

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 (Rag chew 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 March 3, 2014 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 Patty Chiles, ACØCU.

Contests

SEMO ARC QSL Card Challenge - Begins October 7 and ends in March 31st. All members are to design their nicest QSL card and send it to Ernie Chiles, WØRMS. Members are also to make as many contacts (2 meter only) as possible and send them the QSL cards. The winner will be the person that receives the most QSL cards. For more information, contact Ernie Chiles, WØRMS.

If you have any information on any upcoming contests, please send me an email at karen.brewington@yahoo.com so I can include it in the newsletter.

Event Reminders

Upcoming Club events: (some exact dates yet to be determined)

April 25th and 26th – 2014 Jackson Bicentennial Special Event

May 10th – Fox Hunt, location to be determined

June 27th and 28th - Field Day

Other Events:

ARES Weekly Net, Tuesdays at 8pm on 146.820

ARES Monthly Meeting is the last Monday of each month. The next monthly meeting will be held on **February 24th** at 7 pm at the Cape Girardeau County office building in Jackson.

Birthdays

Karen Brewington	February 17
Dennis Ponsness	February 24
Joe Lorberg	March 9
Fred Werchow	March 16
Richard Knaup Jr.	March 26
Charles Schroeder	March 30

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

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club Minutes of February 3, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 1901 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 18 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read. Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,315.42. Payment was made to Barry Doyle in the amount of \$186.99 for the UPS backup and also \$27.88 for the Ham of the Year award and a deposit of \$150 for dues was made giving us a new balance of \$2,250.55. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, was unable to attend due to the weather but Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the 146.685 repeater was off line due to a power surge. Barry checked on this and it is now working. The new UPS for the machine has been installed and is working properly.

EOC coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, was unable to attend tonight so there was no report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the January ARES meeting was a good one and Ryan Welker, KDØSLS, gave a good talk on cold weather preparedness. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will be giving a talk at the February meeting on weather spotting and Jody Rouse, KDØLDE, will speak in March on digital communications.

Ernie also reminded everyone that the QSL card challenge will end on March 31st so keep trying to get those contacts. 1st prize is a VHF transceiver, 2nd prize is a UHF hand held transceiver and 3rd prize is a multimeter. Prizes will be awarded at the May meeting. Reminder: there is a separate contest for the best QSL card design. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that 2014 dues are now due. They are \$25 per family and the money goes towards maintaining our equipment.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded us of the current 2014 Jackson Bicentennial special event plans. Barry will contact city officials to see if we can get support. He has contacted QST regarding the upcoming event.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that the UPS for the 146.685 repeater has been installed and we still have \$313.01 left for the trickle charger and deep cycle batteries.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded us of the auction after the March meeting. Proceeds will go to the club to help pay for equipment.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that John Frye, WJØU, is now a Silent Key. Barry suggested that we have a special ceremony on the net to honor and acknowledge this and passed out copies of "The Ceremony of Last Call". After brief discussion, it was decided that we would have this ceremony this Wednesday during the 7pm net. Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, will send out an email to notify the membership of this event. Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, will contact Irma Frye to let her know. Barry will conduct this ceremony.

Charles Griffith, KDØWXW, reported that the generator at the weather radio is fried.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, asked if there was interest in a **Fox Hunt** this spring. It was decided that May 10th will be the date for this and the location is yet to be determined. As in the past, we will meet at 12 noon for a sack lunch and the hunt will begin at 1 pm. You may not contact the parks department to find out where the fox will be!

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the Red Cross will have an Exercise on March 22nd and ARES members will be helping with this. Ernie also reported that CASA will have a Bike/Run event in March and would like us to participate by manning the check points. Further discussion will take place at the March meeting.

The February meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO

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

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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 do not wish to receive this email, please send me an email and your name and email address will be removed from the list.

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

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO