

## Minutes for UCARS March 2018 Meeting

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 15 members and 2 visitors present.

### Members in attendance:

Paul Corso, KK4PIB

Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO

Chris Whitaker, Jr KK4WJL

Mal Speer WA2TWA

Kevin Moderow WA9VFD

David Keever, K8IP

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS

Henry Osuna KN4IZR

Al Zinkernagel KI4UJJ

Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC

Bill Foust KB4NET

David Funderburk N4DKF

Michael Segersin KN4CQA

Jim King KK4AWQ

Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI

Visitors: Peter Gulish, KA1NEM

Greg Turner, W3CL

1. Chris reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Chris announced the loss of a member, Mr. Bo Yates, W4BCY.
  - a. Paul Corso spoke about Bo's history and read his obituary.
  - b. Bo and his wife Joan were both Presbyterian ministers serving at multiple churches
3. Chris is asking Ham Club Online to include a section to identify Silent Keys.
4. Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed.
5. Chris announced that the antennas at the building had been removed since the last meeting.
6. David K gave the Treasurer's report
7. Paul Corso spoke about he Boy Scout Camporee to be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Cane Creek Park.
  - a. Setup will be at 11:00 AM Saturday morning and he recruited volunteers to be in attendance. The event is planned to run from 11-4PM for the Club.
  - b. Paul is bringing 2 tables and some chairs, it is recommended that you bring a chair for yourself.
8. Jim King presented a Radio Merit Badge Poster that may be used for promotion of the Class
9. Paul Corso met people at a Mint Hill church and provided information about the Boy Scout Merit Badge and the club's participation in presenting the class.
10. Paul lead a discussion about the Radio Merit Badge and what needs to be done before the May 12<sup>th</sup> date.
  - a. Numerous volunteers are available to teach sections of the class.
    - i. David is sending last years presentation to the volunteers to get their input and comments.
11. Jim King spoke more in detail about the Radio Merit Badge requirements and the need for volunteers for the Boy Scouts.
  - a. He recommended that those that are interested to go the web site "My.scouting.org" for the requirements to be certified to support the Scouts.
  - b. Jim will check with the Church and Scouts to determine if the May 12<sup>th</sup> date is acceptable for the class.
  - c. Volunteers for presenters at the Radio Merit Badge include: Alfred K, Chris Sr, Chris Jr., Mal S, Peter G, David K, Paul C, Alfred K, Kevin M
  - d. A dry run of the presentation is scheduled at the next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> before the 7:00 PM meeting. Tentatively at 6:00, notification will be sent out.
12. Field Day site has been approved by Siler Presbyterian Church

13. Alfred Kabasakalian will produce maps for antenna layout.
14. The next UCARS breakfast will be April 14<sup>th</sup>.
15. Chris discussed the Catawba Nuclear Drill to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> that the club will participate at the Red Cross. Volunteers are invited to attend.
  - a. There was a lengthy discussion of equipment necessary to support the drills now and in the future.
  - b. Chris asked that he club consider purchasing equipment to be placed on site at the Red Cross and possibly of building a "Go Box" to support the events.
16. Club member Introductions were made.
17. We had two visitors, Paul Gulish and Greg Turner, who have since become members
18. 50/50 drawing was held with \$22.00 in the collection. The drawing was won by Andy Kabasakalian and proceeds donated to the club treasury.
19. David K gave a presentation on "Vanity Calls".
20. Chris provided Cake, Drinks and Snacks in celebration of our last meeting at the old Red Cross Building.
21. We will move the club's cabinet on Friday March 16 at 8:30 AM.
22. Meeting closed at 9:00 PM

Coming Events:

The next Saturday Breakfast is April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Monroe.