

CMRA

Club Meeting Minutes: July 10, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Daniel, KC0UTW, with 19 in attendance.

The May minutes were accepted as posted online.

Treasurer's Report: Not Available

Old Business

Jake, NS0Y, and Jim, WY0B, spoke briefly about the CMRA 2012 Field Day outing. There wasn't a huge turnout this year, possibly due to the heat. The combination of heat and low turnout led to an earlier than usual shut down, with operations ceasing around 11:00 pm Saturday night. The club fielded 3 stations, SSB, CW, and digital. The SSB and CW stations ended up with around 150 contacts each. Hank, KD0BVQ, and Fred, AE0FD, took the opportunity to further polish the NVIS antenna system they have been working on. Zim Schwartz and several boy scouts visited us and 3 of the scouts made contacts from the SSB station.

Corey, KC0YNS, mentioned that more operators are still needed for the upcoming MS150 bike race.

Daniel, KC0UTW, revisited whether there was support for members only content on the CMRA website. There did not seem to be support at this time.

The upcoming Warrensburg and Washington hamfests were both mentioned.

The balloon project is still presently on hold.

Corey informed the club that the '76 repeater is presently off the air and will be for at least a week or so per Don, KM0R. The repeater controller failed probably because the cabinet air conditioner failed. The weekly Wednesday night nets will be held on Mac, K4CHS's repeater until further notice.

The final item brought up under old business was the question of the CMRA holding a hamfest / convention in the near future. There is neither strong support nor anyone offering to be the hamfest chair at this time.

New Business

Corey, KC0YNS, mentioned the upcoming Jamboree On The Air (JOTA), an annual operating event that combines amateur radio and scouting is scheduled for October 20 – 21, 2012. The local JOTA event will be held at the Arrow Rock park and additional

operators would be appreciated. If you plan to camp out Corey advises an early arrival as the campsites fill up quickly. They are expecting around 40 scouts to attend. Corey also mentioned that JOTA patches are available online at a cost of around \$4.00 each.

Jim, WY0B, reported that he has finally found the long lost CMRA hidden transmitter. The 35 milliwatt transmitter is operational and was last used in a fox hunt at the boy scout's Camp Hahn.

The meeting adjourned around 7:30

Steve Heying from Ashland gave a very interesting presentation on Falconry with an emphasis on the current state of the art radio telemetry involved in recovering the birds. The falconers have come a long way from the days of listening for a bell on the birds. He also mentioned that the dogs get their own special electronic packages at least while they are being trained. Toward the end of the meeting he brought in his own special guest, a mature Gyr Falcon. Steve described this species as the jetfighter of falconry as opposed to say a Red Tail Hawk, the bomber of falconry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Lawler / WY0B
CMRA Recording Secretary