

Minutes for UCARS September 21st, 2017 Meeting

Bill Foust, KB4NET opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 16 members present.

Members in attendance:

Andrew Kabasakalian, WB2WZC

Paul Corso, KK4PIB

David Keever, K8IP

Bill Foust KB4NET

Michael Segersin KN4CQA

Dave Higgs K3WL

Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO

Norm Beasley K04CB

David Funderburk N4DKF

Mal Spear WA2TWA

Rick Lanier KN4AGI

Steve Goins KN4CJF

John Crowley KN4EUH

Galen Stutzman KC4AN

Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI

Jim King KK4AWQ

David, K8IP presented the treasurer's report. The Current bank balance is \$1,873.54

Bill Foust reviewed the minutes of the August meeting.

The members were queried on the following:

Do we have a Sign-Up sheet for each member?

Does everyone have Club Name badge?

Is everyone receiving the mailings from the Yahoo UCARS Groups?

Dues will be accepted for 2018 in October.

The Warbirds annual event will take place November 11, members were queried to see how many will be attending. Paul Corso will contact the Warbirds to confirm that we may attend and any information that we would need.

The annual Christmas dinner was discussed. We are expecting as many as 40 members and guests. The Tropicana Buffet in Matthews was suggested. Steve Goins will contact the restaurant to check on availability for November 11, the cost and if they have an area large enough.

Discussion if UCARS will participate in the annual NC QSO party that will be held February 25, 2018.

Andy Kabasakalian won a walkie talkie at the Shelby Ham fest.

Jerry Brewer is hosting an "ARES Amateur Radio Emergency Training Net" on Saturday evenings at 9:30 PM on the JAARS Echo link repeater. Access to the echo link is K4WBT-R. The Net can also be heard on "You Tube"

Bill talked about the recent disasters from Hurricanes and the Hams in Dominic and passing traffic about the hurricanes.

The Red Cross is asking for amateur radio operator volunteers to participate for a minimum of 3 weeks in support of the hurricane relief program. Some assignments will be in the disaster areas and other regional support. If interested contact the American Red Cross.

Time for the nomination of officers for UCARS for 2018. We need nominations by October and will hold voting in October. Several names were mentioned, the suggested names will be contacted before the October vote to ensure that they are willing to accept the nomination.

The evening's program was presented by John Crowley. He presented his interest in Yaesu' Wires-X platform. How he got started, what it takes to get involved. He has set up a node at his home in Monroe and told us about the unlimited possibilities of communications around the world through his and other nodes in the area. John is looking at the possibility of interfacing with the UCARS digital repeater to enhance his coverage in the Monroe area. A handout was given to members for additional information. John's Wires-X operation is on 443.125 MHz with a =5 MHz offset.

The 50/50 drawing was held for a jackpot of \$28.00. John Crowley was the winner and contributed all proceeds to the club's treasury.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM

The first Club Meeting Swap fest was held where members had brought in items and equipment that they would like to sell or exchange.

The next Saturday Breakfast is October 14 at the Golden Corral.

VE Sessions: Union County Amateur Radio Society October 21 at 9:00 AM; Red Cross Building, Monroe