

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2018

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 16 members present.

Members in attendance:

Paul Corso, KK4PIB	David Keever, KV4N	Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI
Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Michael Segersin KN4CQA	Jeff Weiss, K4EVT
Kevin Moderow WA9VFD	Steve Goins, KN4CJF	Peter Gulish, K1NEM
Henry Hicks, K4HCH	Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC	Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
David Funderburk, N4DKF	Christopher Whitaker, KK4WJL	Rick Lanier, N4RCL
Alfred Zinkernagel, KI4UJJ		

1. Chris Whitaker opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
2. Chris gave a recap of the October meeting.
 - a. Elections will be held retaining the current officers.
 - b. Communications Director position created, Chris Whitaker, KK4WJL assigned to the position. He will be creating a monthly newsletter; first copy was issued this month.
 - i. Any suggestions let Chris know.
 - ii. Request will go out soon requesting information from members that may include in future newsletters.
 - c. Warriors and Warbirds upcoming event was planned.
 - d. First responders net was held on November 7th being semi-successful.
 - e. Steve Blackford, K4SQI gave a presentation about the "Carolina Digital Network" for Digital formats.
 - f. Peter Gulish won the 50/50 raffle.
3. Treasurer's Report given with a balance of \$1,605.27
4. Reminder that Dues are now being accepted for 2019.
5. No meeting in December
6. Christmas Dinner being held on December 6 at 7:00 at the Asian Buffet and Grill in Matthews.
7. ICS 400 Class will be held at Monroe Fire Station #4 on December 4 & 5.
 - a. ICS 300 & 400o not required for responders but necessary if you want to enter the EOC.
8. Request for Net Controller backups in the event regular controller is not available.
9. There will not be a Net on Thanksgiving evening.
10. Responders Net Last month review:
 - a. Held on 10 meters, 28.390 mhz.
 - b. 5 members that attended
 - c. Contacts were difficult, an alternative will be investigated.
 - d. Next Responders Net will be held on December 5, Wednesday at 8:00 PM, Chris will send out information before the Net time.
11. Paul gave an update on the Warriors and Warbirds event:
 - a. Event was successful with multiple weather situations.
 - b. On Sunday UCARS guys were hit with prop wash from C47, lots of dust.
 - c. Canopy folded
 - d. Those attending: Alfred KoKo, Kevin Moderow, Andy Kay, Steve Goins, Paul Corso, Ricardo Fisher, Jeff Weis

- e. A lot of activity found people that are interested, some didn't know about Amateur Radio and some Hams that didn't know there was a club in Union County.
 - f. Talked to about 20-25 people interested in Amateur Radio.
 - g. Paul Corso did a lot of work and received accolades for his efforts.
 - h. Andy talked about the requirement for an Amateur Radio license to operate at 5 Ghz for Drone communications. He had requests about getting license.
 - i. Rick Lanier lead a conversation about the requirements that have been put in place to be compliant with he FAA and FCC for Drone operation.
 - j. Plan to attend event again next year.**
- 12.** Winter Field day will be held January 25 & 26
- a. Kevin Moderow was asked to stimulate interest to determine if Winter FD to occur.
 - b. Chris will send out message on HCOL to determine interest.
 - c. Will need to install antennas if FD is held at Red Cross.
 - d. FD will use NC4UC as Call.
13. Steve Goins advised that club had not submitted response for Ham University.
14. Should the club send mail to Technician class Licensee in Union County to determine interest in upgrading. Alfred reported that he attempted mailings before and did not receive any responses.
- 15. Kevin Moderow gave a presentation on Cool Hot Spots.**
16. The 50/50 drawing was held for \$18.00. Drawing was won by Jeff Weis, K4EVT who donated proceeds to the UCARS treasury.
17. Short discussion of best antenna for Responders Net. Possibilities are being reviewed.
18. Chris is creating SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) for the 3 areas: A field deployment unit, A Red Cross unit and the EOC unit. Plans to have SOPs completed by years end.
- a. Next step will be training after first of next year.
 - b. A Packet Class
 - c. How to send messages
 - d. Traffic handling
19. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM
20. Steve Goins has a Spectrum Analyzer that he will make available to who can use it.

Coming Events:

Next UCARS VE Session is January 19th.

Kevin's invitation to a Ham & Steak Dinner on January 25th, Details coming.