

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2023

Christopher Whitaker opened the regular meeting at 7:05 PM with 21 members.

Attendance:

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
Lisa Whitaker, KF4NYL
Kevin Harbin, K4KII
Ed Stemborowski, KJ4VLI
Tom Finley, KN4SMF
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
Mal Spear, WA2TWA

David Kever, KV4N
Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW
Mike Williams, K4IC
Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC3GZI
Jeffrey Weiss, K4EVT
Gary Pincus, KY4QH
David Humphries, W4WAX

Tom McCobb, K3TCM
Karen Stone
Julian Burns, K4WKP
Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Peter Gulish, K1NEM
Rick Lanier, N4RCL
Will Johnson, KQ4KAC

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel, NC.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for August 17, 2023.
4. Chris announced that we are collecting club dues for 2024.
Acceptable methods of payment are Cash, Check and PayPal in line.
PayPal address is ucarsnc@gmail.com.
Checks should be made to "Union County Amateur Radio Society."
Dues for 2024 are \$30.
5. David K. provided the Treasurer's Report. Current Balance of \$5,130.91.
6. The Heritage Festival event was reviewed. It was a huge success with contributions from UCARS.
 - a. Results showed that the Club count of runners was accurate vs the RFID count.
 - b. Plan is to continue supporting the event next year.
 - c. Kevin Moderow and Dwayne Stone provided CW demonstrations to the visitors.
7. Announced the Holiday Dinner on first Thursday on December 7th.
 - a. Dinner will be at the Asia Buffet in Matthews.
 - b. Dinner time is 6:30 PM
8. On October 18th, the CERTS team did a tour of the Union County EOC, in addition some AUXCOMM members were included.
 - a. Andrew Angley, Union County Emergency Service Director gave a presentation about what the EOC is involved in and the services they provide.
 - b. The attendees visited the AUXCOMM communications room. Which is construction in progress. It has been delayed due to some construction issues in the building. Specifically for antennas.
9. The Warbirds over Monroe event was discussed.
 - a. It was announced that UCARS has been designated an area where we can set up a tent for the UCARS exhibit.
 - b. UCARS is waiting for additional information about the location and requirements from the organizers.
 - c. There will be a **limited** number of tickets available for participants.
 - d. Members interested should sign-on the registration list. See David-KV4N to be added to the list.
 - e. UCARS will install the club's canopy and the Club Banner.
 - f. The event opens on November 11th at 9:00 AM and also November 12th.
 - g. General admission is \$20. Youths are \$15., Current and former Military members \$5.
 - h. Tickets will be available air rides.
 - i. Mike Williams (K4IC) will have military electronics on display.

10. Andy Kabasakalian (Election Committee Chairperson) announced the results for the 2024 UCARS election.
 - a. President-Tom McComb
 - b. Vice President- David Kurtz
 - c. Treasurer-David Keever
 - d. Secretary-David Keever
 - e. Assistant Secretary- Ed Stemborowski
 - f. Presentations-Kevin Moderow, Richard Lanier, Gary Pincus
 - g. Net Director-Tom McCobb
11. Chris announced his thanks to the members for their support all the years he has served as President.
 - a. Chris talked about how the club has grown during terms.
 - b. Club had significant growth during the COVID pandemic. Which was a surprise.
 - c. Chris announced he will continue as the AUXCOMM Co-Ordinator for Union County and plans to spend more time in that role. He is planning training, education, exercises and working closer with the county.
 - d. Chris welcomed Tom McCobb as the new President.
12. Tom, K3TCM reviewed the APRS activity and difficulties experienced at the Heritage Festival.
 - a. Tom explained the installation of the digipeater in his truck that enhanced the coverage with the added power that the digipeater provided to the portables.
13. David K announced there will be a VE Session October 21 at Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel.
 - a. If there is interest in becoming a VE contact David-KV4N.
14. Kevin reviewed the OOTA at Andrew Jackson State Park. Had 5-6 participants. Expressed an interest in returning to the Wildlife refuge where there was a large attendance.
15. Kevin presented information about the display he will have at Warbirds over Monroe in November.
 - a. The display consists of multiple CW keys, from the Army and Navy from World War II.
 - b. Kevin purchases old keys and restores the condition as a hobby.
 - c. An explanation of how the keys were used and the different ways they could be used.
 - d. A demonstration was given with the keys with a tone oscillator.
 - e. He discussed leg brace keys, flame proof keys (prevent ignition of fuel vapors), shorting bars.
 - f. Members were invited to examine the keys close up and ask questions.
16. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 18.00. Tom Finley was the winner. \$ 18.00 was donated to the club's treasury.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.