

MSU ARC Meeting – May 1, 2018 (Revised May 2, 2018)

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, at 7:00 pm

48 people in attendance:

W8IBT, Debbie Barton	WB8SKP, Denis Barton
KN4IRO, Don Edwards	KJ4W, Bill Call
KF4GCD, Robin Jones	Bonnie Allen, Guest
KJ4TKL, James Flood	WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich
KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich	KK4PDL, Mike Lyons
WA4IJU, Brenda Call	KG4OCI, Jonathan Barrett
KI4BBT, John Barrett	Blake Hughes, Guest
James C. Johnson, Guest	KN4IRP, Elysa Elkins
KM4NUY, Jerry Johnson	KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson
KY4GAL, Charlotte Edmonson	W4TZX, Todd Carr
KJ4SYV, Charlton Young	WA6DLDV, Steven Gordon
Emma Lee Gordon, Guest	KD6UNL, Larry Call
KY4SR, Sue Reimer	K4ZY, Dan Reimer
W1KYL, Steve Sacco	K4JCJ, Julie Sacco
KJ4EBQ, Gary Cooper	KM4ZUJ, Brent Armstrong
KN4JMM, Todd Hackathorn	WB7D, Dale Barrett
KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett	KX4DW, David Willems
AF0SI, Dale Pentecost	KM4ZTT, Joanna Bailey
KK4BXG, Kevin Bailey	KN4JML, Adam Bolen
KN4JMN, Julie Wells-Bolen	W9RA, Don Moriarty
KY4EQN, Shea Porr	N3NRJ, James "Smitty" Smith
KM4JZX, Richard Palmer	KK4BKD, Josh Kerr
KN4IRM, Kenneth Cohoon	Blake Thomas, Guest
K9AVN, Art Nolan	KB6ITI, Mike McNerthney

Question of the Day was "Would you buy only new ham equipment, or used, or a combination of both?"

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept minutes emailed, was made by Josh Kerr, KK4BKD, seconded by Bill Call, KJ4W and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, reported expenses of \$14.00 for license exams to W5YI, and a deposit of \$80.00 (dues & exam fees). Motion to accept by Charlton Young, KJ4SYV, seconded by Gary Cooper, KJ4EBQ. Motion carried.

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported everything seems to be working fine, Echolink needed rebooting a couple of times. 94 had some problems during the Monday Night net last night, still trying to figure that one out.

Faculty Advisor Report, John Hart, KO4ZE sent me the following report.

I am retiring from MSU as of May 31st. As reported last month I made specific recommendations to the MSU administration that have been accepted. The major change from a club operational standpoint is that Eric Rich and Jon Barrett will share the staff advisor duties including coordination of room use with the Institute of Engineering, coordination of MSU data network resources used in support of our systems, and, with Bill Call, continued support of our various voice and data repeater systems around campus. In addition, room IT235 is now designated the "Murray State University Amateur Radio Station".

I have attached a copy of the email outlining my recommendations and the letters of support from County Emergency Manager Bill Call and Assistant Chief of MSU Police Jeff Gentry. ***It is my recommendation to the MSUARC that a strong ability to provide emergency communication on short notice, both locally and via HF to Frankfort and outside our immediate region be maintained and exercised as a show of good intent for the emergency communications capability.***

QSL Manager Report, Sue Reimer, KY4SR, reported no new QSL cards received.

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, reported one testing session scheduled for after tonight's meeting with 3 examinees. One test session last month with 2 examinees, Don Edward, KN4IRO upgraded to General and Jeff Newnum received his Technician class license, KN4LKX).

Net Manager Report, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, 5 sessions, 87 stations, 0 traffic, 116 minutes and 452 operator hours. One Skywarn Net on 4/03/18 with 27 stations, 113 minutes and 45.2 operator hours.

Old Business: Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, reported the Field Day Committee will meet at 5 pm on June 5th at Captain D's. Field Day will be held at the MSU Arboretum, June 23-24. Be prepared at next month's meeting to sign up for shifts to operate. The GOTA (Get ON The Air) station, which will be a simple radio and paper log so it is less intimidating. We will have 3 stations (voice, CW and digital). Two of the stations will be capable of digital communications, one with PSK31/RTTY and the other for FT8. We really want to do better this year and beat the Paducah club (last year they were 1st in the state and we were 3rd).

We will have a practice session, June 9th at 1:00 pm in the classroom. This will be to set-up the radios, computers and teach anyone interested how to operate the radios and logging program that we will be using. Make sure everything is networked together and ready to go for Field Day.

New Business: KY QSO Party has changed dates from early October to the 1st Saturday in June. This year it will be on June 2nd from 9 am to 9 pm CST/CDT (?) Jonathan Barrett will open the club station at 9 am and Dan & Sue Reimer will be there as control operators. Anyone wishing to get some practice in or learn about contesting is welcome to come to the club station and operate. This would be a great stress-free way to prepare for Field Day.

Program: "How to get a deal on ham gear" by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS (TRO, Tim's Radio Outlet ☺). When buying online check out the seller on QRZ and other online searches. Know what you are looking for. Before buying any equipment it is always good to read as many reviews as possible. <https://www.eham.net/reviews>

Charlton Young, KJ4SYV made a motion to adjourn, Denis Barton, WB8SKP seconded and everyone seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with a test session to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Secretary