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Special Hamfest Newsletter

Randy Harris, KI4VLW, Hamfest Chairman for this year gives the following update:

Talk in frequencies will be the club repeater 149.910 (PL tone 91.5)
and the Waynesville repeater 147.390 (PL tone 94.8)

Scott, W4IYS is going to provide lunch for the workers on Friday.

Tonya is doing a great deal of work getting the items ready for the concession stand

John Witten, KU2U has volunteered to be in charge of the pole barn.

We have 6 vendors coming (this is just vendors, not all who have rented a table).
I do expect more vendors to sign up in the next few weeks.

Bob Dockery, WD4CNZ will be checking VUCC and WAS award applications.

Tommy Queen, K4BNP will have a presentation for the KB4C Memorial Award
starting at 10:30 ...**following that:**

Jim Boehner, N2ZZ Vice Director of the Roanoke Division, will be on hand to give
a presentation on what is happening in our division.

Bill Morine, N2COP NC Section Manager, will give a presentation.

Paul Robinette, KD4OZI Emergency Coordinator for the
Western Branch ARES will give a presentation.

We will be recognizing the Youngest Licensed Ham in attendance at Noon.

I have made several announcements about the Hamfest on the local nets, **please spread the word.**

WCARS members ---- don't forget our **covered dish dinner** for WCARS members and vendors
Friday 6-pm, and bring 2 covered dish items. Doris and Keith will be picking up the chicken Friday after-
noon. Six members have contacted me. or already signed up, indicating what they will bring, and that in-
cludes: baked beans, salad, deviled eggs, drinks, dessert, potato chips and of course ...

Dean is going to make his "world famous" chili.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS and club members please get the word out about our Hamfest
I have only 10 volunteers to help with setup Friday/Saturday ... WE NEED MORE !!!

MINUTES WCARS 01JUL10

The 01 July 2010 Meeting of WCARS was called to order at 1735 hrs by Scott W4IYS. He invited everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendees were then asked to introduce themselves giving their name, callsign (if any), and QTH.

N4AA stated that he and others were working to resolve problems with email as the meeting Minutes of previous meetings were not getting to him for distribution to members.

KI4VLW gave an update on Hamfest preparations with a call for help because everyone was needed and welcomed anyone to any capacity. Twelve vendors were signed up so far to date with more being invited. Updates and hamfest announcements are coming via local nets. Everyone was asked to make the hamfest announcement on any nets that they check into and pass the word via every mode. He stated that a big call for help is being made for setup and help at the concession stand.

He reminded everyone that Set-up is set for Friday (July 23) starting at 0800 hrs for RV's to be set up and 1000 hrs for starting work for the event setup.

N4AA offered to send out a special newsletter to/for/about the hamfest needs/wants/calls for supplies and help needs.

Tonja, (did not get callsign), gave information regarding the concession stand as to prices, items to be offered for sale, sources, etc. as related to last year's hamfest and projecting for this year's event.

Forums are being planned under various topics.

Prizes to be given were described (CARL: add list here if/when known)

Talk-in is planned for 146.91 (tone 91.5) and 147.390 (tone 94.8) with talk-in by W4IYS.

Attendees were asked to take a handful of last year's tickets (with telephone numbers) and give folks a call to share an invitation to this year's event and to ask them to share the invitation with other nets and friends in their areas.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Steve Emory N4SET and was accepted with thanks by the group.

The 1/2 and 1/2 drawing was made and awarded.

Further action on the MOE Van was tabled to the next meeting.

Attendees were invited to join in the Friday morning Museum Net on 3.976 at 0830.

The meeting was adjourned at 1857 hrs. followed by fellowship and snacks in the lobby.

Treasurer's Report - via Steve Emory N4SET, WCARS Treasurer

Period: Jun 3 - Jun 30, 2010

Prior balance: \$1839.38

Deposits:

Membership: \$10

Hamfest Receipts: \$205.00

Club Activity: \$35.00

other: \$2.03

Prior balance + deposits: \$2091.41

total expenses for the month: \$1731.45

savings account balance: \$7476.49

Checking + Savings Balance at end of period: \$9,207.94

Minutes submitted by Bob Dockery WD4CNZ 2Jul10

MINUTES OF WCARS MEETING - 3 JUNE 2010

The June 3, 2010, meeting of WCARS was called to order at 1931 hrs by Scott W4IYS.

The group was then asked to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those in attendance were then asked to introduce themselves giving name, callsign (if any), and QTH.

The Secretary (Bob WD4CNZ) was absent from the previous meeting due to family illness so no Minutes of that meeting were available for reading or for the club newsletter via Internet.

The Treasurer's Report as given with a motion made and seconded and voted to receive with thanks.

No SMOKETEST was sent out due to no news received by the editor.

Map coordinates or a positive address for the hamfest was identified as needed to make finding the hamfest site easier for visitors.

Discussion was opened regarding what to do with the MOE-VAN and the group was asked for input. Comments were received advising that the van needed many repairs and due to its age, more repairs will be needed at costs to the Club.

A recommendation was made to consider getting a trailer to serve as the vehicle for the gear and antenna/tower to replace the van. Comments followed as to what is needed as to size, weight, type, etc. Considerations of how the crank-up tower can be accommodated on a trailer for transport and use were discussed. Other items were voiced concerning other needs, design, and sizes.

A motion followed whether the Club should keep the MOE VAN or go with a trailer. A second was received and the group voted to go with finding/purchasing a trailer and to sell the MOE VAN.

A vote was then asked for the question of a trailer or nothing. The group voted by show of hands to go with a trailer for the gear and tower already contained in the MOE VAN.

Tommy Queen K4BNP reported about the bike ride special event of the previous week for the Meals On Wheels Program and announced that \$25,745 was raised for the event. Due to the support of hams to aid in this success, the leaders of the project asked for radio help for next year's event.

Tommy also announced that the Miriam Smith KB4C Memorial Award was coming up for presentation to a deserving member to be presented on July 24. He asked for everyone to nominate a deserving member for the award with nominations to be sent to him IN WRITING by July 2.

Dean Blair K2JB presented a computer slide show about the repairs to the antenna system on the tower on the mountain (where Club repeater is located). He explained what was done and named those who worked with him on the project. Plans are being made to go back up to the site to complete the project.

Scott W4IYS announced the winner of the door prize and 50-50 drawing and both were won by N4SET.

It was announced that WCARS would not participate in Field Day this year due to lack of interest and support of participation from members.

A motion to adjourn was received, seconded, and the group voted to close the meeting at 2044 with refreshments and fellowship following.

Presented by Bob Dockery WD4CNZ, Secretary