

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2022

Christopher Whitaker opened the regular meeting at 7:10 PM with 17 members and 1 guest present.

Members in attendance:

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
Kevin Harbin, K4KII
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
Norman Beasley, KO4CB
David Ladd, KO3WTD
Tonya Opgenorth, KO4ZMU

David Keever, KV4N
Tom McCobb, K3TCM
Gary Stone, KO4NZU
Ray Rising, K4LWJ
Kathryn Ladd, KO4WKL
Rick Lanier, N4RCL

Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI
Ed Stemborowski, KJ4VLI
Christopher Whitaker, KK4WJL
David Kurtz, KM4ZDK
David Profitt (G)

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:07 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for July 28th, 2022.
4. David K. provided the Treasurer's Report. Current Balance of \$4,001.45
5. Chris announced that we are under Solar Storm Warning at level 3. More Solar storms are expected through 2025. Concerns are solar winds could possibly push satellites out their orbit.
6. David Profitt (guest) requested some help and information for programming his Boateng radio.
7. Chris announced attendance at the quarterly LEPC (Local emergency Planning Committee) meeting in Union County presented by Emergency Services. Presentation was by an FBI agent from Charlotte about Weapons of Mass Destruction. Presented what is most likely to occur in Charlotte versus what would occur in Monroe. Highest Probability is explosives and lowest would-be nuclear event. Next meeting will be at new EOC in November.
8. Announced that ARES/AUXCOMM will have a room at the new EOC complete with an exterior window. Equipment at old EOC will be duplicated for ARES. Antennas are being discussed. Flexible LMR400 cable being installed to roof for antenna.
9. Will try to arrange a visit for club members to see the new EOC ARES facilities and stimulate interest in ARES/AUXCOMM.
10. Shelby Hamfest will be held September 2nd-4th. Club will have table on Saturday in the covered barn. Asking for volunteers to man the club table. Club members may bring items to sell, bring information of your asking and lowest selling price. Bring a chair, table if available.
11. The Union County Heritage Festival will be held September 17th at the County Ag Center. UCARS will have a booth setup and will provide emergency communications for the 5 K Wild Turkey Run. An Amateur Radio activity will be presented for the public, current plans are to provide a code practice and education for the public(youngsters). Ed S. will provide a practice code oscillator.
 - a. Ed S. will provide a practice code oscillator.
 - b. Kevin M. will setup a portable station to exhibit.
 - c. Admission is free for the event.
 - d. The Wild Turkey Run will start at the Simpson Event Center (behind the Ag Center) to the Jesse Helms Soccer Field and back to the Master Gardeners Green House.
 - e. NOME's will be placed along the route and request to have a club member(s) stationed at the NOME's to report and lost or injured runners.
 - f. Ed W will be at the start and finish of the Run.

- g. Chris is asking for 10 volunteers with radios for the Turkey run.
 - h. Need volunteers to man tent from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM
 - i. Three ways to access the Run, (1) Jesse Helms Center, (2) at the Start, (3) at the finish.
 - j. Communications will be simplex on 2 meters. Frequency to be announced (tentative 146.550 mhz.)
12. Kevin Moderow gave a repeat SOTA /POTA activity and a site that he is creating for club participation. Information may be found at www.tinyurl.com/otabreakfastclub . The events would be on Saturday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM. There are two events planned, October 1st and October 15th. See the web site for information.

This allows all operators to get on HF even if they only have a technician or no license as they would operate under control of an Extra Class license. You can make your 10 contacts, a requirement for POTA. The events can also be SOTA where you make 4 contacts to be recognized.

The cost is free in North Carolina with a few exceptions and a minimum charge for parks in South Carolina. Kevin is wanting to know how many are interested so that he can make plans for the event. Kevin will provide the radio and antenna.

The first event will be October 1 at the **Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge** north of Wadesboro, NC.

The second scheduled event is October 15th at the **Andrew Jackson State Park** in South Carolina.

Please register.

13. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 30.00. David Profitt was the winner. \$ 15.00 donated to the club's treasury
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM