

MSU ARC Meeting – September 6, 2016

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

Question of the Day was “What other clubs/groups are you involved with?”

Recap of the Huntsville Hamfest by Josh Kerr, KK4BKD

Secretary’s Report – Motion to accept minutes as emailed by Bill Call, KJ4W, on 8/9/2016 was made by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWs and seconded by James Flood, KJ4TKL, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, submitted report to Josh Kerr, KK4BKD and was read. Check was written to Mike Lyons for \$39.63 for Field Day supplies, no deposits were made and our balance is \$2,332.69. Charlton Young, KJ4SYV made a motion to accept report as read, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, seconded and motion carried.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, as submitted to Josh Kerr, KK4BKD. 443.800 intermittent signals, discovered base of antenna lost bolt, was replaced and signals are now constant. While working 443.800 noticed that the 146.94 repeaters antenna was badly bent, he was able to straighten it out but it’s not perfect. Previously a Ringo Ranger it is now just a Ringo antenna.

QSL Manager Report, Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU, not in attendance. No report.

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, as reported to Josh Kerr, KK4BKD. No sessions were held or are scheduled at this time.

Net Manager, Chuck Williams, KJ4HBK, not in attendance but submitted his report to Josh Kerr, KK4BKD as follows: 5 sessions, 66 stations, 167 minutes, 183.7 operator hours.

CERT course will start September 22, 2016 at the Calloway County Fire Station #1 (Sycamore and 4th Streets) for 8 weeks, 6:00 – 9:00 pm. You must register in advance for this course in Disaster, Basic Fire, 1st Aid, Search & Rescue, etc. This course will end on November 10, 2016 with a review and final exam. Participants who complete the course will receive an emergency kit.

A three-week Instruction course for a Technician Class License will possibly follow starting the week after Thanksgiving. Contact Bill Call, KJ4W for more information.

Hambits was a video on K3LRs, Contesting Station antenna farm in Western Pennsylvania.

Old Business: September 24th Fox Hunt, 2 pm to about 4 pm with potluck to follow in Room 237 (our regular meeting room). We will have two foxes, but change it up a little in the foxes will transmit at the same time on different frequencies, so you will need to decide which one you are going to hunt for. The frequencies will be 146.52 and 146.55. Tim Edmonson and Dale Pentecost (Josh Kerr alternate) will be the foxes. Contact Debbie Barton, W8IBT, (w8ibt.debbie@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend the fox hunt potluck and what you will be bringing, so we don’t have everyone bringing the same items.

Jonathan Creek Repeater Discussion, nothing new to report.

New Business: Dayton Hamfest - possibly get a 15 passenger van for the Dayton Hamvention. Contact Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, to sign up. So far the following people are interested in attending Debbie & Denis Barton, Bob & Candy Aldrich, Josh Kerr, John Piper, Tim & Charlotte Edmonson, Mike Lyons. Debbie will contact the University of Dayton to get pricing and related information about room rentals and report at the October meeting. Could possibly leave Murray early Friday morning and either leave Dayton late Saturday afternoon or Sunday, more discussion to follow.

Program: Mesh Networking was scheduled but due to conflicting schedules has been rescheduled for the October meeting. Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, presented a program on QSL cards (paper or digital?) and on Paper QSL Bureaus (outbound and inbound). If you are interested in paper QSLs www.cheapqsls.com is a good place to order from. Digital QSLs are available at ARRL Logbook, eQSL, Club Log, QRZ, HRDLog.net

You can send a paper QSL card to KA0XTT (Last Man Standing) and the show will send you a QSL card of the show with a thank you for watching and the information about when the show is broadcast.

New Member Application: Don Moriarty, W9RA, Extra Class, Buchanan, TN applied for membership and Tim Edmonson made a motion to accept, Gary Cooper seconded and motion passed. Josh Kerr, KK4BKD accepted his payment of dues. Please welcome Don to the MSU ARC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Temporary Acting Secretary