

Minutes of SARA CLUB Meeting of 5 October 2013

The meeting was called to order at 0905 hours at Bevricks in Metter by Leon Curry (W4TYM) by request of Club President, Ron Hill N4SFU. Ron was setting up for his presentation later in the meeting. There were 11 members and two visitors present, Norm (AB9FC) and Suzy (KB9WRB).

The financial report was given by John Smoyer III, KJ4YEK. SARA Club \$852.99 plus a \$25.00 check for deposit. Ham Fest fund has a balance of \$1142.72.

Minutes of the 19 September meeting were reviewed.

Old Business:

1. The UPS system that was under consideration for purchase is still under review, and additional units are being researched and evaluated. More details will be disclosed at the next SARA Club meeting. The link to Macon is up.
2. The SARA Club Family Day will be held Saturday, 12 October at the Oasis. Events planned are a cookout, fishing, family games, and good fellowship. Forty meter antennas are available for anyone wishing to bring radios. The club has plates, cups, plastic utensils and napkins. The menu will consist of hot dogs and hamburgers. Assorted condiments will be available. Additional picnic goodies, salads, side dishes, or deserts provided by attendees will be appreciated. (John will bring his famous lemonade)
3. All members are encouraged to participate in both the SARA 2 Meter Net on Tuesdays at 1930 hours (147.000 PL 156.7) and the LINKED ARES Net on Thursdays at 2000 hours (147.000 PL 156.7). Anyone monitoring the net frequency is encouraged to take over as net control in the absence of the scheduled net control operator. A script is not necessary to call the net. Just identify the net as the SARA 2 Meter Net and your call and name. Take check-ins and log stations checking in. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

New Business:

1. The net control volunteer roster was passed around for September - December. There are no scheduled net operations scheduled during the holiday period 24 Dec - 6 Jan, unless there is an emergency situation declared. Net activity will commence on Tuesday, 7 Jan 2014.
2. On 5 October, there was a statewide Simulated Emergency Test (SET). For details, visit **GAARES.ORG** and **click on 2013 SET Plan (September 18 version)**.
3. No presentation is scheduled for the next Thursday night meeting.

Presentation: Ron Hill gave a presentation on the new and revised SARA Web Site. The presentation was very informative and well received in spite of moving from one room to another, and slow WiFi internet connectivity.

The next SARA Club meeting will be on 17 October at Bevricks in Metter. Times are 1800 hours to eat and 1900 hours to meet. See you all there!

The meeting adjourned at 1005 hours.

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WB4AZJ Secretary