

NEGARC Minutes

September 3, 2009

Members/Guests: Doug Brown KC4RSL, Larry Phillips K4PIC, Bob Herrin KE4JLL, Kay McMann KG4WHA, Paul (Buddy) Cheek KS4XR, Brenda Cheek KE4RVW, Jim Mitchell K4LCP, Randy Davis KG6KYH, Bob Murray W7TBP, Ed Twigg K4ELT, Eddie Gilbert KJ4CZE, Mike Strong K4CRO, Charles Locke W4CLE, Charles Exley KJ4JEV, Dennis Wolcott KJ4HSB, Bruce Davis W4BED, Hiram Jackson WA4UET, Guest: Terry Jones W4TL

Minutes:

- President Doug Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30
- Introductions were made since we had a guest
- Agenda distributed and approved
- Minutes of August's meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes
- Program – provided by Doug
 - Basics of 12 volt DC power distribution – ARRL presentation
 - Demonstrated installation of Anderson Power Connectors
- OFFICER REPORTS:
 - No Treasurer's report was available
 - Repeater – Jim K4LCP
 - Repeaters have been working fine
 - Need money for D-Star repeater
 - Eddie has put together some cost estimates for setting up a D-Star repeater
 - SkyWarn Report from Eddie KJ4CZE
 - Distributed descriptions for various positions available in the SkyWarn organization – volunteers were requested
 - 2 SkyWarn activations during August
 - Jim reported that Eddie's and Charles' weather stations are not showing up on the APRS website; Eddie will investigate
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - 30 Hours for 30 Years Special Event at UGA – Bob KE4JLL
 - Planning Meeting was held last week at Jittery Joe's
 - Committee is receiving excellent cooperation from UGA Athletic Department
 - Equipment will be set up at Gate 2
 - An attempt will be made to webcast the event
 - Blog has been created – www.k4uga30.wordpress.com
 - Operators are requested to begin signing up
 - Setup will be on Friday, October 9; cleanup will be after 3 pm on Sunday
 - A press release is being written
 - An announcement for the event will be in the October QST magazine
 - Event runs from 9:00 am Saturday, October 10, until 3:00 pm Sunday, October 11.
 - Membership – Larry K4PIC

- Committee consisting of Doug, Bob, and Larry met at Hardee's
 - Upcoming events where club material will be distributed
 - Sept. 19 – BBQ at Masonic Lodge – Doug
 - Sept. 19 & 20 – Art in the Park Festival at Hurricane Shoals
 - Larry requested volunteers
 - Possible mailing – 180+ callsigns in this area; need a brochure about the club to be mailed; Dennis volunteered to work on it
 - Mike volunteered to print anything needed
- OLD BUSINESS:
 - Repeater
 - Jim deferred discussion of repeater issues until a later date
- Jim reported that President Obama has appointed Mark Lloyd to the FCC as Diversity Officer. This man has expressed an interest to get rid of free radio.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - September 5 – Shelby HamFest, Dallas, NC
 - September 5 – Butterfly Dream 5K Race – Watkinsville
 - September 6 – Tri-County Radio Club VE Session – 2:00, Braselton Police Department
 - September 6 – Tennessee QSO Party
 - September 7 – Tri-Faith Run for Habitat for Humanity
 - September 12 – UGA Football Game; depart from Piedmont College on North Milledge 2.5 hours before kickoff
 - September 19 – Ham Cram at Athens Regional Medical Center
 - September 19 – Ham Cram at Hall County EOC
 - September 19 – BBQ at Masonic Lodge
 - September 19 & 20 – Art in the Park Festival at Hurricane Shoals
 - October 1 – Next meeting
- Doug adjourned the meeting at 7:47.