

March 20, 2017 Membership Meeting

Meeting opened by Ron K4TCP at 1930.

After introductions, he congratulated the new hams.

Ken W4KBN had no report. He did show off his custom made belt buckle.

Dave K4DLE reported that he took in \$39 and that we have approx. \$1869.70.

Linda KM4WBN reported birthdays: Tommy Billings, Vaughn Duryea, Thelma McLeod, Bryan Morris, and Fred Schaffer.

Tom W4DAX reported we have two new members. Membership cost for new members is \$15 at this time.

Bryce K4LXF said there were no major problems with the repeaters.

David AE4ZR said 6 candidates had tested and the VEs were going to the Citadel this Wednesday to test 6 cadets who cannot leave campus.

Linda Selleck has cancelled the ARES testing session for location issues. David told her to have them come to a regular test session at the Masonic Lodge in Goose Creek.

Brian W4BFZ was absent.

Joe KJ4BNC said that the presentation for baluns was still on for April.

Tom asked if anyone was interested in building tape measure antennas in June, but interest seemed low.

Bryce will be doing a repeater presentation in May.

Old Business:

Museum Ships- June 3&4. Wilhite AJ5E (absent) is still looking for volunteers.

Balloon launches are still waiting for Ms. Voight's input on what she needs. There will be a test launch on June 21st.

Tailgate still on for May 20th at the Masonic Lodge in Goose Creek. There will be a mini flea market and fish fry.

New Business:

Field Day- June 24-25. Steve POC. Goose Creek location. Tshirts this year are red with white lettering or white with red lettering. They will be available April 1st for \$14.95 each.

Ladies Operating Day is set for May 6 at Reforge with Tom W4DAX hosting us. Noon until 4 or 5pm.

March dinner meeting is at Big Billies Burgers at the McCall Center.

Rookie Roundup- K4PSA will be participating. Volunteers were asked for to help mentor our student hams, especially with how to keep their logs. Hopefully this will be at PSA. The date is April 16. Yes, this is Easter Sunday. But what better excuse could you have for getting away from those pesky inlaws for a few hours???

The Tuesday night 2 Meter net schedule is on tridenthams.org. If you would like to give hosting a try, please let Tom W4DAX know and you will be added into the schedule.

Linda Selleck sent an announcement that the next ARES Berkeley County meeting will be at the Moncks Corner Library. Meetings will be held there alternating with their usual site. Contact Linda Selleck directly for an accurate calendar. At the point of this writing, she has not responded to my request for more information. She will be excused this time because she said she was ill and did not want to share her germs with us and was absent from this month's TARC meeting. She has also asked for volunteers for the April 8 MS Walk.

Tom W4DAX expressed appreciation for Bryce going to Sparky's rescued of his 70ft tower that was down at a 45 degree angle. Bryce heroically brought it down to 30ft so Sparky can get back on the air. Thanks Bryce!

Radio drawing was won by David Merritts and he donated it to K4PSA for the next student to get a license.

Meeting adjourned at 2012 to be followed by Ron's presentation on Arduino 101 Prototyping.

Linda Wilson

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