Fayette County Amateur Radio Club General Meeting Minutes

Date: 27 February 2014

Time Started: 6:58PM

Location: First Methodist Church, Room C-260, Fayetteville, GA

Members Present: Pres. John Secrist K4TXQ; VP Jeff Cantor K1ZN; Treas. Jim Lynch K4GVO; Sec. Steve Yothment WD0HGB; David Benoist AG4ZR; Bob Wilson K8MPV; Huey Kenmar KI4NGD; Steve Rambeck KK4ECL; Lynn Bianco KN4YZ; Bill Lackey KV4UD; Jim Burchfield W4JB; Kay Wheeler WD0BDK; John Posey KK4KWE; Guests: Carey Connor K2BOT; Dave Collins WA9OYL; Aletha Posey

Old Business:

- 1) Minutes of the January 2014 meeting were read by Steve WD0HGB and approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was given by Jim, K4GVO. Balance on hand as of 26 Feb 2014 was \$5503.91. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

New Business:

- 1) Jeff K1ZN discussed the possible locations for Field Day this year (in June). Jeff and David AG4ZR agreed to be the committee to pursue obtaining a location.
- 2) John Posey KK4KWE said he recently gave a speech to a youth group about ham radio. He is looking for assistance to present more to a Boy Scout troop. John Secrist K4TXQ said he was interested in helping. John (Posey) also said he wanted to have a study session on radio with the Boy Scouts. Aletha Posey said that about 13 boys expressed interest in this, but that only about 6 would probably be in such a study session. John (Posey) said that the boys may want to build a simple radio. There is a kit for \$35 that they could build. After the radio is built, each boy could use it for several days, logging stations heard.
- 3) Jeff K1ZN talked about the program schedule for FCARC meetings. Jim W4JB will talk tonight about direction finding; In March, David AG4F will talk about digital electronics. In April, David and Lynn KN4YZ will talk about ARES, RACES and Public Service communications. In May, Jeff will give a presentation on Radio Sport: going after awards, etc. In June or July, David will talk about "go kits."
- 4) Jeff K1ZN talked about the W1AW Centennial Celebration. Several club stations across the US are operating for a week or so under the W1AW call letters, changing on Tuesdays.
- 5) Lynn KN4YZ and David AG4ZR talked briefly about the value of public service and how FCARC can receive funding to put up antennas and repeaters from local government. Lynn suggested someone volunteer to be a full-time liason with Karen, an accreditation manager, at Piedmont Hospital. This person would be the operator of ham equipment at the hospital for support in emergency situations.
- 6) Jeff announced 4 new technicians as a result of recent testing in Fayette county. Steve KK4ECL agreed to put together a packet of information for new hams. He will also try to get meeting announcements in the newspaper.

Adjourn:

1) The business meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM. Jim W4JB then gave a talk on direction finding.