

Minutes for UCARS November 16, 2017 Meeting

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 19 members and 1 visitor present.

Members in attendance:

Andrew Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Bill Foust KB4NET
Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO
Mal Spear WA2TWA
Galen Stutzman KC4AN
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
Jim King, KK4AWQ

Paul Corso, KK4PIB
Mike Wilson, K4TWM
Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
Al Zinkernagel. KI4UJJ
Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI
Steven Goins, KN4CJF

David Keever, K8IP
David Higgs, K3WL
David Funderburk N4DKF
Rick Lanier, KN4AGI
Kelly Lambe, KW4IS
Henry Hicks, K4HCH

Visitors: Peter Gulish, KA1NEM

1. Chris recapped the events of the last meeting.
2. Announced that there were two upgrades at the last VE Session. Ron Durie, WB4OOA obtained an Extra and Mike Segersin, KN4CGA became a General Class.
3. Attendees introduced themselves
4. David, K8IP presented the treasurer's report. The Current bank balance is \$2,224.04
5. Paul Corso gave a review of the Monroe Warbirds event of last weekend.
 - Extremely large crowds
 - He introduced a dozen or more to Amateur Radio
 - Club presence was noticed and Hams in the area that are non-members came by to say hello.
 - A special thanks to **Mike Williams** for the use of his enclosed trailer at the event.
 - Several members commented on how loud the explosions from the event were and how far they were heard.
 - A lady (daughter of a deceased owner of the "CB Barn" in Matthews) introduced herself and advised that she had numerous tubes and tube checker that she would like to dispose of.
6. The subject of "Training Classes" for Amateur Radio enthusiasts to obtain and upgrade license. Chris recommended that we form an "Educational Committee". The committee would be responsible for obtaining a location, scheduling, recruiting instructors and publicizing the classes.
 - a. There was some discussion and suggestions of places that classes may be held.
 - b. Volunteers for the committee were recruited and the following volunteered.
 - i. Henry Hinks, K4HCH; David Higgs, K3WL; and Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
7. Chris announced that the Frost Fest Hamfest will be held in Richmond, VA. On February 3, 2018.
8. It was announced that Club dues for 2018 are dues and may be paid tonight, see David
9. The Christmas Dinner will be held on December 7th at 7:00 PM at the Tropicana Grill and Buffet in Matthews. NC
10. There will be no UCARS meeting in December.
11. The next "Swap Fest" will be held January 18, 2018
12. The next VE Session will be January 20th, 2018 at the Red Cross
13. Alfred KoKo gave tonight's presentation.
 - a. His presentation was an example of a Technician Class license.
 - b. He provided Handouts with questions and ask the members to complete, the questions were reviewed.
 - c. He also passed around Index Cards asking for ideas for Presentations that members would like to have at a meeting.

14. Paul Corso addressed the subject of classes for Boy Scouts to obtain their radio merit badge. Paul had talked to Jim Clark who was very interested in a presentation.
 - a. Others are interested in the class for their Scout troops
 - b. Mike Wilson, K4TWM and Jim King, KK4AWQ are interested in having classes
 - c. Mike Wilson has a Power Point (K2BSA Jamboree Radio Merit Badge)
 - d. Class scheduling will be addressed at the January 2018 meeting.
15. The 50/50 drawing was held. \$37.00 was collected and was won by Henry Hicks who contributed funds to the UCARS treasury.
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Coming Events:

Christmas Dinner, December 7th at the Tropicana Grill and Buffet in Matthews, NC

The next Saturday Breakfast is December 9th at the Golden Corral in Monroe.

VE Sessions: Union County Amateur Radio Society January 20th at 9:00 AM; Red Cross Building, Monroe