

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2024

Tom McCobb opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 33 members and 4 Guests present.

Attendance: See Last page

1. Tom McCobb, K3TCM opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel, NC.
3. Guests were introduced; Joseph Hatfield, KQ4OQD and Ted Payne. The Guests identified later George Hanosh, KO4PRU and Beth Golding, KN4RJY.
4. Meeting minutes for the march meeting were made available for review. Motion made by Norm Beasley to accept the minutes and seconded by Julian Burns. Minutes approved as written.
5. The treasurer's report was made available for review. Motion to approve by David Humphries and seconded by Todd Edwards.
6. Christopher Whitaker gave an update of the progress for AUXCOMM in Union County, awaiting some equipment that has been ordered by the county. Received a Shares Radio License.
7. Tom made a request that if you were involved in the Simplex Net to provide the contacts you made and who you could hear, to him so that he can compile into a RF coverage map.
8. There are no results for Winter Field Day posted as of April 18, 2024.
9. David Kurtz, Field Day Chairman, gave an update on Field Day that will be happening on June 23 & 24.
 - a. Location confirmed to be at Pleasant Plain Baptist Church in Stallings, NC
 - b. A site visit was held to determine location for antennas and discuss Field Day.
 - c. Field Day will operate as category 2A.
 - d. There will be a class on the transceivers that will be used at Field Day.
 - e. There will be a dinner at 1:00 PM on Saturday before Field Day begins for members and families.
 - f. Looking for Volunteers to help with Field Day and to be an operator.
10. A request was made for the club to purchase 200 feet of coax and connectors, estimated cost not to exceed \$200. Motion to approve was made by David Kurtz and seconded by Todd Edwards.
11. Announced there will be a Cable and connectors workshop to be held at the Red Cross building in Monroe on May 18 at 9:00 AM
12. On May 4 at Reed Gold Mine there will be an OOTA event sponsored by Kevin Moderow. This OOTA event will be operating with FT8. Chris Whitaker will provide technical and training support.
13. Status of the UCARS Repeater, One Yaesu repeater is at Yaesu's facility in California for an upgrade. Upgrade is scheduled for completion on May 4.
14. Tom McCobb, Net Manager, is asking for volunteers to b. Net control operator. If you are interested contact Tom, K3TCM.
15. If you are interested in learning about, using or acquiring Meshtastic and ARDEN hardware and software contact Tom McCobb, K3TCM and he will assist you with the technology.
16. The evening Program was about QSL's presented by Gordon Lyman, W4ZD. The program was about the history of QSL cards, who sends and receives them. How do you send a QSL card? The different methods of receiving and sending QSL cards. A very detailed explanation of the QSL card exchange. The presentation video may be seen on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/rYNPBiaTh2Y>.
 - a. He noted that you can create your own free QSLK card at www.radioqth.net.
17. Tom announced there are items on the back table that attendees should look at, you may find something to take home with you.
18. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 32.00.
 - a. Marcos Bilbao, K3MJR, was the winner. \$16.00 was donated to the club's treasury.
 - b. A second drawing for a UCARS Mug was won by Julian Burns.
 - c. The third drawing for a UCARS Shirt was won by Tom Finley.

19. The meeting was Adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Member Attendance:

Tom McCobb, K3TCM
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
David Kurtz, KM4ZDK
Hans VanHeule, KQ4KAN
Jeff Weiss, K4EVT
Gordon Lyman, W4ZD
Tom Finley, KN4SMF
Lisa Whitaker, KF4NYL
John Jenkins, KN4LEK
Marcos Bilbao, K3MJR
Mal Speer, WA2TWA

David Keever, KV4N
Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Gary Stone, KO4NZU
Rick Lanier, N4RCL
Kevin Harbin, K4KII
David Brown, KE7OVG
Joshua Rierson, KQ4NZL
Kathryn Ladd, KO4WKL
Ray Rising, K4LWJ
Ed Stemborowski, KJ4VLI
Peter Gulish, K1NEM

Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC3GZI
Mike Williams, K4IC
Julian Burns, K4WKP
Paul Corso, KK4PIB
David Humphries, W4WAX
Todd Edwards, KQ4NYL
Christopher Whitaker, AE4WS
David Ladd, KO4WTO
Norm Beasley, KO4CB
Gary Pincus, KY4QH
Stefan Neikes

GUESTS:

Beth Golding, KN4RJY (G)
Ted Payne

George Hanosh, KO4PRU

Joseph Hatfield, KQ4OQD