

Minutes of SARA CLUB Meeting of 7 June 2014

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours on 7 June, 2014 at Bevricks in Metter by Club President, John Smoyer Jr., KJ4AMS. There were 11 members, 3 family members and one visitor, KJ4YKY, Wane McClellan present. Wayne subsequently joined SARA right after the regular meeting adjourned. Welcome Wayne!

Minutes of the 15 May meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer report was given by John Smoyer III, KJ4YEK. The club balance is \$414.36 and the Ham Fest balance is \$1142.74.

Business Conducted:

1. The 4-H Club was notified of our event cancellation. The refund check for the hall deposit is expected in 2-3 weeks.
2. The Augusta Ham Fest at Blythe will be held in October. More information to follow as time goes by.
3. Andy Cook proposed the club sponsor a tail gate party in lieu of a formal Ham Fest. The main purpose would be to keep SARA Club visible to other hams in the area. Discussion followed with a suggestion to have the tail gate party in September or early October. Weather should be cooler and have the party early in the month so visitors would have more money available. The suggestion will be discussed further at later meetings.
4. President John Smoyer Jr. read articles from the ARRL News Letter of 5 June 2014 addressing the FCC crackdown on regulation violations - Station Identification and repeater use. The ARRL News Letter is a free subscription for ARRL members through the ARRL Web Site, WWW.ARRL.ORG.
5. Due to the 4th of July holiday weekend, there will be no SARA meeting on Saturday, 5 July. The regularly scheduled 3rd Thursday meeting will be on 19 June at Bevricks in Metter. Meeting time is 1800 to eat and 1900 for meeting. The third segment of Basic Radio Wave Propagation - direct and space waves - will be presented at this meeting.
6. Additional feedback on SARA participation at the STEM Program and Statesboro High School. Video was taken by a staff member of the Statesboro Herald. According to

statements made at SHS, the video segments and photos of the event should be posted on the Herald Web Site. (Posting is not confirmed at this time) We are hoping an Amateur Radio Club will be initiated to the high school next year.

7. The SARA Web Site is still down and will probably not be updated. The web host subscription is due to expire soon. Considering the difficulty in designing and maintaining the site using the current host program, it will be allowed to expire. Whether a new web host will be selected will be a topic for future consideration.
8. SARA 2 meter net activity is still very light. Request all members try to participate in this net on Tuesdays at 1930 hours. Net meets on the Twin City repeater, 147.000 PL 156.7. John Corley, KB2YBS, is in need of volunteers for net control operators. Net control is not difficult, and John would like to have additional personnel ready and able to take over net control if necessary.
9. Repeaters in Glennville and Claxton remain down. Status of their repair and reactivation is unknown at this time.

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