

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2022

Christopher Whitaker opened the regular meeting at 7:04 PM with 16 members and 2 guest present.

Members in attendance:

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS	David Keever, KV4N	Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Kevin Harbin, K4KII	Tom McCobb, K3TCM	Christopher Whitaker II, K4WJL
Paul Corso, KK4PIB	Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW	Karen Stone (G)
Peter Gulish, K1NEM	Ed Stemborowski, KJ4VLI	David Kurtz, KM4ZDK
Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI	Michael Segersin, KN4CQA	Mal Spear, W2TWA
James Booth, KD5DST	Reid Matthews, KO4WOY	Tonya Opgenorth, KO4ZMU(G)

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for April 2022.
4. David K. provided the Treasurer's Report. Current Balance of \$4,128.25
5. Chris gave a report about the Hurricane Exercise on May12th at the County EOC.
 - a. This was a simulated exercise with flooding throughout the county.
 - b. Andy Kay was dispatched to Sun Valley High School to provide communications to the EOC.
 - c. Andy Kay tested different frequencies of communications. He successfully communicated via 2 meters, 70 cm and 800 mhz. The 800 (Viper) was not successful direct but successful through the counties network of repeaters.
 - d. Attempted a HF transmission with Mecklenburg County, unsuccessful, found the antenna tuner on the roof had water in the housing.
 - e. The EOC is moving to a new complex later this summer. ARES/AUXCOMM will be provided a room for equipment and for operations.
6. Chris explained how to become involved in ARES/AUXCOMM and the requirements to become registered.
 - a. The "**Union County Heritage Festival**" will be held September 17 at the County Agriculture Center. UCARS has been invited to provide communications for the "**Wild Country Turkey 5K**". Club is asking for volunteers. The 5K race will begin at 8:00 AM.
 - b. UCARS will setup a demo adjacent to the Bee Group.
 - c. Requesting ideas to demonstrate to youngsters Amateur Radio. Ideas should be submitted to Chris Whitaker.
 - d. Setup time will be 7-9 AM and 9-4 PM for public viewing, breakdown will be at 4:00 PM
7. The Field Day Committee has been formed: Chris Whitaker, Chris Whitaker II, Paul Corso, Andy Kay, Norm Beasley and David K.
 - a. Plans to have an in person meeting the week of May 23- 28 at the Church.
 - b. Siler Presbyterian Church is now holding a Service on Sunday morning adjacent to where Field Day is active. It is proposed that Field Day activities be deactivated during the services to eliminate distraction to the service. No objections from club members present.
 - c. Andy Kay advised that the Church has given permission to use the =church grounds again this year. The Shed is also available.
 - d. The Field Day Class of Service is to be determined.
8. Tom McCobb, K3TCM is conducting a 6-meter Net on 50.45 MHz USB on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM.

9. The Monday Night Net, hosted by Henry Hicks. K4HCH is moving to Saturday evening at 8:00 PM beginning May 28th on 145.390 MHZ. The Net is changing its name to "Piedmont Community Radio Service".
10. Announced that the Stallings Farmer's Market will open on May 28th.
11. Andy Kay gave a presentation about his "**Simplex Repeater**", A device that he built from parts that he obtained from Radio Shack. The repeater records your message and then plays it back. Ideal if you want to see how your signal sounds as you can hear it repeated to you.
12. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$16.00. Andy Kay was the winner. \$13.00 donated to the club's treasury.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM