters to individuals who may have Alzheimer's, dementia or other medical issue that could cause them to be lost.
  - b. The program originated in NC in Stokes County and is being added to other counties as interest and awareness is made.
  - c. Currently Union County has 25-30 of the devices in use.
  - d. These battery powered devices and batteries are voluntarily replaced by the Pilot Club.
  - e. Individuals wear the small device on their wrist or leg.
  - f. The transmitter radiates a low powered signal that is picked up by monitoring devices along with directional antennas the patient can be located.
  - g. Locating individuals has been very successful and very fast.
  - h. Help from individuals that have receiving equipment capable of monitoring the radio frequency of the device worn by a lost person would be helpful as more monitors will assist in finding a person faster.
  - i. Need a contact person in the club for the Sheriff's Office or the 911 center can notify when a person is missing along with the frequency of their radio.
  - j. Radios are operating on frequencies at 215 Mhz.
  - k. A monitor if hearing the signal would call 911 and report their location.
  - l. Methods of contacting the club as a group will be considered possibly similar to "Code Red" system.

- m. The devices are not inexpensive. Bracelets cost \$250.00 and are provided at no or minimal cost if an individual cannot afford to purchase.
- 6) The Boy Scout Jamboree will be held on Saturday April 22 at the Cane Creek Park near Waxhaw. Andy Kabasakalian presented the details reviewed the needed equipment for the event.
  - a. We have been requested to furnish two working stations and a VHF radio.
    - i. One for on air use to show how Amateur Radio is used.
    - ii. A second stations will be for Boy Scouts to make contacts whit a licensed Ham control operator.
    - iii. Setup time will begin at 10:00 AM
    - iv. A list of equipment and who provides was made.
- 7) Field Day was discussed
  - a. Andy Kabasakalian (Field Day Coordinator) outlined the plans.
  - b. Antennas will be set up on Friday afternoon beginning at 1:00 PM
  - c. Antennas will be tested and ready for Saturday at 2:00 PM
- 8) Bill advised that we have received a motorized crank up tower that will need some minor repairs but is an asset that we hopefully can use when the Red Cross relocates.
- 9) The recent Technician Classes held at Stallings were discussed and the licensing of new Hams.
- 10) ARRL Field Day shirts and hats are available at the ARRL web site. Anyone interested please let David K. know.
- 11) Classes will be held before Field Day for Digital and Contest operations.
- 12) David Funderburk operated the Sprint VHF contest and was very successful with 82 contacts.
- 13) David Funderburk advised that the Regional VHF Meeting will be held April 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 14) The 50/50 drawing was held with a \$22.00 amount. Kelly Lambe was the winner and she donated the proceeds to the club's treasury.
- 15) Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

## COMING EVENTS

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **May 18, 2017** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

The next **UCARS breakfast** is **Saturday May 13, 2017** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 9:00 AM.

The next **UCARS VE Session** will be **July 22, 2017**