



Meeting Dated: March 25, 2014

Members In Attendance: 10

Visitors Present: 0

As there were no quorum for a business meeting, this will be a informal open meeting with no business transacted except by Executive Committee.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report was accepted as on hand. It was not read and had not been posted.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report gives a balance on hand of \$1,235.30. No outstanding bill are expected at this time.

Old Business:

1) GA QSO Party is coming up April 12. The club will be getting the burgers and dogs and the members will be getting the rest.

Mike Wolcott (W5WYI) said that he invited CERT to participate with us. We will be tailgating if anyone has stuff to bring.

2) Field Day prep is being made. We will be inviting CERT to this to and we are told this will be an official training exercise for their communications team.

We are thinking about having the Field Day event at the YMCA where there is more visibility for the club. More information will be emailed to the club as the date gets closer.

New Business:

1) The Hill Topping idea that Bill Wilson threw out the club is getting more popular. The date would be around June 12 and the location would be either Black Rock or Hawk Mtn. The event would last around 30 hrs.

2) Cal Neff (K4JSR) told us again about interest in the special event station for the 100th anniversary for the City of Winder in July. The Executive Committee voted that we would do this and we will be setting up the details to follow as the date gets closer. We are thinking of holding the event on the Court House lawn.

We also need to get it into the next issue of QST. The deadline is May 1st.

VE Testing & Classes:

According to Mike and Cal there is not much interest in a class of either license class. They also said it is not worth having a class for just one or two people and usually there are a number of no shows, So until we can get a real commitment and more people we will not hold a class.

Cal also mentioned using using the YMCA as a tool for spreading the word about ham radio and arranging classes there. He said that this had been successful in the past.

Announcements:

Burk brought in a study book for anyone who needed it. It was also mentioned that the new question pool for the General class goes into effect this July for those wanting to get their license upgrades before then.

Presentation/Program:

Michael Anonuucci (K4MAA) gave a presentation on APRS. Automatic Position Reporting System. He uses it frequently also utilizes it on trips. With this system one can monitor the weather, assist in search and rescue, plan and monitor trips, and track beacons plus many other useful applications.

This system uses cell, internet and radio to track your position.

He gave a real time demonstration on how this works.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura J. Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary

NOTE: Collected Dues: \$50

Burk-\$20

Cal & Catherine-\$30

Meeting Location: Barrow County Regional Medical