

MSU ARC Meeting – September 4, 2018

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

Attendance: 36 people (signed in, I think there was a couple of late arrivals that didn't sign in).

W8IBT, Debbie Barton	WB8SKP, Denis Barton
KJ4OZU, Candy Aldrich	WD8OWA, Bob Aldrich
KJ4TKL, James Flood	KK4PDL, Mike Lyons
KI4BBT, John Barrett	KG4OCI, Jonathan Barrett
WB7D, Dale Barrett	KG4OCJ, Valerie Barrett
AD6QJ, Larry Morris	KN4IRT, Tracy McKinney
KA4WWS, Tim Edmonson	KY4GAL, Charlotte Edmonson
KN4JMM, Todd Hackathorn	KN4MWE, Jana Hackathorn
NR4R, Sue Reimer	N4ZY, Dan Reimer
KK4BKD, Josh Kerr	K4MKY, Don Edwards
KJ4SYV, Charlton Young	KD6UNL, Larry Call
K4ADW, Rich Beam	KN4NSQ, Logan Pawlik
KF4GCD, Robin Jones	Bonnie Allen, Guest
K9OIM, Bob Atkinson	Helen Atkinson, Guest
Dave Laframboise, Guest	Melissa Brewerton, Guest
AF0SI, Dale Pentecost	WD4GXI, Joe Wray
WA6LDV, Steve Gordon	Emmalee Goradon, Guest
KN4IRQ, Scott Holt	KN4LCZ, Carmack Johnson

Secretary's Report – Motion to accept minutes emailed, was made by Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS and seconded by Charlton Young, KJ4SYV; the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Call, KJ4W, was absent but sent in his reports via Mike Lyons, KK4PDL and reported one check for \$21.00 to W5YI for exam fees and a deposit of \$30.00 in dues for a current balance of \$2,493.70

Systems Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, was absent but sent in his reports via Mike Lyons, KK4PDL and reported all repeaters are doing ok, he has worked on the Hamlin remote control, but it's not yet finished. Also, Eric Rich, W4ELR, has worked on the Echolink computer several times and it seems to be working ok.

Faculty Advisor Report, No report.

OSL Manager Report, Sue Reimer, NR4R, 230 confirmed QSL's from Field Day. She will bring the QSL cards in and leave in the club station for anyone who would like to look at them.

VE Report, Bill Call, KJ4W, was absent but sent in his reports via Mike Lyons, KK4PDL and reported the testing session after last month's meeting resulted in Todd Hackathorn, KN4JMM upgrading to Extra and Braxton Koehler passed his Technician Class exam and was issued KN4CHP. No exam scheduled for tonight as Bill Call, KJ4W is out of town and is the only VE Manager for our club.

Net Manager Report, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, texted his report to Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, as follows:
4 sessions, 128 stations, 255 minutes, 546.13 operator hours.

Old Business: Bill Call, KJ4W, sent the following email to Mike Lyons, KK4PDL. Richard Palmer, KM4JX, has obtained a terrific looking cabinet for the Mayfield repeater. I had hoped we would get some work done on it this week, but after my accident I haven't done much work. Hopefully next week we will get going with it.

Fox Hunt: October 20th, 2:00 pm, parking lot (used for our meetings). Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, will be the fox. Potluck to follow, we usually have soup/chili, crackers, etc. Bring your crockpots and we can set-up IT 237 (our old

meeting room) and plug them in before the Fox Hunt starts. The potluck will start between 4:30 – 5:00 pm. Plan on coming to the potluck even if you don't want to participate in the Fox Hunt.

Program: “Photo Tour of the Huntsville Hamfest” was presented by Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA, with assistance from Debbie Barton, W8IBT.

New Business: , Bill Call, KJ4W, was absent but asked Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, to suggest we hold our Christmas Party at the Calloway County Courthouse Annex (formerly Robert O. Miller Convention Center or the old post office, whichever name you are familiar with). Good venue, no charge for the room, but it would have to be a catered dinner. Therefore, you would have to pay, if you committed but didn't come. Possible caterer would be J Mac BBQ. Mike Lyons, KK4PDL also suggested the Artisan Kitchen or Los Portales (but a larger room). Tracy McKinney, KN4IRT, also suggested a couple of buildings at the fair grounds but we would have to pay a rental fee. The Christmas Party will be December 4th, Tuesday, in place of our regular December meeting. More discussion to follow next month.

Bill Call, KJ4W, was absent but also stated that he would be holding another CERT class this fall, starting, Monday, September 17th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Please contact either him or Josh Kerr, KK4HBK for more information and/or to sign up.

Josh Kerr, KK4HBK, reported that he and Bill Call, KJ4W, are planning to offer a class for the Technician Class license immediately following the CERT Training (Thanksgiving to Christmas) Monday nights. Contact either of them if you have someone interested in taking the class.

Josh Kerr, KK4HBK, made a motion to spend up to \$25.00 for an Album (for postcards/QSL cards) to keep the QSL confirmation cards Sue Reimer, NR4R, has received and will be bringing to the club station. Joe Wray, WD4GXI, and Charlton Young, KJ4SYV both seconded and the motion passed.

Dan Reimer, N4ZY, gave a report on the Kentucky QSO Party contest results.

Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, suggested we have the procedures for the Monday Night Net be updated/rewritten to cover new technologies (i.e. Echolink, etc). It was decided that a committee of Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, Bill Call, KJ4W, Tracy McKinney, KN4IRT and Chuck Williams, K4CHW be convened. One recommendation was to use Net Logger for the net (the download link is on our website).

Mike Lyons, KK4PDL, reminded everyone to join ARRL. We are an ARRL affiliated club and need to have 50% of our membership enrolled with ARRL, we currently only have 37%. Josh Kerr, KK4HBK, suggested we do a membership drive; this would allow the club to keep a portion of the ARRL dues for club use and that we could do this next month.

Joe Wray, WD4GXI, reminded everyone that hamfests are great places to dicker over the price of an item and you can usually get the price down, free shipping to your home and that would also save you the sales tax.

Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS, did a Show & Tell about a Russian military tube that can be used to build a relatively inexpensive RF amplifier.

Tim Edmonson made a motion to adjourn, Charlton Young, KJ4SYV, seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, Secretary