



WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2014 Washington Public Library

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance were; Howard NN0O, Jane K0BKL, Earl N0CHN, Eugene N0WDB, Gene K6DV, Barb KD0NEZ, Craig KC0YHU, Tom KE0MO, Mark AB0DX and guests Tom N0LOH, Jason KD0VHM, and Daniel Baker. Mark, AB0DX; presided the meeting.

SE IA HAMFEST UPDATE: Presented by Tom, N0LOH.

- Tom read the list of vendors who had signed up to attend and clarification was made as to the VE testing for the hamfest. There are no seminars planned with ARRL attending.
- Tom asked Craig, KC0YHU to write a check for \$350.00 to Muscatine County Fairgrounds for the SE Iowa Hamfest ground's rental.
- Setup to start at noon October 4th. Vendors' setup to start at 3:00 p.m., maybe earlier if building setup is done. Building will be locked-down at 9 p.m. and opened back up at 5 a.m. Sunday for Vendors.
- Wiener roast Saturday night at 6 p.m. Hosted by WAARC.
- There is Auto Racing, at the track, on the 3rd and 4th and we will deal with it as in the past.
- Discussion was had about help at the Gate and procedures. As last year, persons taking a license test at the VE Exam will pay at the gate and get a special color wrist band.

Minutes – The July Minutes were presented. The motion to accept was made by Howard, NN0O; 2nd by Earl, N0CHN. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – July's Treasurer's report was presented. The motion to accept was made by Earl, N0CHN; 2nd by Jane, K0BKL. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

- **Field Day Report** – Presented by Craig, KC0YHU. Reports and charts were passed out to everyone.
 - We operated 2A IA and 262 contacts were made by callsign W0ARC and the GOTA station callsign AB0DX made 37. The top 3 operators making contacts were Mark, AB0DX; with 118, Kevin, AD0CI; had 89 and Howard, NN0O; with 35.
 - We were shut down for 6 hours this year, due to storms, vs only 1 hour for 2013. Those 6 hours account for the lower score in 2014 vs 2013.
 - We worked 68 out of the 83 ARRL sections.
 - Both Craig and Mark expressed their thanks for everyone coming out to help setup/teardown and to operate.
- **VE exam** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Last month's testing session resulted in two new technicians. September 13th is next testing session. Mark expressed his thanks to the VE's for coming out to help.
- **Silent Auction** – Donations from Don, KD0WGB. Some of the gear sold at the auction. Some of the gear we kept for club use and we used some of it at Field Day.
- **Flying Pigs Event** – The event went well. Event organizers and participants were happy with us providing communication and watching out for them. Next year's event may bring changes; with the YMCA taking ownership of BODYWRX Fitness Center. Mark expressed his appreciation for everyone who helped out with this event.

- **Repeater Update** – Mark, AB0DX reports. The 443.000 Repeater was taken out of service to preform programing to correct a tone and hot audio issue. Programing is done and the repeater will be put back into service when we get the repeater back from Jerry. Kudo's to Jerry for his work on the repeater.

New Business:

- **Antenna Picnic** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. An event that we have done in the past; to have people come out and operate portable, try out different antenna's, show and tell about their equipment and share some meals together.
 - Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club, from Perry, and the Four State QRP Club contacted Mark about doing such an event together.
 - We are looking at Red Rock Lake. In Cordova Park on the date of September 27th. A shelter reservation is needed.
 - Mark will email everyone in the club to see about interest in having this event.
 - N0QIX - Bob from Perry posted, on the web, pictures of Cordova Park and shelters. We were unable to view these due to the internet being down at the Library.
- **Boy Scouts Radio Merit Badge** – Mark, AB0DX; has been approached by the Boy Scouts to help Scouts get their Radio Merit Badges.
 - A Merit Badge Camp is being held in Washington. An all-day event with a lot of Scouts attending.
 - Mark is to become a Merit Badge Counselor and will be able to sign off on Merit Badges.
 - Envision having classes in groups with Instructors in each group.
 - November 1st is the date. Who is interested in helping?
 - Discussion of what would be taught in the groups was had.
- **WA0RJU, Don Zwicki, SK** – Mark reports that Don's family contacted him and wanted to donate antennas, towers, coax, tilt bases, etc. to the club.
 - A big Thank-you to Don's family for donating these items to WAARC.
 - Discussion was had as to what was taken down and given to the club.
 - Mark is storing these items at his place. Mark expressed his appreciation to everyone helping today to taking everything down.
- **Tower Removal:** Howard, NN00; has a tower to dismantle and remove from his former QTH. He is looking to get this down sometime.

Next Meeting – will be September 18th @ 7:00 p.m. Location: Washington Public Library, 115 W Washington St, Washington, IA.

Food – Frontier Family Restaurant – 112 N Iowa Ave at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Earl, N0CHN; 2nd by Howard, NN00. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Craig Rose KC0YHU
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC