

MAARS Club Meeting - 7 April 2017 Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, KS

Meeting commenced: 6:32 pm

Meeting Concluded: 7:45 pm

Attending:

Ashley Benteman - KE0IQV

Officer Reports:

President

VP Report

- Working with Justin to disable voice messages on the repeater

Treasurer - \$868.92

- Gained \$20 in dues last month

Committee Reports:

- Field Day:
 - Portajohn: Parks & Rec unclear about whether we will have one. Mike will call someone at the city to see if we can get one provided. Yet, to rent one from Cats Cans will be \$90 and they only need a week notice. However they are being used for stampede. So we may want to call a different company to see if they would be cheaper. Also we may want to lock up the portajohn with a padlock to keep messy drunks out of it. Multiple members said they have padlocks and could bring them.
 - Laptops: Concentrating using Windows 10 this year. Mike & Patty said they have laptops with Windows 10 that we could use for field day.
 - Other Equipment: Tent from Pot county, Tents, led work lights, and tables.
 - Antenna: Pneumatic Mast - need to check with Jim on status.
 - Power for non-radio: Bill Dorset could provide us with solar. John has spoke with him and he could set up an array. It would include 12 v portable batteries on a trailer with solar panels.
 - Publicity: Radio (interview again) & Paper flyers

- Special Event Station @ Fort Riley
 - Nothing to report. Deciding next month if it is something that we would like to continue.

Old Business:

- Upcoming Test Sessions
 - Next exam is May 13th at the Manhattan Public Library, Groesbeck Room at 9 am. The location has been changed on the ARRL website and there are currently enough VEs for the test.
- Bike Rides
 - Gravel Ride May 13th - Need 7-8 volunteers for this. There will be more information put out on the listerv.
 - CASA September 16th bike ride - 50 mi route for Eagle Scout patch. "This will be combined with the adult ride and on paved road. A separate route on the Linear Trail will occur. The linear trail is 5-10 feet wide, 20 mi long trail, with little incline of dirt and paving separate of traffic. Turn around points for various required distances can be achieved based on each council's program and the age of the rider."
 - Need 7-8 volunteers
 - Clay Center Club have initially committed to help
 - Motion passes by majority voting to help.
- Civil Air Patrol
 - Ham Radio presentation May 10th. Dave has made a powerpoint to promote Ham participation. Ryan and John should be able to attend meeting too.
- Full Scale Emergency Exercise at Airport
 - Members reported back that organizations don't think there is a place for ham radio in the exercise. So we will not be needed.

Presentation:

- Manhattan Joint Exercise by John, KE0LHK
 - Coordination of different groups within Manhattan to simulate an emergency. Possible groups involved would be MAARS, ARES, CERT and Green Apple Bikes. Using pick up of green apple bikes as search and rescue.