

## UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2024

**Tom McCobb** opened the regular meeting with sixteen members and two guests present.

**Attendance:** See Last page

1. Tom McCobb, K3TCM opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is held at Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Matthews, NC.
3. Visitors at the meeting: Mark Calkin, KM4VLD, Will Johnson, KQ3KAC
4. Meeting minutes for the June meeting were available for review. Motion made by Chris Whitaker to accept the minutes and seconded by Julian Burns. Minutes approved as written.
5. The treasurer's report was made available for review. Explanation of expenses given by Tom McCobb. Motion to approve by Chris Whitaker and seconded by Todd Edwards. Treasurer's report approved.
6. Announced that the second Yaesu repeater was received and waiting for modifications for installation.
7. Christopher Whitaker gave an update for AUXCOMM. He reported there have been personnel changes. The person that we have been working with has left the County. There is a new person soon to join the county. There is an antenna laying on the roof and no one has been designated for the installation. Hope that the new employee will push the antenna project to completion.
8. Tom McCobb asks for volunteers to form a nominating committee for club officers. If interested contact Tom after the meeting.
9. Club has a slot at the Shelby Hamfest. Same location as last year. Looking for Volunteers to man the booth on Friday and Saturday. Tom plans to be there before noon on Friday and looking for help with set-up. Also looking for volunteers to man the booth for both Friday and Saturday. Contact Tom if you are available to assist.
10. A request was made to form a committee to find a location and plans for UCARS' December dinner. Contact Tom after the meeting if you are interested in being on the committee.
11. Need to begin plans for Winter Field Day. Asking for volunteers. If interested see Tom or David Keever.
12. Plans are being made for some workshops in September and October. One workshop will be "Introduction to Ham Radio" and a second workshop "Antenna Building". The tentative location will be the Red Cross Building in Monroe.
13. Tom received a request from Travis Russell to solicit help at the NC Ham Radio Exhibit to be held at the State Fair October 17-27<sup>th</sup>. This is for help needed to man the exhibit. This is not a Club event but an exhibit to represent all Hams in North Carolina.
14. Tom exhibited his military style Baofeng large radio with a 12 AH battery.
15. Christopher Whitaker presented a show and presentation/demonstration of items/radios that he has been building. He began with his 3D printed case for an EFHW antenna box. He spoke about a gifted antenna from Andy Kay, short but useful with a magnetic base. Chris showed and explained the construction of his raspberry pi SDR Plus Plus radio in a wooden box with a 7.5-inch screen. All enclosed. He demonstrated its operation and what it is capable of.
16. Kevin Moderow gave a book review presentation on two books. The first book "Thunderstruck" recommended because it is historical fiction. Kevin finds this type of book it a great way to learn about History without reading a history book. "Thunderstruck" by Eric Larson is a book about the history of radio from the beginning with Marconi and Hertz. The second book "Dead Wake" is the story of the Lusitania sinking.
17. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 25.00. Beth Golding was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. \$25.00 was donated to the club's treasury.
18. Mike Williams has QST's available for those who wish to have them.
19. Christopher Whitaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Julian Burns seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

**Member Attendance:**

Tom McCobb, K3TCM  
Christopher Whitaker, AE4WS  
Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW  
Beth Golding, KN4RJY  
Mike Williams, K4IC  
Todd Edwards, KQ4NXL  
Karen Stone, (G)

David Kever, KV4N  
Lisa Whitaker KF4NYL  
Julian Burns, K4WKP  
Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI  
Will Johnson, KQ3KAC  
Kevin Harbin, K4KII  
Mark Calkin, KM4VLD

Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC  
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD  
Jeff Weiss, K4EVT  
Joshua Rieron, KQ4NZL  
Chris Layton, WN4CNZ  
Stefan Neikes, KQ4RLD