

Minutes of SARA CLUB Meeting of 7 September 2013

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 AM hours at Bevricks in Metter by Club President, Ron Hill N4SFU. There were 15 members and one visitor (Steven Curry, KA4BBX) present.

The financial report was given by Ron Hill.
SARA Club balance is \$852.99. Ham Fest fund has a balance of \$1143.62.

Minutes of the 15 August meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

1. Review of Ham Fest results.

106 paid attendees

SARA Club netted a \$1.00 profit.

Good participation from Augusta, Macon and Warner Robbins Clubs.

Tail-gaters seemed to do well. The lot was full.

Vendors did not fare as well as last year. Possible cause is the down economy, light sales, and attendees began to arrive and leave early.

Overall good response from attendees by email and phone calls. SARA Club is encouraged to keep up the good work and plan for another ham fest next year.

4-H building has been reserved for next year.

2. There will be further discussion and decision for another ham fest next year at a future meeting.

3. Two individuals upgraded from Technician to General Class at the VE Exam session on fest day.

4. All of Bob Hertz, WN4Q, estate equipment was sold.

5. Both repeater systems were down because of lightning strikes affecting the uninterrupted power supply (UPS) and UHF radios. Both Twin City and SARA repeaters are back in

service, but on marginal basis. The Augusta and Glenville links are down.

6. SARA Net and Linked ARES Net will continue to operate on scheduled dates. However, links to Augusta and Glenville will not be functioning at this time. Please try to join the nets on Tuesdays and 1930 and Thursdays at 2000, both nets meet on the Twin City repeater - 147.000 PL 156.7.
(NO MORE LIGHTNING STRIKES, PLEASE:)

New Business:

1. UPS system needs update/replacement, and UHF radios need repair. The radios must be sent to California for the needed repair. Initial estimate for acquiring an additional UPS system (\$300.00) and for repair and shipping of the UHF radios (\$500.00) approximately \$800.00 total.
2. Leon Curry made a motion to expend amount not to exceed \$800.00 for the purchase of the needed UPS system and to have the UHF radios repaired. Motion seconded and carried. Ron Hill will research the actual cost of the purchase and repair and report finding at next meeting. In the meantime, the UPS system will be purchased.
3. Donations toward the UPS system purchase/upgrade and UHF radio repairs will be accepted and greatly appreciated!
4. The SARA Club Family Day will be held in October at the Oasis - date to be determined by the next meeting. Events planned are a possible fox hunt, cookout, fishing, family games, and good fellowship.
5. Third Thursday meeting will be on 19 September at Bevricks in Metter. Times are 6:00pm to eat and 7:00pm for the meeting. The scheduled presentation will be by Ron Hill and cover the new Web Site format. The SARA Web Site is still KJ4MKS.COM. The home page is not complete but the site is available and still under construction. Most of the old information is posted.

The meeting adjourned at 0955am.

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WB4AZJ Secretary