

# UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2021

**Chris Whitaker, AE4WS** opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 12 members present.

## Members in attendance:

Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI

Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD

Gordon Lyman, N4YTM

Bill Foust, KB4NET

David Keever, KV4N

Bill Turner, W4WNT

Norm Beasley, KO4CB

Jeff Weiss, K4EVT

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS

Rick Lanier, N4RCL

Ricardo Fisher, KM4QJO

Michael Segersin,

1. Chris Whitaker (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held via ZOOM.
3. December's meeting notes were reviewed.
4. Echolink is operational and will be moving to a new computer this weekend.
5. Reminder of UCSR Diginet Net on Wednesday evening at 8:00 on 145.390 mhz.
6. David K. reported treasury report of \$2,687.52.
  - a. Reminder that dues for 2021 that have not been paid are placed in an inactive state. HCOL discontinues announcements and information on inactive account.
7. Winter Field Day will occur on January 30 and 31.
  - a. UCARS will operate "Home" category. We will be "H" classification.
  - b. K4N has been reserved for Winter and Summer Field Day. Operating from home use your call sign and not K4N.
  - c. Single Name to be used for Club entry. We will use "Union County ARS."
  - d. All scores will be aggregated together to be submitted as one.
  - e. Gordon Lyman, N4YTM, will receive all scores and submit as one entry.
  - f. Special Rules this year: No Ft8 and FT4 allowed.
8. Chris met with a new Ham, KO4KUG, at Stalling Parks to provide instruction, beginner's basics, and information about amateur radio.
9. UCARS is receiving requests for VE exams and information on the Web Site.
10. Kevin has a daughter in Cary that has interest in Amateur Radio for Preppers. Kevin gave a presentation on various forms of communication to the group. A 90-minute presentation that turned into hours.
11. Chris envisions when things become normal again to pull together classes and give presentations to new amateurs and those interested in amateur radio related subjects. A focus on giving a class to new amateurs a week after they take a test.
12. FCC has published a new warning "Not to use your radio for illegal activities, such as riots, homeland security etc.
13. Kevin Moderow provided tonight's program, "**Parks on the Air**"
  - a. Parks and Summits on the Air similar but the same.
  - b. Parks on the Air is easy to start with.
  - c. Kevin showed his vehicle and a set up at a POTA event.
  - d. There are programs available on the internet to assist.
  - e. To obtain info use POTA.us or parksontheair.com
  - f. How Parks are defined, States and Federal and Game lands
  - g. City Parks and County Parks are NOT included.
  - h. It is a very low intensity activity.
  - i. Do not enter Private Property.
  - j. Parks will have proper IDS.
  - k. On weekends avoid big State and National Parks, lots of people and possibly unfriendly rangers.

- l. On weekends State Game Land, wildlife Preserves and Conservation Sites.
  - m. If you want to be a “hunter” go to POTA.us site. A list of sites/spots in operation at a specific location will be shown. You can include yourself and be spotted.
  - n. Having someone that can help you to be spotted.
  - o. A hunter gets a point for each contact. Activator get one point for one activation.
  - p. A Park to Park contact can give bonus points.
  - q. You can see your own stats at [www.parksontheair.com](http://www.parksontheair.com)
  - r. He uses Google Earth to determine best elevation in a Park.
  - s. He also uses elevation shown on a FTM400 mobile radio.
  - t. When adding a Spot include the exact frequency when adding your self as a Spot.
  - u. All Modes are allowed.
  - v. CW is used to get contacts faster.
  - w. Using a “Resonant Antenna” to avoid tuner.
  - x. Next in presentation series is “SOTA Deployments”
14. Chris acknowledged Bill Foust as a guest in Montana.
  15. Chris discussed new program of “HamPi” that he is working with.
  16. Bill Turner announced that W4CQ is giving VE Sessions at Bethel Fire Station in York, SC. Contact is Jeff Blythe, KA4WYC for arrangements.
  17. VE exams are being given in Lincolnton and Gastonia.
  18. Kevin requested permission to stream meeting to YouTube and/or Facebook.
  19. Chris closed the meeting at 8:25 PM