SEMO Amateur Radio Club

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Meetings:

The Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club, WØQMF, meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM (Ragchew starts around 6:30 PM). Meetings are in the Emergency Preparedness County Office Building, on the Courthouse Square in Jackson, Mo

Next Meeting Date:

The next business meeting will be held <u>September 5th</u>, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the basement of the Cape Girardeau County Office Building.

ARRL Volunteer Examinations

ARRL VE testing sessions are held after each monthly meeting for those interested in obtaining or upgrading an Amateur Radio License. The fee for testing is \$15.00. Positive Identification Required

For more information, contact Phil Nash, ACØIB

Contests

If you have any information on any upcoming contests, please send me an email at karenbrewington@sbcglobal.net so I can include it in the newsletter.

Event Reminders

Club events:

Hamfests:

October 29 - Kirkwood, MO

Other Events:

ARES Weekly Net, Tuesdays at 8pm on 146.820

Birthdays

Gerry Keene August 6
David Golightly August 25
George Sample September 16
Dan Russell September 27

If you have a birthday in August or September and you would like to be recognized, please send an email to me at karen.brewington@sbcglobal.net and I will make sure it gets in the next newsletter.

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 1, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 1, 2011, at 1903 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 23 members and 4 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 there was no change to last month's balance of \$1778.01. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that George Neilson, W9OTX, is a silent key. His cheery "Have a beautiful day" will be missed on the net.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that since our volunteer tower climber has not yet recovered from his blown knee, we need to consider other options. We need a certified climber who has at least \$1 million in liability insurance. Tom says it may be possible to relocate the 685 and 440 repeaters on a different tower with a higher location. KMHM has offered to allow us to move our 820 repeater 100 feet higher, but it would cost the club \$10 per month, as opposed to the \$1 per year we now pay.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, read a nice letter from Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, to the club, in reference to Field Day events.

After some discussion, it was agreed to hold our next fox hunt on Saturday, October 15. Details will follow at the September meeting.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, showed everyone the orange Emergency Communications t-shirt that he wore to Field Day. He said he has not been able to get in touch with the club that he bought it from last year at the Huntsville hamfest, but he will pursue acquiring them when he goes to the Huntsville hamfest later this month. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, will be going to Horizon Printing and will ask them about their pricing, should we be interested.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, showed us three potential club logos and asked for input. Club members wrote their input on the backs of the logos, and Jodie will get back with the club with revisions.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he is interested in starting a Skywarn net for local weather spotters. He asked that those who are interested in joining the net sign up with their contact information. There will be weather spotter training sometime in February.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that several club members have been thinking of making the club a non-profit organization in order to legally protect itself and open up possibilities for donations. After some discussion, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, made a motion to research the logistics of such a move; Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, seconded the motion and the motion carried. Phil Nash, ACØIB, will contact the Missouri ARRL pro bono attorneys to get information.

Frank Bagbey, WØKAA, asked that a listing of the club's silent keys be placed on our website, and Ernie Chiles said that he would look into getting that done.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, thanked Dan, KDØIXM, and Mary Russell and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, for their help with her Girl Scout event and said that it was a wonderful experience for the girls.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that he has a potential technician class of about twelve, and at least two who want to get their general.

Our visitors for the evening were Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV; Leo Haight; Gerry Keene, KDØOAC; and June Werchow.

The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU Secretary, SEMO ARC

News

Please check the web site regularly at: http://www.semoarc.net.

If you are in a hurry, you can just click the "What's New" button. Contact me if you have any inputs for improvements, corrections, or additions. Note that when you click on the entries on the membership list that you go to the QRZ.COM listing. If you log into QRZ.COM, you can customize your listing there as desired. -Ron Doughty, KØMAJ, Ron@RDoughty.net

More News:

As you probably remember, Frank Bagbey asked if we could add a Silent Key page to the website with all the names of any Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club members. Patty couldn't find the old membership lists on the SEMOARC archival disk that Mary Russell did for us, so all she could do is make a list of the more recent ones that she knows of. Ron Doughty put a page on our website for Silent Keys with the names of seven people. So we have a request for all members: If you know of anyone from our club that is now a SEMOARC silent key, please send Ron Doughty the full name and call sign so they can be honored on our website.

For Sale

If you have an item that you would like advertised in our monthly newsletter, please send me an email and it will be included.

Please Note:

I am receiving several notices that members are not getting the newsletter because email addresses are not correct. If you notice that someone's email address is incorrect, please let me know so it can be corrected.

If you have news that needs to be sent to the membership, please send me an email at karen.brewington@sbcglobal.net and if appropriate, it will be included.

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO