

MAARS Club Meeting – 9 October 2015

Vista Drive-In, Manhattan, KS

Meeting commenced: 6:30pm

Meeting concluded: 7:30pm

#### Attending:

Jim Foster, Secretary, KD0NQQ, Wamego  
Jeff Greer, WD4ET, Manhattan  
Douglas Watson, KC5AOT  
George Johnson, KE0ALQ, Manhattan  
Francis Sable, W0EVJ, Wamego  
Nancy Calhoun, N0KMU, Manhattan  
Nadine Stueve, K0UHF, Wamego  
James Copeland, W0ICP, KSU  
Reid Saylor, KE0EIE, Manhattan  
Max Nager, KD2GJM, Manhattan  
Kyle Stropes, KE0FQR, Manhattan  
Myron Calhoun, W0PBV, Manhattan  
Mark Benfer, President, KC0QAS, Manhattan  
David Mills, KD0AZG, Manhattan

#### Topics

- 1) Constitutional Amendment
  - Jim will take discussions, amend amendment and re-post
  - Vote next month
- 2) Repeater usage in storm situations – Mark Benfer
  - Mark will finalize the instructions for using the repeater, adding Echolink info, and circulate.
  - Discussion of adding a tone on the tail of linked transmissions – Dave will ask Justin about this. Proposed operation would be no audible for local, trailing tone for linked
  - W0QQQ is also an option for local, once the tower is rebuilt
- 3) Proposed SET – Myron Calhoun
  - 8 signed up, event is going ahead
  - A good assortment of local and long distance
- 4) Oct 3 Testing Session – Jeff Greer
  - Good session
  - More volunteers than candidates
  - 4 new technicians, 1 new general, 1 extra upgrade
  - Need to avoid 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of October
  - Do quarterly
  - Next session February 13<sup>th</sup>. 9Am – 12am. Need venue? On K-state, but where.
  - 2ndQ, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9-12, where?
  - 3Q, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-12, where?
  - Jeff will publish on ARRL
- 5) Field Day – George Johnson
  - 25-26 June, 2016
  - Venue

- Discovery Center – would love to have us put on a display in the lobby
- Discovery Park – want to get an exemption. How?
  - Myron has contacted Winn Butler, asking for exemption. No response as of yet
  - George would like to submit an exemption request by 1<sup>st</sup> week of December
- Alternate: another park in the Manhattan system
- Many other options, but none as good as Discovery Park
- Plans
  - Need to determine hours, get commitment
  - Make VHF station a separate, manned station, not a backup
  - HF stations – how many?
  - Need an educational presentation

#### 6) Publicity Ideas

- Mail out to local hams, publicizing meeting times
- Online survey about meeting times
- Put up a survey on Facebook page?
- Myron will get a list of names by January
  - Sorted by ZIP code

#### 7) November Elections – Mark Benfer

- George self-nominated for VP
- Dave is resigning as Treasurer
- Patti has self-nominated for treasurer
- Jim self-nominated for Secretary

#### 8) Financial reports for September and October attached next page

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Sept 1, 2015 to Oct 1, 2015**  
**Submitted by: Dave Mills KD0AZG, Treasurer**

**As of Oct.. , 2015**

<b>Cash on Hand . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>
<b>Checking account . . . . .</b>	<b>\$79.87</b>
<b>Savings account. . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 21.11</b>
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$124.98</b>

**Income . . . . . \$ 0.00**

**As of Sept., 2015**

<b>Cash on Hand . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 31.50</b>
<b>Checking account . . . . .</b>	<b>\$112.87</b>
<b>Savings account . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 21.11</b>
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$165.48</b>

**Expenses**

<b>PO BOX . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 33.00</b>
<b>Receipt book.....</b>	<b>\$ 7.50</b>

**Future Expense**

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Aug 1, 2015 to Sept 1, 2015**  
**Submitted by: Dave Mills KD0AZG, Treasurer**

**As of Sept., 2015**

**Cash on Hand . . . . . \$ 31.50**  
**Checking account . . . . . \$112.87**  
**Savings account. . . . . \$ 21.11**  
**TOTAL . . . . . \$165.48**

**Income . . . . . \$ 0.00**

**As of Aug., 2015**

**Cash on Hand . . . . . \$ 31.50**  
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**TOTAL . . . . . \$165.48**

**Expenses**

**AT&T . . . . . \$ 0**

**Future Expense**