

CARS BOD MEETING AGENDA 6 / 26 / 18

Start Time: 1945

Attendees:

- Mike
- Dennis
- Jeff
- Keith
- Paul
- Bill R

Previous minutes:

- Read by Dennis Watson

Treasurer's Report:

- Club is good standings.
- Committee Reports
 - a. ARES, Van not here
 - i. Shelter Comm boxes are good to go.
 - b. Communication:
 - i. The 61 repeater has been fixed.
 - ii. We have two new antennas at Bowers Hill
 - iii. Bill R requested permission to purchase interface for repeater, It is an ADR and costs about \$185.00. It allows digital and analog and remote access. Approved by the board.
 - iv. Bill R requested permission to purchase software update at a cost of \$50.00 approved.
 - c. Web services, Keith reported:
 - i. Reflector is down, will need help.
 - ii. Discussion on group email for membership. Decision to keep use to only board members. If a non-board member wants to send something to the membership they will need to go through one of the board members. Use BCC to restrict its use.
 - d. IT:
 - i. Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Hot spot in the house
 - Hot spot approved.

- Will use spare phone and put in the club as a hot spot. Club will have to buy sim card and then pay Steve the cost of the extra phone line on his account.
- Shack day digital training –no digital training on the schedule. Mike brought up the idea of doing a soldering class. Looking at doing a shack cleaning and reorganization. Move server in to server cabinet and work bench to back wall and set up as a real work bench for projects.
- Tower/Antenna work in shack postpone until October, after Farmer’s Market in club parking lot.

New Business:

- General License Training: July 28-Aug 18 (Schedule attached)
 - CARS will be holding a General license class starting on Saturday afternoon, July 28, and continuing for the next three Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There will be an exam Saturday afternoon, August 18.
 - This presumes there will be at least five students for the class. If we are unable to come up with the five students, the class will be postponed until there is more interest in it.
 - Schedule attached for the class which also includes information about the study guide we will be using.
 - Paul will work with VBARC so they can advertise to their membership to increase class participation.
 - If you want to will attend this class, please let Paul K4PRB know so he can start counting noses.

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- Field Day lessons learned:
 - Went very well, 4 operators on 4 radios on all the time from 2PM on Saturday to 10AM on Sunday.
 - Total contacts: CW 174; phone 348; Digital 176 results in a total 1048 QSO points
 - Network log with Raspberry cpu and center server worked very well. One lesson learned: need to Velcro raspberry to back of displays, server worked great. Need to incorporate digital contact logging into server.
 - Some new people were a little reluctant to get on the radio, though they were very interested in observing the communications.

- More people participate (about 30 members) this year as compared to other years. Need to have sign in log to have better idea of who participated next year.
 - Need to consider buying headsets, however need to make sure the logger can hear and also the spectators and observers.
 - Need band pass filters. With all the radios in close proximity, filters are more important to prevent emi in other radios.
 - Failure of window 160 vertical radiator. It can be repaired.
 - Need role of electrical tape to tape up barrel connectors on long lines going from antennas to radios.
 - Need to work 80m and 40m at night.
 - 40m mag loop worked very well. Perhaps surprising due to the high Q.
 - 6 meters and 2 meters worked well.
 - No mayor, he was on travel out of town, maybe we should have tried to get other city council personnel to attend.
 - Good interest from other people in the park. We did not bring membership forms found some latter. We did have brochures etc to show off club and Amateur radio.
 - Need to inform the Park Ranges to let them know we have a permit to be in the park. Good to have the permit at the site. We does this same for the Chesapeake Police.
 - Regarding facility perhaps we can request Steve to casually mention in the LEPC that the #1 Shelter at Deep Creek Lock Park is in serious need of repairs so that we can stage our emergency preparedness drill there next year? It may be usable next year due to four rotted through holes in the overhead that results in water leaks through the roof.
 - We should give recognition to John Fitzgerald KX4GI for volunteering to do the grilling. Thank you John, the burgers were awesome, cooked to perfection.
 - Funding for event was very well estimated, actual expenses were very close to the budget.
 - Next field day is Jun 29nd and 30.
 - Keith did an awesome job on Field Day pictures in the video.
- New membership application:
 - Steven Kemper (KN4HJR) – General
 - Mark Lamb KN4HJP
 - Lucas Dunham KM4KSO

Adjourn Time: 2135

GENERAL LICENSE CLASS AUGUST 2018

Text: The Dan Romanchick KB6NU "No Nonsense" Study guide (available from KB6NU.com for \$7.99 via paypal). Link to the guide should – but may not - be included in the paypal receipt for payment. Contact him immediately if it isn't included. Also, it will be available in class on CDs for a \$7.99 check payable to Dan Romanchick KB6NU. "G" numbers refer to the General Question pool sections.

Sat. 7/28	Introduction					2 pm.
Tue. 7/31	Electrical Principles	G5	6 pg.	3 gp.		42 ques.
	Circuit Components	G6	6 pg.	3 gp.		46 ques.
Thur. 8/3	Practical Circuits	G7	6 pg.	3 gp.		38 ques.
	Signals & Emissions	G8	4 pg.	2 gp.		24 ques.
Tue. 8/7	Antennas & Feedlines	G9	7 pg.	4 gp.		56 ques.
	RF Propagation	G3	5 pg.	3 gp.		41 ques.
Thur. 8/9	Amateur Practices	G4	9 pg.	5 gp.		65 ques.
Tue. 8/14	Operating Procedures	G2	8 pg.	5 gp.		65 ques.
	Safety	G0	4 pg.	2 gp.		29 ques.
Thur. 8/16	Commission's Rules	G1	8 pg.	5 gp.		58 ques.
Sat. 8/18	Exam 1:00 pm (following Shack Day)					
Sat. 9/8	Virginia Beach Hamfest					

Classes are held at 116 Reservation Rd., Chesapeake VA. from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm except 2-4 pm on Saturday. We are located adjacent to the Great Bridge bridge (West side) on the southern bank of the canal.

Questions? Call Paul Buckwalter at 238-2320 (home) or 630-4026 (cell).