

MAARS Club Meeting - 14 July 2017 Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, KS

Meeting Commenced: 6:30

Meeting Concluded: 7:23

Attending:

Ashley Benteman - KE0IQV

Presentation:

- ARES/RACES “Hail and Farewell” to Myron, W0PBV, from Jim, KS0VO
 - Welcoming of Jon, KE0LHK
- Connecting to Echolink, Dave, KD0AZJ
 - When using echolink, make sure to use no tone.
 - Connect by keying up radio, then hit the DTMF button, 1 * Node Number. For example to connect to the Clay Center Node, Key up, hit DTMF 1 * 410789
 - When finished, use pound sign.
 - If there is a beep, then someone is connected.
 - Echolink is mostly 2m
 - Email Dave with any questions at ad0azj@gmail.com

Officer Reports:

President

- Casa Ride
 - September 16th 8:30am - 2pm
 - Karen is concerned about tracking children during this ride. However, we need to communicate with her that we do not exactly track. Also if we do interact, then we need to communicate it with them for their records. Jim is working on a plan to talk with her at the end of the month.
 - Need volunteers because there will be lots of Boy Scouts & parents.

VP Report

- Plan to work on PL tones for the repeater.
- Battery is swollen probably from being overcharged. We may want to consider charging with something else. Dave will send out an email.

Treasurer

- \$ 868.93
 - 1 cent gained
 - Dave motioned to reimburse Mike & Suzanne and Ryan & Ashley for field day. They will need to submit an itemized list to Patti for review. This will be added to old business for next month.

Committee Reports:

- Field Day:
 - Ryan could not attend, so he will talk about this next month.
- Joint Exercise (GAB, CERT, MAARS Bike Rescue)
 - July 8th in City Park at Pavilion
 - Need to add After Action Report to drive and email
 - We learned that Riley County Emergency Management could use a new 2m radio because it was hard to hear on receiving end
 - There were 16 volunteers from different organizations helping to build bridges between them. This also helps getting a plan in place to help other emergency services. The more practice the better. We are working on communication and timing; slow and steady because accuracy is important. We realized that we may need to change verbiage of reports like bikes being left in "Iraq". We also need to figure out what information GAB is needing and what information needs to be recorded in the field. GAB is considering making a "Heat Map" of usual suspects.
 - Fine Tuning Information: Jon, Jim and Dave will meet up to discuss
 - 44 Bikes were dealt with and 5 of those were damaged in 4 hours
 - CERT teams did not show up and we would like to get them more involved
 - KSNT and possibly fire department may want to get involved in the future
 - Varsity Donuts, Sparrow Coffee, Jeff's Pizza and the Financial business Jon works at all donated for this event.
 - Have not set up the date for the next one.

- Bike Rides
 - Gravel Ride
 - Overall Bike Ride went well. Dave with Path Finder has not had a chance to talk about it because of a family emergency.
 - It is important to be careful on gravel rides and give lots of room to the bicycles when passing.
 - Casa Ride (September 16th)
 - Jim spoke about this more in the officer reports section.
 - More information coming as it gets closer

Old Business:

- Upcoming Test Sessions
 - Next exam is September 9th at 9 am at the library
 - Need to make sure with Jeff that there are enough volunteers for the session
 - Ashley will try to reserve the Groesbeck Room and if it isn't available, then reserve the Auditorium
- Kansas Hamfest: August 20th in Salina

New Business:

- Room reservation changed to 5:30 pm so that people can use room earlier for projects
- Jim will meet with Pottawatomie County to discuss how ham radio could be used
- Jim is considering putting the Casa bike ride on Facebook
- Introductions