

SARA Ham club minutes 1 SEP 2012

Pres. Jim, N4MOC opened meeting at 0900. He reviewed the VERY successful SARA hamfest held 25 August with accolades to the membership for their participation in set-up for hamfest on Friday (18 members helped) and on Saturday (25 members attended, helped). The vendors were pleased and surprised at our assistance with their set-up, and at our first hamfest being so well attended. Counting hams, visitors, and vendors we had about 170 people attend.

The vendors expected to lose money on a "first" hamfest, but actually made their expenses and a little profit as well. ALL vendors plan to attend next year on August 23-24 our second annual hamfest. The 4-H building is already reserved for that date.

The Sara club hamfest balance is \$1,124.82 following the hamfest. Our SARA club balance (separate account) is \$550.19.

By unanimous approval, two separate bank accounts will be set up, one for club, second for hamfest activities. Same signatures for both accounts. Two signatures required, of the three signatories (KJ4AMS, KJ4YEK, AND W4TYM).

We had 14 hams sign up for tailgate sales, but just a few actually had active sales going.

We overbought kitchen supplies, but were able to return some for credit. No one went hungry! Big and delicious hamburgers and hotdogs and other snacks, drinks, sweets sold well. Kitchen profit estimated to be about \$200.

We were pleased that Dr. Gene Clark, W4AYK, ARRL section manager, was able to attend and spend the day with us. He represented the ARRL to all hams who attended. Thanks, Gene.

Ron spoke his appreciation for all the assistance he received from Russ, KJ4VIG, and many others in putting on this hamfest.

Pres. Jim, N4MOC, recommended that one person be appointed/elected hamfest chairman for 2013 hamfest . The club unanimously voted for Ron, N4SFU to be that chairman, who will have the full authority and responsibility in planning and executing all aspects of that hamfest. He will appoint duties to members, and volunteers, to help him. That is a huge job for Ron, but he has proved he can do it. We will all assist as requested, or required.

Future Plans:

SARA members attend the Blythe Hamfest on October 13. They came in a caravan (thirteen carloads) to ours. Let's load up and attend theirs..!

Family Fun Day at the Oasis on October 20th. Club will pay for food purchased. Tents will be erected.

Pond is full of fish...bring your poles and bait.

Grill, microwave, camp stove available.

A Seminar, lead by W4TYM, will be held at our Saturday, November 3, 2012 meeting. The subject will be ENERGY AND THE SPECTRUM, from ELF submarine communications, thru radio, microwave, light, x-ray, and cosmic rays. The human sense organs will be fitted into this wide spectrum, for a better understanding of communications of all sorts. Read up and contribute to this discussion between now and Nov. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, W4TYM, Secretary=