

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 July 4th, 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:

June 24-25 - Field Day

Hamfests:

July (?) - Washington, MO

August 14 - St. Charles, MO

August 20-21 - Huntsville, AL

October 29 - Kirkwood, MO

Other Events:

ARES Weekly Net, Tuesdays at 8pm on 146.820

Birthdays

Ernest Chiles	June 11
Mike McCrate	June 21
Randy Davis	June 23
John Clark	July 1
Deline Smith	July 7

If you have a birthday in June or July 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 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 $468/f(\text{mHz})$ for a quarter wave dipole!]

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

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Stars and Stripes Special Event Station at Bloomfield this past Friday and Saturday. We had a total of nine members who participated in operating our two stations. We made a total of 213 contacts from as far away as New Zealand, the Isle of Man, and the Canary Islands, as well as several Canadian provinces. The weather, while hot, wasn't stormy, and mosquitoes were not a

problem. Again, thanks to all who participated, and we'll see you at Field Day on June 25 - 26 at Klaus Park!

Just a reminder, our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, **JULY 4**. See you there!

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