

August 21, 2017 Membership Meeting

Meeting started at 1930 with introductions.

President Ron K4TCP- had no report.

Vice-President Ken W4KBN- had no report.

Treasurer Dave K4DLE- report attached.

Secretary Linda KM4WBN- reported birthdays: Tom AJ4UQ, Velma Merritts, Wayne Norris K4WCN, Linda Selleck KJ4EVV, and David Walden KK4TLR.

Tom W4DAX reported two new members. He reminds us that member dues are due in September for 2018.

Bryce K4LXF repeater report reported that the 27 machine stopped linking and John Place was called. He reported that it was an antenna problem that was solved by refiguring the duplexer to operate both 440 and 2 meters. The 27 seems to be working just fine now.

David AE4ZR- VE report-one person passed both Technician and General. There are two pre-registered for the September 20 session.

Brian W4BFZ was absent and thus no QSL report.

Old Business:

K4PSA Balloon Launch: report from this secretary's spectator view- Two balloons were prepared. The first one launched leaving entire payload behind. Team scrambled to attach payload to second balloon and balloon two was launched. This balloon went several feet up in the air and came back down a few feet away from launch area. It was recovered and taken back to launch area where payload was possibly lightened and the balloon was relaunched successfully. It rose to a height of 7100 feet and was caught in a large thunderstorm. The balloon was recovered almost back at the launch area. Some payload appeared to have been damaged. No one was present at this meeting to give the technical details.

Tom reported on K4PSA- The school Leap Day will see the K4PSA club having a meeting on Leap Day at 9-11am. They will still have their regular meetings after school on Fridays. There have been 10 students licensed do far through the club. Tom asks for help for putting an HF antenna on the school roof and invites everyone to come by and visit the club at Palmetto Scholars Academy on Dorchester Road.

Operating Day and a picnic: after much discussion and many dates thrown out it was decided that an Operating Day and a club picnic would be held on November 4 at Marrington Plantation. Ray KM4FRG was volunteered as POC! Hamburgers and hot dogs, etc.

Joe KJ4BNC- JOTA. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 22 with Will Green about what will be required from us. Joe says that if we show up we MUST have be fully involved and upbeat working with the scouts. Everyone will have to take the online Youth Protection Services training course to participate. It should take between 35 and 45 minutes to complete and then you will be issued a printable certificate. You can visit MY.Scouting.org and follow links to training position requirements. Following a meeting at Ridge Baptist Church with Will Green, it appears that we will have full cooperation with the scouts for their event. The event will start with set-up on Friday evening, October 20. Operating days will be both Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. This is a national scouting

event and will be held at Camp Moultrie that is approx. 1 mile north of Moncks Corner. Times to be announced. This is for the Boy Scouts to earn their merit badges and talk to anyone and everyone on the radio that they can. It was discussed if we were going to teach or just assist the scouts with being on the air. TBD.

HL Hunley-February 17. We need a volunteer for POC.

Museum Ships in June 2018. Robert Wilhite AJ5E POC.

SCPOTA- David at Givhans Park, 59 contacts were made. Two were international, two were confirmed park-to-park, and one cw contacts were made. The September activation is Charlestown Landing providing they are willing to allow us to set-up and operate within the park. If not allowed, David will go to Colleton County State Park on September 9th.

New Business:

TARC trailer storage: will now be at Keith Wucherer N2OBS's property in Summerville.

Dinner meeting for August 24th will be at the Coosaw Creek Crab Shack on Dorchester Road at 6pm. RSVP to Dave K4DLE.

Nominations and election: No other members were nominated and current members were willing to serve the new year so they remain as in 2017:

President Ron Davis K4TCP

Vice-President Ken Curtis W4KBN

Treasurer Dave Eslinger K4DLE

Secretary Linda Wilson KM4WBN

Ray told us about the National Park senior passes being \$10 until the price goes up to \$80 the 28th of this month. The passes are for those 62 and older and are for life.

Meeting adjourned at 2050.

Secretary

Linda Wilson

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