

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2022

Christopher Whitaker opened the regular meeting at 7:10 PM with 15 members and 1 guest present.

Members in attendance:

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
Kevin Harbin, K4KII
Harry McCobb, KC3HRR
Gary Stone, KO4NZU
Frank Todd, KY4QK
Karen Stone (G)

David Keever, KV4N
Tom McCobb, K3TCM
Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI
Jeffery Weiss, K4EVT
Peter Gulish, K1NEM

Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
Paul Corso, KK4PIB
Gary Pincus, KY4QH

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:10 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for June 19th, 2022.
4. David K. provided the Treasurer's Report. Current Balance of \$3,986.49
5. Report on the VE Session on July 16th, we had 6 taking exams. Introduction of new licensees that have joined UCARS.
 - a. Frank Todd KY4QK
 - b. Gary Pincus KY4QH
6. Note to David K that new members need badges
7. UCARS will provide communications for the Union County Heritage Festival on September 17 at the Union County Agriculture Center.
 - a. Plans will be made how the club will provide the communications.
 - b. UCARS will be set up beside the Union County Bee Club.
 - c. Chris is to meet with Ed to determine how the club will support the event and how many volunteers are needed for the 5 K Wild Turkey Run and to man the UCARS Tent. UCARS will provide an educational activity for the children.
8. UCARS has requested a covered (BARN) location for the Shelby Hamfest to be held Labor Day weekend. Waiting for acknowledgement for the reservation. UCARS will be present on September 3rd.
 - a. If you have items to sell here is your opportunity.
 - b. Need 3 tables, Chris will provide one, asking for others to bring tables.
 - c. Need volunteers to "Man" the tables throughout the day on Saturday.
 - d. If you have merchandise to sell you must provide price that you want and what you will take, plus information. Be available by radio or phone if not at the table.
9. Field Day
 - a. Chris announced the total entries for Field Day and the numbers by different classes.
 - b. ARRL reported that 1.2 million contacts were reported.
 - c. Discussion of the good and bad that occurred at Field Day.
 - d. Need to review before next Field Day and how we can improve.
 - e. Discussion of interference from the FT8 station and the FT8 station was shut down due to problems created to other operators.
 - f. Reid Matthews brought a Drone to assist installation of antennas, very successful.
 - g. Batteries worked well and the generator provide power where needed.
 - h. CW contacts were much higher this year.

10. Items to purchase before next Field Day is Coax.
11. Chris presented a program for looking at weather, an app called "My Radar"
Kevin Moderow gave a presentation about SOTA /POTA and a site that he is creating for club participation. Information may be found at www.tinyurl.com/otabreakfastclub .
12. The request is to have an event several times a year where club members can get together and experience in field experience operating portable in Parks around North and South Carolina. The events would be on Saturday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.
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. 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.
13. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 8.00. Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC was the winner. \$ 4.00 donated to the club's treasury
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM