

Amateur Radio Club at Kansas State University WØQQQ

Minutes - August 30, 2017

The monthly business meeting of the KSU Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President James Copeland at 6:30 P in 135 Ward Hall on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

club officers in attendance:
President: James Copeland, KDØICP
Secretary-Treasurer, David Yoder, KAØJPM
Station Manager: Tyler Tryon, KEØJUT
Activities Manager: Max Nager, W2MAX
Adviser: Vern Wirka, WØVMP

members:
Jesse Gilmore, KEØGVG
Dr. Douglas McGregor, KEØHSH
Reid Saylor, KEØEIE
sorry... a few others were in attendance who I failed to record

Presentation by Jon Klimek, KEØLHK

Jon Klimek is the new Riley County Emergency Coordinator in the world of amateur radio. He gave club members a very fine introduction to the emergency response organization within the ARRL, and how it fits into Riley County and the Manhattan area. It's obvious that Jon is going to do a very fine job with this position.

Club Business and Updates

Adviser Vern Wirka, WØVMP, gave us some updates on the station. First, he modified the antenna transmission line entrance to the station... the one that looks like giant twinlead, that goes to the tuner. He installed some chokes to increase induction, and reduce damage by lightning. It will be helpful for 160m operation, also.

Vern showed a Powerpoint rundown of a couple of vintage radios he acquired in a summer auction: a Hallicrafters SX-100 and a Heathkit DX-60. He has restored them electronically.

Vern also reported a bit of a DXpedition to the Johnny Cash museum in Nashville. Little did we know... Johnny was a CW operator in the military. From Wikipedia:

Cash enlisted in the United States Air Force on July 7, 1950. After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and technical training at Brooks Air Force Base, both in San Antonio, Texas, Cash was assigned to the 12th Radio Squadron Mobile of the U.S. Air Force Security Service at Landsberg, Germany as a Morse Code operator intercepting Soviet Army transmissions.

Vern got to see, among other things, Johnny's logs from his days as a radio operator.

Tyler Tryon, KEØJUT, showed us a transmitter box he put together for foxhunts.

President Copeland mentioned the club net, currently scheduled for 6:30 P on Sundays, on WØQQQ/R. He also mentioned the Collegiate Amateur Radio Net. We don't have details for these minutes.

President Copeland announced that the annual School Club Roundup is coming up in October. KSUARC came in 5th place in 2016. Let's win this thing!

We're moving closer to purchase of the new ICOM IC-7300. There's a rebate available through September, making the current cost \$1,400.

David Yoder gave a summary of the club's financial situation, as follows: Foundation account: \$1,086, checking account: \$1,542, savings account: \$229, petty cash: \$210. Our club has almost exactly \$3,000 net worth at this time. Now the challenge is to get set up to expend the Foundation funds for the radio.

Tyler Tryon, KEØJUT was selected as the new station manager, as Earl Watkins has moved on, after his outstanding service. President Copeland gave Earl a big shoutout for his work. David Yoder followed that with a shoutout to Vern Wirka, who accomplished great things during his time as station manager.

Max Nager, W2MAX, may be stepping down as activities manager, as he has stepped into a full-time role with the university.

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