

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 October 3rd, 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:

October 15 - Fox Hunt - beginning at Noon

Hamfests:

October 29 - Kirkwood, MO

Other Events:

ARES Weekly Net, Tuesdays at 8pm on 146.820

Birthdays

George Sample	September 16
Dan Russell	September 27
Jarit Keith	October 10
Phil Nash	October 10
Barry Doyle	October 11
Bruce Boulden	October 28
Harry Stone	October 31

If you have a birthday in September or October 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 September 5, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 5, 2011, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 21 members and 1 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 \$1778.01. She made a deposit of \$50 for dues, leaving a balance of \$1828.01. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that Tom Keene, WX9N, has not contacted him regarding the repeaters, so there is nothing to report on them at this time.

Our October 15 fox hunt will begin at the Cape County Park North at noon. Bring a sack lunch to eat before we begin the hunt. The fox will transmit on 146.55 on demand, and he will be located within the city limits of either Cape Girardeau or Jackson.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that Phil Nash, ACØIB, had spoken with a Missouri ARRL attorney about our club becoming a non-profit organization. He then was able to make contact with an attorney in Cape Girardeau with whom Ernie met and learned that we must be incorporated first as a Missouri corporation before we can become a non-profit federal entity. It would cost about \$1000 and take about a year to complete to be recognized by the IRS. We could become either a state non-profit corporation, which requires annual reports and fees, or a state LLC (Limited Liability Company), which requires neither annual reports and fees but does not allow us to convert to a non-profit. The liability protection is the same. We can either a) continue as we have done in the past, with no changes; b) become a state LLC, which takes 60 – 90 days; or c) become a state non-profit organization, which takes about a year but costs about the same as the LLC - \$150. If we ever want to be recognized by the IRS as a non-profit, we cannot become an LLC. Members were asked to think about what they would like to do, and the issue will be revisited at the October meeting.

Ernie thanked Bob Seabaugh, KAØQCK, and Mary Russell for maintaining our old membership lists; to Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, for checking those lists for silent keys; and to Ron Doughty, KØMAJ, for adding a page to our website to honor our club's silent keys.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the orange Emergency Communications t-shirts were not at the Huntsville hamfest this year. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, said that she checked 100% cotton shirts at Horizon Screen Printing, and we can get a two-sided, two-color shirt for \$13.50 plus tax.

Jodie also said that everyone liked the colorful logo, and she will have final drafts at next month's meeting. She wants to add our club call sign, WØQMF, to our logo.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he is working on a Skywarn net procedure document. He has also made a Google map showing Skywarn member locations. Dan Russell, KDØIXM, said that the ARES net will resume on September 20 at 8 p.m. on 146.820.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he has appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Charlie Schroeder, KCØDZD, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, to choose a slate of officers to be nominated at the October meeting. We will then vote on those nominations at the November meeting. He asked that club members let the Nominating Committee know if you do – or do not – want to be an officer.

Ernie also reminded everyone that we need to be thinking of nominees for the annual Ham of the Year Award. We will hold a secret ballot in November, and the plaque will be awarded at the Christmas party. The criteria for this award are that the nominee must have contributed to the well being and advancement of our organization, and that the nominee must not have received the award within the past five years. Therefore, the following people are not eligible for this award: Tom Keene, WX9N, Phil Nash, ACØIB, Irma Frye, NØJPJ, Charlie Schroeder, KCØDZD, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS.

Cathy Golightly, KDØIAM, announced that she will be collecting donations for Wreaths Across America for the Bloomfield Veterans' Cemetery. She will bring the donation can to the next two meetings as well, and will turn in those donations before the laying of the Christmas wreaths in December.

Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, asked that we place our meeting dates and times on our website, and Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, asked that we also add our club sign, WØQMF, to the website.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, announced that we qualified to get our name in QST magazine based on the points we scored at Field Day.

Our visitor for the evening was Nathan Brown of Marble Hill.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1945.

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