

The SARA club met at Bevricks Restaurant at 1800 hours to eat, 1900 hours to meet. President John, KJ4AMS called the meeting to order. There were 24 hams present (one of them unlicensed yet) and one Visiting Ham, Eddie Oliver, KD4BWW, of Claxton, GA who was warmly welcomed.

Ron Hill, N4SFU gave an update on the new repeater being purchased by the SARA club. Check has been sent, freight shipping probably underway now, expected next week. He also gave an update on the Wrens repeater and its intertie with the Twin City repeater. Large coverage area from Wrens from GA PBS tower at 650 feet.

We were all reminded to wait 2 seconds after keying mike before beginning to speak, giving time for all the repeater intertied stations to make connections.

Russ, KJ4VIG, gave 5 copies of a nice CW program on disk to share among club members wishing to learn CW. Take a copy, study it, when finished return to club for next person to borrow. Thanks Russ.

Bob, WN4Q will set a date ASAP for technician class beginning SOON. Listen for Bob on the net for the dates.

John, KJ4YEK gave a short talk on use of the PL tone to activate repeaters. He explained that the PL tone allows the repeater to re-transmit what is being received. He pointed out the section in our manuals that illustrates how to activate the PL tone in your transceivers. Everybody READ-UP. We will likely be employing the PL tone in future on both the Twin City and SARA Club repeaters.

A "tailgate" hamfest will be at Blythe, GA on 8 Oct 2011....a few miles south of Augusta.

Treasurer John reported bank balance of \$604.35 after paying for the SARA Club repeater being shipped now.

The August newsletter published by Ron Hill, N4SFU was distributed, showing ads for HRO Atlanta, and Giga Parts in Alabama. Great Job, Ron! Thanks!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2008 hours.

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