

# UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2019

**Chris Whitaker, AE4WS** opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 18 members and 2 Guest.

## Members in attendance:

Paul Corso, KK4PIB	Chris Whitaker, AE4WS	David Keever, KV4N
Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC	Steve Goins, KN4CJF	Bruce Withrow, KM4BW
Michael Segersin, KN4CQA	Ricardo Fisher, KM4QJ	Jim Tompkins, KF4TOM
Michael Hildreth, WB4WDE	Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD	Jeffrey Weiss, K4EVT
Bill Turner, W4WNT	Darrell Marsh, KN4TTJ	Galen Stutzman, KC4AN
Mike Williams, K4IC	Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI	Terry O'Neal, KN4SGH (G)
Kevin Harbin, K4KII (G)	Peter Gulish, K1NEM	

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1. Introductions of all in attendance
2. Review of the July meeting minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report was given by David Keever.
4. Announced Liability Insurance will be paid this month.
5. Announced that UCARS is offering pre-meeting VE sessions at 6:00 PM. First session given today.
6. Queried if anyone worked Worlds Wide VHF contest, Andy Kay and Bill Turner had worked some on 6 meters and 2 meters. Bill worked some SSB and FT8.
7. Announced UCARS will be at Shelby Hamfest in the Barn. Reservation has been made and paid for.
8. War birds over Monroe status, no new reports, still too early for arrangements. Give Paul your name if you are interested in participating. Will need for badges to enter.
9. Paul Corso explained Warbirds over Monroe for new members.
10. Winter field Day discussed and decided that some would participate. Chris to check with Red Cross for availability of building for Winter Field Day.
  - a. Club has no antennas at Red Cross except for VHF in attic. Need to contact Property owner for permission to mount antennas.
  - b. Remote radio operation was suggested by Alfred KoKo. Club open for any suggestions of location to operate.
  - c. Vertical and long wire can be mounted in parking lot.
  - d. Kevin can set up Magloop antenna
  - e. 1 X 1 Call sign to be requested.
  - f. Some discussion about Cane Creek. Brrrrrr, Wet
11. Bill Turner presented information about NC QSO Party. NC party has club category using a club call and the SC QSO does not have Club category but a multi call. UCARS has not participated since 2016. Bill solicited comments if UCARS will operate in a Club Category or multi op where several members get together and operate. Would like to know if the club will participate in the future. Sc QSO for 2020 will February 29 and NC QSO party will be March 1.
  - a. Multiple discussions and comments made about preference. Unfortunately, all at the same time.
  - b. Possible combination of NC and SC QSO parties in the future.
  - c. NC QSO party driven by Raleigh Club with 2 non-members make up committee.
  - d. Vote taken to keep NC as a Club QSO entity. Majority vote for Club QSO entity.
  - e. NC QSO party to be placed on agenda for future meetings.
12. Red Cross Blood drive will be held August 15.
13. LEPC meeting was held August 13.
  - a. One item pushed by Don Moye, Emergency Services Director, is for everyone to sign up for "Everbridge" platform. An APP or Web Site. Will be used by Union County to distribute health,

- weather and other warnings to the ARES and Emergency personnel. Selection of warning types is configurable.
- b. Next scheduled emergency exercise will be Catawba Nuclear Drill in April 2020. No date identified at this time.
14. Skywarn training will be offered on September 26 at Gaston County Resource Building in Dallas, NC by the Greenville-Spartanburg Weather Service. Registration is required. Contact Greg Huffman, [W4GCH1@gmail.com](mailto:W4GCH1@gmail.com).
  15. Stanly County Club is offering Traffic Handling Class in Richfield, NC. September 21, Saturday. Requires use of a link to sign up. Contact Chris if you would like to attend.
    - a. Chris described how traffic is still handled today.
  16. Paul Corso mentioned that there is an online course for traffic handling for CERTS. The two traffic handling classes are not the same, one for radio traffic and the other for vehicular.
  17. Club has a tower for sale. A crank up motor driven. Club can not use due to restrictions. Offering it to anyone in the club for donation or return to previous owner. If interested see David.
  18. Received an offer for purchase of a "Anytone" Radio to club members. Retail for \$399 and members will be offered \$60 discount. Model number is D578UV3 Pro, Part 90 Certified, DMR, FM, APRS, built in GPS, Bluetooth and Bluetooth. It is dual band and will cross band repeat. If interested let Chris know and he will forward email.
  19. The election committee has been formed. The following were selected:
    - a. David Keever, Paul Corso, Peter Gulish
  20. Andy Kay has been designated to lead Winter Field Day by Chris.
  21. Andy Kay gave a follow up on his project for charging batteries for emergency power that switches automatically to battery power. Andy will give a presentation at the September meeting.
  22. Chris presented a program about packet digital messaging. Program will be given in 3 classes. The last class will have hands on demonstration.
    - a. Explanation of what Packet radio is.
    - b. Explanation of a TNC controller and sound card use in a computer.
  23. Announced that Bruce Withrow has joined the Call Sign of the Month Club. With a new call sign of N4JBW.
  24. Darrell Marsh announced that the Anson County Amateur Radio Club will have a meeting August 23 at 6:00 PM at the Coffee house in Wadesboro.
  25. 50/50 drawing held for \$14.00. Won by Steve Goins, donated \$ 12.00 to the Club.
  26. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

#### Coming Events:

Saturday breakfast – September 14, 2019

UCARS VE Session – October 19, 2019