

MSU ARC Meeting -- February 7, 2017

President Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

In Attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton  
WB8SKP, Denis Barton  
KM4ZTV, Katana Darnell  
KM4ZUA, Carla Palmer  
KM4ZTW, Sam Ford  
KK4BKD, Josh Kerr  
KK4PDL, Mike Lyons  
KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper  
KG4SXQ, Al Grant  
KD4WCE, Terry Ward  
KG4OCI, Jonathan Barrett  
WB7D, Dale Barrett  
KF4GCD, Robin Jones  
Bonnie Allen, Guest  
KY4SR, Sue Reimer  
K0ZL, Dan Reimer  
KM4JZX, Richard E. Palmer  
KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson  
KK4BXG, Kevin Bailey  
KK4SRR, George Rob  
Melissa Henley, Guest

KK4AAF, David Henley  
KM4ZTZ, Chad Meadows  
KM4ZTY, George James  
KD6UNL, Larry Call  
KM4ZTU, Barbara Call  
KJ4W, Bill Call  
KJ4TKL, James Flood  
KM4ZTS, Lisa Armstrong  
KM4ZUJ, Brent Armstrong  
KM4ZTT, Joanna Bailey  
KK6CAT, Kevin Krause  
KE6CZT, Julie Morris  
AD6QJ, Larry Morris  
KM4DZK, Todd Price  
KM4ZUD, Michael Wright  
WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich  
KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich  
WA6LDV, Stephen Gordon  
Emma Lee Gordon, Guest  
KY4EQN, Shea Porr

We had a full house tonight with 41 people in attendance.

Question of the Day was “What do you think is the most important thing to have in a Go-Kit?”

**Secretary's Report** -- Motion to accept minutes as submitted by Acting Secretary, Debbie Barton, W8IBT and emailed by Bill Call, KJ4W, on 1/4/2017 was made by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS and seconded by Al Grant, KG4SXQ, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** -- Bill Call, KJ4W, reported writing a check, \$69.00, to Debbie Barton, for the Subway sandwiches at the January meeting. He has dues to deposit. Current balance is \$2336.69. Larry Morris, AD6QJ made a motion to accept report, James Flood, WJ4TKL seconded and motion carried.

**Systems Report** -- Bill Call, KJ4W, reported ordering 2 - 2 meter antennas for the Hamlin and 94 repeaters. They were recommended and are made in Illinois. Very rugged and no

clamped connections, cost was \$363 total for both antennas. No additional concerns with the 440 repeater.

**Staff Advisor Report** -- John P. Hart, KO4ZE, not in attendance, but the following was reported by Josh Kerr, KK4BKD. Still working with the MESH project, he is researching a mast pipe idea for the central antenna for Fine Arts Building.

**OSL Manager Report** -- Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA reporting for Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU stated all QSLs are up-to-date with the exception of about 9 EQSLs. Candy & Bob have resigned as QSL managers, so we are looking for someone to take over this job until elections in April.

**VE Report** -- Bill Call, KJ4W, reported Steven Sacco, KM4ZVK upgraded to a General at the test session after last month's meeting.

**Net Manager** -- Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, reporting for Chuck Williams, KJ4HBK, January--5 sessions-- 79 stations-- 0 traffic--156 minutes, 205.4 operator hours. Chuck has also requested volunteer operators for Polar Plunge. It will be held on Feb 18th. Please contact him at [cwilliams42071@gmail.com](mailto:cwilliams42071@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Ham Bits:** Josh Kerr, KK4BKD gave a presentation on iPhone IOS apps for ham radio.

**Upcoming Hamfests:** Cave City, KY on 3/4/17; Ides of March Hamfest, Union City, TN on 3/25/17; Elizabethtown, KY on 4/1/17; Memphis, TN on 4/8/17; Dayton, OH on 5/19-5/21.

**Old Business:** Anyone interested in going to the Dayton Hamfest please email Debbie at [w8ibt.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:w8ibt.debbie@gmail.com) so she can compile a list to see if we have enough interest to get a van from Enterprise and make reservations for rooms at Dayton University. The rooms are \$130 per night and sleep 4 people, so for 2 nights one person would pay \$65. This needs immediate attention for those thinking about going. So far the list is Debbie & Denis Barton, Bob & Candy Aldrich, James "Smitty" Smith, Tim & Charlotte Edmonson. Bob & Candy and Tim & Charlotte are planning on taking their own cars.

**New Business:** Field Day 2017, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The MSU Arboretum has contacted us asking if we would like to have Field Day there again this year. Al Grant, KG4SXQ made a motion to have Field Day at the Arboretum, David Henley, KK4AAF seconded and motion passed. Arboretum membership is \$100 and is not due until July. Committee members are Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS Chair, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL Dale Barrett, WB7D, David Henley, KK4AAF Al Grant, KG4SXQ, George James, KM4ZTY, Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Denis Barton, WB8SKP and Josh Kerr, KK4BKD. Tim will contact committee members later this month to have a Field Day planning meeting.

**New Member Application:** We had 12 new member applications, Joanna Bailey, KM4ZTT; Lisa Armstrong, KM4ZTS; Brent Armstrong, KM4ZUJ; Shea Porr, KY4EQN; Michael Wright, KM4ZUD; Sam Ford, KM4ZTW; Katana Darnell, KM4ZTV; Chad Meadows, KM4ZTZ; Don Snodgrass, K4QKY; Dan Reimer, KY4DR; Sue Reimer, KY4SR; and

Barbara Call, KM4ZTU. Bill Call motioned to accept applications, Kevin Krause seconded and motion passed.

**Program:** Tim Edmonson, KK4WWS, did a presentation on “Go-Kits” and had several available for everyone to look over. Josh Kerr, KK4BKD brought his portable solar array in also. Go-Kits can be assembled without spending a lot of money and should be suitable for your level of knowledge and abilities.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Temporary Acting Secretary

PS. David & Melissa Henley were married today Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Congratulations and Best Wishes.

A VE Session was held after the meeting; Todd Price KM4DZK upgraded to General Class.