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 April 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:

April 16 - Fox hunt June 10-11 - Stars and Stripes event at Bloomfield June 24-25 - Field Day

Hamffests:

March 5 - Cave City, KY (Mammouth Cave)
April 9 - Memphis Freefest
April 30 - Godfrey, IL
May 14 - JCS swap meet, Cape Girardeau
June 12 - Granite City, IL
July (?) - Washington, MO
August 14 - St. Charles, MO
August 20-21 - Huntsville, AL
October 29 - Kirkwood, MO

ARES Weekly Net, Tuesdays at 8pm on 146.820

Birthdays

Joe Lorberg March 9
Linda Nash March 24
Richard Knaup March 26
Frank Bagbey April 12
Bob Seabaugh April 15

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

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 7, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 28 members and one guest 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 \$3234.96. She wrote one check for a duplicate key and deposited dues for four members, leaving a balance of \$3322.70. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, reported that the BBS should be up and running this month.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that the three people in his general class are all taking their tests this evening. He said that Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, will be getting their technician classes started soon. Tonight's training session will be on direction finding or fox hunting, and next month's session will be on contesting.

Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, reported that his technician class will begin on April 5.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that the 685 repeater has issues, including coax that is filled with water. Roy McMillan, KDØNBD, a certified tower climber, has volunteered to help us with the necessary repairs to our repeaters. We will get the 82 repeater repaired first, then transfer the nets to it and repair the 440 and 685 repeaters. The 82 machine needs an antenna and a backup battery, and the 685 needs hardline, antennas, and a new repeater controller.

Tom also said that the club's two duplexers are stored in the garage at his home.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the foxhunt on April 16. He will announce the final rules and information at the April meeting, but he did let everyone know that the fox will be within the city limits of Cape Girardeau. He also reminded everyone of the swap meet on May 14 at JCS in Cape Girardeau. He suggested that we might combine one of these two events with a spring picnic; this will also be discussed at the April meeting.

Ernie reminded everyone of the Stars and Stripes event on June 10-11. Setup will be on Friday morning. Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, announced that everything is a go as far as the museum is concerned. Ernie passed around the elegant certificate, created by Phil Nash's daughter Sabina, that will be mailed out to those who send us self-addressed, stamped envelopes to confirm a contact.

Our visitor for the evening was Fred Werchow from Marble Hill for testing.

New Business

There was no new business.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1940, followed by a training session on direction finding given by Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, Tom Keene, WX9N, and Dan Russell, KDØIXM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles Secretary, SEMO ARC

<u>News</u>

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

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.

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

Karen, KDØJMO