

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2009

In Attendance: John Biddle W8PG
Gary Bruce KD8FRN
Bob Curtis KD8FRQ
Evan Dickenson K8ELD
John McCutcheon N8XWO
Drew McDaniel W8MHV
Eric McFadden WD8RIF
Miles McFadden
Rich Post KB8TAD
John Thomas KC8JWZ

Following the 7:00pm social gathering, the meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Drew McDaniel, W8MHV.

The minutes of the December, 2008 meeting were accepted as distributed.

In the absence of the treasurer, the Treasurer's Report was presented by Drew McDaniel. Drew reported that he has applied for \$510 from the Tourism Board for hamfest promotion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Old Business

Ohio State Parks on the Air contest

John McCutcheon, N8XWO, reported that the ACARA earned second place in "club, multi-op" class in September's Ohio State Parks on the Air contest and displayed the nice certificate he received on behalf of the club.

ACARA Hamfest -- April 26, 2009

Drew McDaniel reported that the hamfest is now approved by the ARRL and is listed on the ARRL website.

Drew reported that he took a stack of flyers to the SCARF (Nelsonville) hamfest on the 18th and that all were picked up.

Drew reported that he will have more flyers printed.

SCARF (Nelsonville) Hamfest

Drew reported that the SCARF Hamfest on the 18th had 211 attendees, an attendance record.

Ham Radio Class

John McCutcheon reported that after two class sessions the class has nine or ten participants, five of which are kids. The class meets Mondays at 7pm at the Athens

High School. The test session will be on March 16.

Ohio University Radio Club

OU Radio Club advisor and ACARA member Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, reported that he has advertised the OU club in the Athens Post and has been contacted by one already-licensed student.

Drew McDaniel reported that he mentioned the the amateur radio class in one of his OU classes and some of the students are interested. Drew said he will give these students Bob's email address.

Bob reported that the OU club no longer has equipment--at some point it was donated away. Similarly, no paperwork or records have been located.

Drew announced that once the OU club is re-formed he will donate an HF rig, an Atlas 310X, to the club.

Bob reported that he is still trying to find space for the club station. Buildings under consideration include Baker Center, the Engineering building, and the Telecommunications Center.

New Business

Web-based Clubs Database

Drew McDaniel reported that he has received an email from AB9IF announcing the creation of a new web-based database of ham radio club websites. Drew asked if the ACARA should be included in this database. The members present agreed that it should be. Drew will visit the website and add the ACARA particulars.

WOUB-FM Interview

Drew McDaniel reported that he was recently interviewed by WOUB-FM for a piece on Amateur Radio. The interview is to be broadcast on WOUB-FM at 4:30pm on January 21 and at 6:30am and 8:30am on January 22.

Potluck Dinner -- 6pm Saturday, February 21

Drew McDaniel reminded the membership of the upcoming winter potluck. The potluck is at 6pm at the Red Cross Chapterhouse on Saturday, February 21.

Program -- "Connectors"

John McCutcheon showed examples of some of the many connectors

commonly used by radio amateurs.

Drew McDaniel demonstrated how one makes modular RJ-45 and RJ-11 connectors using a task-specific crimping tool. Drew also demonstrated how to install PL-259 coaxial connectors on RG-8, RG-8X, and RG-58 coax.

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, demonstrated how to build Anderson Powerpole connectors using the West Mountain Radio "PWRcrimp" tool.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by president Drew McDaniel.

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.