

MSU ARC Meeting – June 5, 2017

President, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

In Attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton	WB8SKP, Denis Barton
KK4BKD, Josh Kerr	KK4LLO, Betty Enoch
WB7D, Dale Barrett	KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett
KK4PDL, Mike Lyons	KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper
KF4GCD, Robin Jones	Bonnie Allen, Guest
KY4SR, Sue Reimer	K0ZL, Dan Reimer
KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson	KK4AAF, David Henley,
KD6UNL, Larry Call	KJ4W, Bill Call
KJ4TKL, James Flood	KM4ZTY, George James
WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich	KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich
W1KYL, Steve Sacco	KN4DKO, Julie Sacco
KM4JZX, Richard Palmer	KJ4ZTC, Jimmy Sholar
KM4YCU, Jeff Robinson	AD6QT, Larry Morris
KG4OCI, Jonathan Barrett	KI4SII, Powell Henderson
WA6LDV, Steve Gordon	W9RA, Don Moriarty
KK4BXG, Kevin Bailey	KY4ZQN, Shea Porr
N3NRJ, James “Smitty” Smith	KD4WCE, Terry Ward
K9OIM, Bob Atkinson	Helen Atkinson, Guest
K4CHW, Chuck Williams	

Question of the Day was “If you had the money what piece of ham radio equipment would you buy?”

Secretary’s Report – Motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Debbie Barton, W8IBT and emailed on 5/3/2017 was made by Josh Kerr, KK4BKD and seconded by Dale Barrett, WB7D, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported making two deposits totaling \$185.00 with a current balance of \$2,755.19.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported the 94 repeater hasn’t had any problems since the semester ended. The 440 repeater is okay. The Hamlin repeater still has crippled antenna and hopes to spend some time down there soon.

Staff Advisor Report, only report was that meeting room 237 would be available for tonight’s meeting.

QSL Manager Report, Sue Reimer, KY4SR reported no QSL’s received.

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported no exams have been conducted although we have one scheduled for after tonight’s meeting and another one about 6:00 pm on Saturday, June 24th after our Field Day Potluck. **Update on test session after meeting: David Willems passed Element 2, 3, and 4; and achieved the Extra Class in one sitting! Congratulations David.**

Net Manager, 5 sessions, 185 stations, 164 minutes, 234.33 operator hours.
1 skywarn net, 21 stations, 148 minutes, 51.8 operator hours.

Ham Bits: Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, presented a video on Field Day operations.

Upcoming Hamfests: Huntsville, AL – August 19th

Old Business: Rich Palmer, KM4JZX, is using his press media experience and contacts to get the word out about Field Day. Is revising his press release to 1 page to keep peoples interest. Also, the sheriff is planning to attend as our elected official. Flyers/Brochures are also being made.

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, is compiling a list of everyone coming to Field Day and what food they are bringing for the 5:00 pm Saturday Potluck. Rich Palmer will bring his grill and the club will provide burgers, hot dogs and bratwurst along with buns and condiments. Contact Debbie with what you are planning to bring if you haven't already. (The list will be attached to the minutes).

Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, followed up on last month's program of the IC-7300 and moved to purchase an IC-7300. Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, has agreed to sell his to the club for \$1,100.00 and we will have it for Staurday, June 17th Field Day preparations/trial run, here at our usual meeting room. Bill Call, KJ4W, seconded the motion under those conditions and the motion passed.

Larry Call, KD6UNL, will be conducting a CPR/1st Aid Training Session on Saturday, June 10th at 8:00 am. He still has a couple of slots open, contact him if you are interested in attending. This is an 8-hour class and the cost is \$28.50 per person.

New Business : Bill Call, KJ4W, will be out of town this weekend for a SERA meeting.

Rich Palmer, KM4JZX, suggested we get business cards for the MSUARC to hand out at Field Day. Abbotts Printing could provide 500 BW cards for \$35.00 or 500 Color cards for \$45.00. Vista print has them for a lower price, but it was suggested we buy local. Steve Sacco, W1KYL, moved to order 500 color business cards, Larry Call, KD6UNL seconded, Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, amended the motion to spend up to \$50.00 for the business cards and to let Rich decide where to order them from. Amended motion passed.

Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, submitted ideas for program projects for the next several months.

- Intro to Contesting
- Intro to Practical Propagation
- Intro to Digital Communications
- Intro to ARDUNIO
- Intro to Traffic Nets
- Practical Antenna Construction
- Getting on the air for new hams
- Finding an Elmer
- Buying used equipment
- WX nets and what to report/say
- 2-meter use and etiquette

Program: "Why a Half-Wavelength dipole isn't a half-wavelength long" was presented by Bill Call, KJ4W. A couple of notes from the program. ARRL Handbook is a must have for every ham! QST is a recommended magazine and is part of ARRL membership. Bill Call & Tim Edmonson will pick-up about 10 years' worth of QST magazine from someone Bill knows and Tim will bring them to Field Day. Bill also gave us the formulas for Theoretical Antenna Lengths and Practical Antenna Lengths.

Tim Edmonson, gave a report on Field Day preparations. June 17th, 1:00 pm. Set-up and test run of equipment. Our designation for Field Day is 3A. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to the classroom on June 17th at 1:00 pm to perform test runs of the equipment and to familiarize themselves with the radios and operations.

One last note: The 1st Tuesday in July is the 4th, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, made a motion to cancel the July meeting and the motion was seconded by Betty Enoch, KK4LLO. Motion carried. See everyone at Field Day. Next meeting will be August 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Secretary