

SQUELCH TALE

Central Missouri Radio Association KØSI 146.76(-) PL 127.3

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The Central Missouri Radio Association is a not-for-profit Mo. Association. Check out our web site: <http://www.qsl.net/cmra> . If you have ideas for Web content, see Jim, WY0B. To submit articles for this newsletter, contact N0AXZ, Bill at the next club meeting, or at N0AXZ@arrl.net . If you have any changes in your mailing address or E-mail, send it to N0AXZ at: N0AXZ@arrl.net .

CALENDAR for March

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held at **Boone Electric Coop** on March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Each Monday evening (except the Monday preceding the meeting or holiday) join with the members at the club station on Worley St in the Red Cross building basement.

Each Wednesday is Club Net at 9:00 p.m. If you're interested or willing to volunteer for Net Control or if you have questions, contact WM0H, Dewey.

If 2006 appears on your address label your dues have been paid for this year.

To **renew** your membership for 2006, see the treasurer, Bill Anglen, KCØACS, at the meeting, or mail a check for \$20.00, (\$25.00 per family) to: CMRA P.O. Box 283, Columbia, MO 65205.

Reminder!

The March club meeting will be held as usual at the Boone Electric site.

Hamfests coming up

17-18 Mar 2006

Nebraska State Convention
Elkhorn Valley ARClub
Lifelong Learning Center/Northeast Community College

15 Apr 2006

HAMBASH 2006
Ararat Shrine Amateur Radio Club
Kansas City, MO

22 Apr 2006

Des Moines RAA
Hall of Law
Iowa State Fairgrounds

For more info see: www.arrl.org/hamfests.html

Minutes February 2006

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM. Introductions went all around. The minutes were read, changed, and voted as approved after making the needed amendment.

Treasurer's Report:

Savings: n/a

Checking: \$1,293.85

Old Business: The source of the minutes change was about who was going to be President Pro Tem in Bob's abs cense. The minutes read that Dewey would be, but in reality Jim Barner (KØWWV) is the President Pro Tem, since he's the Vice President.

New Business: As mentioned at the last meeting, five Hickman students were going to take their ham exams and get their licenses. Four of the five passed. Because of their age as teenagers, the club suggested and voted to offer them free membership until their 18th birthdays. After some discussion, the club also offered free membership to its current teen members (Nathan, KCØLCS and Andrew, WØAPT). To summarize, the club has voted to offer free membership to any teens under 18 who wish to join.

Hamfest update. Memphis Amateur Electronics has let the club know that they will be back at the 2006 hamfest, and they have reserved 6 tables so far. No word yet on any other vendors that will be attending. Last month at the meeting, it was suggested that the nearby day care by the Optimist Club could be used for a forum location. However, after talking with the day care, that will not be possible. It was discussed that the Optimist Club conference room could be used for forums and testing. This room has a capacity of 30-40 people, so it would be a little tight but doable. The Optimist Club storeroom was brought up as a place for VE testing. Here is a possible schedule of events at the hamfest this year: repeater council would be 10:30-11:30 in the conference room, VE testing would be 11-noon in the storeroom, and the MARS council would be from 11-2 in the conference room.

Mac's repeater (146.610, PL 127.3) will listed on hamfest flyers as a backup, in case the .76 machine goes down or has problems.

This year's hamfest has not yet been listed on the ARRL website, so that will be looked into soon.

Bill (NØAXZ) brought to the club's attention that the membership list on the website needs to be updated. It goes back to 2000, and only as recent as 2002. This brought up the discussion of non-paying memberships, and the club voted that all members who had not paid for 2 years would be cut from the membership list. It was suggested that a tear-off sheet would be sent to those people, offering a chance for renewing their membership. At any rate, it is club consensus that any member who has not paid their dues for 2 or more years will be cut from membership.

Speaking of membership, we have a new member in the club! His name is Dwain Lawhon, and his callsign is KØLOA. Congrats to Dwain for joining the club!

We're also losing a member from the area. Bob (WØBUX) is leaving Missouri to live in England. His last meeting will be here in March, so be sure to say wish him well and thank him for all he's done for the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. Afterward, Dewey gave a great presentation on how to make and send traffic using a radiogram. Very informative.

Well, guess that's all for now. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

73's, Nathan KCØLCS

Membership Update:

As noted in the minutes, we are doing a little spring-cleaning with the club membership lists. If your mailing label includes 2005, or 2006, or Club, on it, then you are in. If your label does not include 2005, or 2006, or Club, and you want to continue receiving this newsletter, please fill out and return the form below.

Thanks. Bill, NØAXZ

(Since I had problems uploading the form to the Club's website), please call Bill Mcfarland, N0AXZ, or send Bill an email at N0AXZ@arrl.net or contact me at:

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