

MAARS Club Meeting – 8 Sept, 2017 Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, KS

Meeting Commenced: 6:30pm

Secretary: Ryan Benteman

**Presentation:**

- Jon -KE0LHK
  - Trailer is in good shape, having a work day on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> to strip the lights and electric and attempt to stand the mast up.
  - Jon spoke with the KSU-ARC club about ARES/RACES, KSU club would like to fix the lack of collaboration between the two clubs
  - DMR Repeater is on campus and is interested in getting together and working with DMR with the clubs

**Officer Reports:**

President

- Casa Bike Ride
  - 20 People signed up so far for the 50 or 67 mile rides, unknown attendance due to last minute sign ups
  - Talk of emergency phone number bracelets, need to get club responsibilities nailed down
  - Dave brought up the information needed for proper support of the ride and when we would have to have that before pulling the plug
  - Putting the remote tower on Lower McDowell Creek road as a crossband repeater is the backup plan to not having a repeater linkup using the K-Link
  
- HAM Radio Presentation to Pott County
  - Jim has been invited to present on HAM radio at a quarterly emergency preparedness meeting in Pott county in October.
  - Who, what, when, where, how
  - Jim to report back after meeting to discuss how it went

VP Report

- Repeater is working again,
- Shawn, KC0TQZ reported on Wednesday the net signal had issues, Dave mentioned could be atmospheric interference

## Reporter

- Two Expenses
  - Yearly Mailbox Rent
  - Reimburse Ryan and Ashley Benteman 21\$ for food expenses
- Account Balance 829.94\$

### **Old Business**

- Test Session
  - Shawn KC0TQZ will be down to complete the VE roster for hosting the testing session
- George said 1<sup>st</sup> ID is interested in talking with someone about Fox Hunting for a presentation for their EW personnel
  - They are looking for a SME, Dave has volunteered for the position

### **New Business**

- Nets
  - Shawn/Jon are discussing doing the nets from mobile/portable locations and attempting simplex nets and using that to try out new equipment setups for remote location events.
  - Jeff Greer mentioned incorporating APRS/APRSDroid into the nets
  - Also discussed was using off repeater simplex, cross-banding, and location reporting
- Kansas QSO Contest
  - Shawn reported a great success, would like more operators next year to be able to staff a 3<sup>rd</sup> station on 80m in addition to the 20 and 40m ones.
- Bill WSOI introduced himself back into the club and is excited to get back into the hobby again and eager to share his experience and knowledge with the club.