

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of June 6, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 28 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, reported that last month's balance was \$1908.14. She deposited \$90 in dues and wrote a \$180 check for equipment insurance, leaving a balance of \$1818.14. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, reported that on Saturday, June 4, a Public Information Booth was set up with radios, fliers, ham equipment, and other ham information at Capaha Park from 12 – 5 p.m. upon invitation to the Civil Air Patrol's "Better Things to Do Than Drugs" field day. Those helping Penny were Phil Nash, ACØIB, Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, and Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, and Penny reports that it was a successful event.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, and several others received an e-mail last week from SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network) requesting relief operators for the Joplin area. While visiting Kansas this weekend, Ernie listened to 147.000 and noted that they used the tactical call signs but did not use the same format as ARES. Tom Keene, WX9N, said that this is welfare traffic, which is done differently than emergency traffic. Ernie contacted the Net Control and asked if help would be needed; Net Control thanked him but said that SATERN would be shutting down on Friday, June 10.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that Washington, D.C. released the grant money for his office and the Cape Girardeau County EOC would see the money by July. He says the grant money will probably dry up within the next two years and the EOC would have to be shut down without it, but the County is working to continue revenue for his office should that happen. Dick said that there is more red tape than there used to be; for instance, he now has to do one drill per quarter rather than one per year. He said that a State of Emergency has been declared for Cape Girardeau County nine times in the past four years.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that Phil Nash, ACØIB, contacted Steve Hay, KD7EV, and picked up the equipment that had been stored at his home. The equipment has been catalogued and is now stored with Tom Keene, W9XN.

Tom Keene, W9XN, said that on Field Day (June 25-26), if someone is willing to train a new person on PSK31 or RTTY who has never used it before, we will add 100 extra points for our score. He told Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, that he will need to hold another technician class for the Cape Girardeau and Bollinger County Health Departments. Tom is ready to teach another general class if six people will sign up. He also reported that the repeater repairs were scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, but the tower climber twisted his knee, so the repairs are on hold for now.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, passed around the sign-up sheet for the June 10 – 11 Stars and Stripes event. She said to be sure to check out the museum while there. We will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Stars and Stripes by transmitting on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters to raise awareness of the museum and their need for support. We will have a certificate for those operators making 20 or more contacts. Phil Nash, ACØIB, said that KFVS Channel 12 may send a crew to film. Supper will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday night (per Curtis Roach), and a tailgate will be held on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. We will transmit using the call sign WØS.

Penny also reported that for the June 25 – 26 Field Day at Klaus Park, we will get extra points for various activities such as: making press releases; holding the June 4 Public Information Booth to promote Field Day (if allowed); inviting elected officials; inviting television crews; advertising on the radio; demonstrating actual hands-on transmissions; and inviting Emergency Management. Also, contacts on PSK, CW, etc. will count for double points. Our covered dish dinner will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday. On Field Day we will transmit using the club call sign WØQMF **ONLY**.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, showed us a SEMOARC logo that Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, has been working on and that we may want to use for shirt patches or letterhead.

New Business

There was no new business.

The June meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2005, followed by a training session on inexpensive, down-and-dirty, bargain basement antennas as demonstrated by Tom Keene, WX9N. [Think 468/f(mHz) for a quarter wave dipole!]

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMO ARC