

## UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2019

**Chris Whitaker, AE4WS** opened the regular meeting at 7:04 PM with 19 members and 4 Guest.

### Members in attendance:

Paul Corso, KK4PIB	David Keever, KV4N	Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI
Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD	Jim King, KK4AWQ
Henry Hicks, K4HCH	Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC	Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
Norm Beasley, KO4CB	Kelly Lambe, KW4IS	Al Zinkernagel, KI4UJJ
Jeff Weiss, K4EVT	Peter Gulish, K1NEM	Kelly Lambe, KW4IS
Jack Stegall, WD4E	Steve Goins, KN4CJF	David Funderburk, N4DKF
Bill Foust, KB4NET	Tom Finley, KN4MBF	Bruce Withrow, KN4SZB
Michael Andreacola	Dean Philips, KN4SHC	

1. Chris Whitaker opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.
2. Introduction of members and guests
3. Chris gave a recap of the February Minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report given by David K.
5. Chris W. talked about "Ham University" and the meeting at the Charlotte Area Roundtable meeting at the Hamfest.
6. Bill Foust reported Hamfest sales a lot of small items.
7. Announced VE Session will be held on April 6. Polled to determine if we have enough VE's.
8. The April meeting for UCARS is tentatively going to be held at Siler Presbyterian Church in Wesley Chapel. It will be posted on the NC4UC.org web site and Facebook.
9. Jim King provided information about the upcoming Boy Scout Camporee to be held on April 6 weekend.
  - a. Will be held at Cane Creek Park.
  - b. 12-15 Boy Scout troops will be in attendance.
  - c. Intent is for Boys to experience games and are graded with each troop.
  - d. This year they are wanting Boy Scout to have more participation and have asked UCARS to setup a demonstration and allow boys to interact. The Scouts will be given points for participation in the radio demonstration, i.e. making contacts, questions, interest etc.
  - e. Time must be considered for each group as there will be 3-400 boys and we want each to have to opportunity to participate.
  - f. Set UP time is 11:00 AM and be running by 12:00. UCARS will be under the Pavilion Shelter with power. Runs until 4:30-5:00 and then break down.
  - g. Food will be up to members to provide, Jim will bring small grill.
  - h. UCARS members to be present: Jim King, Ricardo Fisher, Norm Beasley (Maybe), Chris Whitaker, David Keever, Andy Kay(maybe),
  - i. Directions were given to Cane Creek Park.
10. ARES changes: The ARRL has developed more guidelines and regulations for participation in ARES. The new regulations align with Union County's guidelines.
  - a. The ARRL ARES guide is available on the ARRL website.
  - b. Three levels of ARES volunteers in the future.
    - i. Primary level- volunteers in a non-leadership role. (training is minimal on a local level)
    - ii. Level 2 – Requires on line class EC-001, is free and is mentored. Sign up for it on the ARRL site, currently classes are book for this year. Also required are FEMA Classes IS 100, 200, 700 & 800. Also, on line, free. at FEMA website.

- iii. Level 3 - For a volunteer who wants a leadership role in ARES. This includes EC, AEC. It requires ARRL EC0016 plus FEMA Classes IS 120, 230, 240, 241, 242, 244, 288, 100, 200, 700 & 800.
- iv. For Union County IS 300 & 400 are added. These are in class training.
- v. Changes are being made to meet requirements at EOCs.
- vi. In club ARES training is planned for volunteers.
- vii. Changes to be deployed by the end of this year.
- viii. Requested to the County to allow UCARS to conduct some practice drills, accepted by Don Moye, Emergency Services Director.

11. Field Day Update: Andy reported:

- a. Had an onsite meeting last Saturday to look at possible antenna locations.
  - b. Agreed on some locations
  - c. Haven't decided on whether to have a 3A or 4A station.
  - d. Others want 4A
  - e. Will plan on 4A but if not enough to support will change to 3A on day of Field Day.
  - f. Plan is to have dedicated Digital station, CW and SSB stations.
  - g. Three separate locations with well separated antennas.
  - h. Andy has some low pass filters and stubs for filtering.
  - i. Plan is place antennas at right angles to each other to minimize interference.
  - j. Discussion of GOTA need for Boy Scouts returning from trip.
  - k. Do we need a sign-up list for operators and loggers? Andy will put it on his documents.
  - l. FT8 can be used on Field Day this year.
  - m. Field Day will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.
12. The 50/50 drawing was held for \$29.00. Drawing was won by Tom Finley who donated \$15.00 to the UCARS treasury.
13. Kevin asked that if anyone wants a Hotspot programming that they request before the presentation begins as it takes time for the imaging to take place.
14. Andy made a motion that an ICOM 746 radio (not working) donated to the club be donated to Bill Foust. Motion Passed.
15. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM
16. Swapfest and Shop was held.
17. Received \$40.00 from Bill Foust for Hamfest Table Sales.

Coming Events:

Next UCARS VE Session is April 6.