

Minutes of SARA club, 17 May 2012

Pres. Jim, N4MOC opened meeting at 1900 hours. Eleven (11) members and 2 guests were present. Mike W4CYJ's program presentation was put on hold because we were asked to meet in the great room for dining/meeting. Our reserved meeting room was needed for a large gathering of the Georgia Municipal Association, by Billy Trapnell, Metter's mayor, who is President of the GMA. The GMA is touring Georgia for several days and the large group needed both usual meeting rooms.

N4MOC urged all members to come to all meetings. Important things are happening and we need your attendance and participation urgently.

John III KJ4YEK reported \$170 dollars collected in the "can" so far toward approximately \$960 dollars needed for hamfest expenses BEFORE the hamfest.

Everyone is asked to donate, as you are able, toward those expenses at each meeting.

LOTTERY TICKETS: We discussed a plan to sell lottery tickets to hams, and non-hams, to generate funds for the hamfest. Tickets would be sold for \$2.00 each. A cash prize of \$100.00 would be awarded to winner. Each ham was expected to sell as many tickets as possible, or purchase them yourself. Profits from the sale, minus the cash prize, would go toward hamfest expenses. The tickets have stubs. You do not have to be present to win. To be completed before August hamfest.

Tickets for admission with identifying wrist bands will be sold for \$5.00 each. Stubs go into barrel for Grand Prize drawings. Additional tickets for prizes may be purchased separately for additional chances to win prizes. Details of cost of additional tickets, and for which prizes, to be worked out by Ron, N4SFU.

VE testing will begin at 1000 hours on Saturday, August 25, Hamfest Day for technician, general, or extra class licenses. VE's will be there to handle all 3 examinations. (Expected to be thru by 1200 hours)

Hamfest setup will begin at 0700 hours. We need EVERY MEMBER present there at 0700 hours. Lots of tables to set up, arrange signs, parking areas, set up kitchen, and many other things to be done. We will need EVERYBODY to help. XYL's are invited to help also.

Bob, WN4Q listed the teams that will be needed, and their duties:

1. Communication team. To monitor 3 frequencies and do Talk-In duties. Must be familiar with Swainsboro streets and landmarks.
2. Parking teams for 2 gates, with relief members to alternate and be "gofer" as needed. Set up vendor W8AFX (handicap) Steve, Eagle One Antenna being given to us as door prize.
3. Inside info and co-ordination table, make change, answer questions, sell additional chances on door prizes, etc
4. Kitchen team, headed by Russ, KJ4VIG and Felix, KJ4MIA.
5. Signage team, to place directional signs up and down U.S. 1 and U.S. 80 highways, and in parking areas, and display SARA club Banner.
6. Trash and cleaning team to keep place looking neat during hamfest, and supervise break down and packing up after hamfest is over. Expect to be finished by 1900 hours, so EVERYBODY must help here.

Bob will entertain your volunteering on one or more of those teams. Please volunteer. If he asks you to help, please do so.