

# SARA Meeting July 2011

This month's meeting brought 19 Hams and 3 visitors out of their homes and into Metter, GA.

John Smoyer Jr. (KJ4AMS) called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm

The business discussed was the planning of the upcoming Fun Day/Fall Festival that will be held on October 22, 2011 beginning at 8:00 am at the Oasis in Twin City.

It was brought forth that there will be a charge of \$5.00 each for all attending with children 10 and under free. The money will be used to purchase food and refreshments for all that attend.

Steve Hess (KJ4GTI) and His son Doug Hess (KJ4FBP) were recognized as visiting from Statesboro, Charles Pennington (K4GK) from Sylvania, and Bob Good (K4BG) from Sandersville. It says a lot for our club to have fellow hams from outside of our area come and join in on our club meetings.

A brief presentation of the Official Observer activities, SARA Membership forms and current ARRL renewals was given by Ron Hill (N4SFU) and the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the SARA newsletter was given to all in attendance.

New membership forms will be given out at the next meeting to all in attendance.

Charles Pennington gave a very good presentation on [CW is Alive and Well](#) and discussed the use, history and differences in a number of different keys used for CW.

John continued with a few changes that will be made to the SARA 2m net beginning on July 26, 2011 in an attempt to deliver programs that are meaningful and entertaining for all.

To top things off the first SARA video was shown to all in attendance. While we had issues with the laptop connection to the projector were able to view the movie from the club website using Bevricks' Wi-Fi connection. We will verify ahead of time before we show the next video and ask everyone to be patient while we get the bugs worked out.