

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2019

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 17 members and 3 Guest.

Members in attendance:

Paul Corso, KK4PIB	Chris Whitaker, AE4WS	David Keever, KV4N
Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC	Norm Beasley, KO4CB	Steve Goins, KN4CJF
Bruce Withrow, KM4BW	Michael Segersin, KN4CQA	Ricardo Fisher, KM4QJO
Christopher Whitaker, KK4WJL	Peter Gulish, K1NEM J	Jim Tompkins, KF4TOM
David Funderburk, N4DKF	Michael Hildreth, WB4WDE	Rick Lanier, N4RCL
Ray Rising, K4LWJ	Alfred Zinkernagel, KI4UJJ	Andrew Lanier (G)
NeQua Hunter (G)	Jamie Slatt, KN4VQH(G)	

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1. Introductions of all in attendance
2. Review of the June 20 meeting
3. Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Whitaker.
4. Announced that UCARS is offering pre-meeting VE sessions at 6:00 PM.
5. Discussed Shelby Hamfest
 - a. Approved purchase of a table at Hamfest.
6. Chris announced that he had purchased Pens with UCARS name and info. He will bring at next meeting.
7. Field Day Recap
 - a. Scores were 42% higher this year over last year.
 - b. No interference reported.
 - c. Explanation of Field Day to visitors and new guys.
 - d. Kudos to Kevin and Paul for food preparation.
 - e. No problems from storm that passed through.
 - f. Discussion about the number of stations to use next year. Possibly 5A or 6A.
 - g. Siler Presbyterian church has Field day on the Calendar for next year.
 - h. Committee to be formed after 1st of year.
 - i. Missed on Bonus pints, next year to review closer. Natural Power was missed
 - j. Several visitors at Field day.
 - k. Chris to document processes for Field Day.
 - l. Missed on Safety Officer, passing messages, elected official, government official.
 - m. Need to look at Satellite contacts.
8. Chris thanked Paul for his work on the trailer
9. Winter Field Day planning discussion. Interest? Possibly at the Red Cross location.
 - a. Decision to be made in August and if interest form a committee
 - b. Special Call sign to be requested for Winter and ARRL Field day.
 - c. Winter Field day January 25 & 26, 2020.
 - d. ARRL Field day June 27 & 28.10.
10. Warbirds Over Monroe November 9, 10 & 11.
 - a. Set up on Friday and show and tell on Saturday and Sunday.
 - b. Paul Corso to arrange
11. Andy presented his idea on how to charge a battery and operate either from AC mains or battery
12. Tonight's Presentation is by absentee Alfred KoKo.:
 - a. Ready Preparedness Presentation
 - b. A handout list of emergency items needs in the event of an emergency.
13. Question about programs for use in ARES.
 - a. Number of changes are being made to ARES operation.

- b. Chris discusses changes and how members can participate even without formal training.
 - c. Chris is developing a manual for trained and untrained personnel.
 - d. UCARS primary is to support Red Cross.
 - e. Inquires made on how members will be trained.
 - f. Propose a Saturday training session on Packet, with instruction on how set up, what is needed for a station.
14. Question on how we are to work with Red Cross.
- a. 1st step in to sign up on Red Cross web site.
 - b. A plan to be developed
15. Red Cross has blood drive every 3rd Tuesday at this location.
16. David Funderburk announced the "CQ Worldwide VHF Contest on the 20th and 21st.
17. VE Exams announced for Saturday July 20.
18. 50/50 drawing \$28.00 was won by Paul Corso. \$23.00 donated to the club.
19. Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM

Coming Events:

Saturday breakfast – August 10, 2019