

## UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2024

**Tom McCobb** opened the regular meeting at 7:01 PM with 22 members and 5 guests present.

**Attendance:** See Last page

1. Tom McCobb, K3TCM opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Matthews, NC.
3. New member introduced: Steve Bonnell, WA3KPI is a returning member.
4. Visitors at the meeting: Dan and Luz Culp; Michael Como and Laura Hulaquist.
5. Meeting minutes for the May meeting was made available for review. Motion made by Kevin Moderow to accept the minutes and seconded by Paul Corso. Minutes approved as written.
6. The treasurer's report was made available for review. Motion to approve by Gary Stone and seconded by Andy Kabasakalian.
7. Tom announced that there are still no results shown for Winter Field Day.
8. Tom announced that the upgraded repeater has been placed in service and the issues we had have not been seen. The second repeater will be sent for upgrade after modifications have been removed.
9. Tom spoke about operators hearing the noise on the repeater and explained that is the digital transmission they are hearing on analog radios.
10. UCARS received an email from Karl Pueschjel, Chair of the local Scouting America district inquiring if UCARS would like to participate in Jamboree on the Air in October. Is there interest y the members, if so, give Tom your name and will determine if there is enough interest, Complete details are not available.
11. Chris Whitaker made 3 announcements:
  - a. ARRL LOTW is off the air, but ARRL platforms that were/are off due to software hacking are slowly being restored.
  - b. Chris is proposing that the Wednesday evening digital Nets be discontinued until Fall when there will be more participation.
  - c. The Heritage Festival that the club has been supporting will not be held this year, Information is that the Master Gardiners will not be supporting.
12. Kevn Moderow announced due to airport renovation the Warbirds over Monroe will have limited space this year for Vendors and actors. He is waiting for a response from the city of Monroe about what/who will be permitted.
13. Steve Bonnell, WA3KPI announced he has a 50' pole in 5 'sections that he is willing to dispose of. If you are interested contact Steve.
14. David Kurtz, Field Day Chairman, gave an update of Field Day that is happening this weekend. All is on schedule.
  - a. antenna installation begins on 6-21-24 at 2:00 PM.
  - b. Member Picnic on Saturday at 1:00 PM
  - c. Tonight's meeting is to discuss the equipment to be used on Field Day.
15. David, KV4N gave a presentation of guidelines for logging. He distributed handouts and went through the necessities required for a successful log.
16. Tom McCobb gave a presentation and operation of one of the radios to be used. A Yaesu FT-450.
17. Tom emphasized that you do not have to be a licensed operator to operate during Field Day. He emphasized this is a good opportunity to learn by being on the air and operating the equipment.
18. There is a registration on Sign Up Genius for operator time period of 30 minutes each. Looking for volunteers.
  - a. He asks for members and guest to sign up and if you can't, send him an email and he will register your time.

12. David, KV4N gave a short Talk about the IC-746 Pro radio to be used at Field Day and its operation.  
13. There was a discussion about how could new people that are interested in Amateur Radio learn more. They have difficulty with acronyms and just information. They want more entry level tutorials. Terms at an entry level need to be explained. There is a consensus that this is needed.  
UCARS will look at providing instruction.

14. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 20.00.

- a. David Kurtz was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. \$20.00 was donated to the club's treasury.
- b. The second drawing for a UCARS cup was won by Andy Kabasakalian.
- c. The third drawing for the SDR Radio was won by David Kurtz.
- d. The fourth drawing for a UCARS cap was won by Christopher Whitaker.

14. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:21 PM.

15. Conversation continued about the exposure to amateur radio from visitors and how they can learn more.

### Member Attendance:

Tom McCobb, K3TCM  
Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC  
Hans VanHeule, KQ4KAN  
Gary Williamson. KN4BRF  
Tom Finley, KN4SMF  
Norm Beasley, KO4CB  
Steve Bonnell, WA3KPI  
Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW  
Dan Culp, (G)

David Kever, KV4N  
David Kurtz, KM4ZDK  
Paul Corso, KK4PIB  
Kevin Harbin, K4KII  
Joshua Rierson, KQ4NZL  
Mal Speer, WA2TWA  
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD  
Karen Stone (G)  
Luz Culp (G)

Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC3GZI  
Gary Stone, KO4NZU  
Christopher Whitaker, AE4WS  
Todd Edwards, KQ4NYL  
Ray Rising, K4LWJ  
Mike Williams, K4IC  
Rick Lanier, N4RCL  
Mike Como (G)  
Laura HulAquist (G)