

CARA Meeting Minutes - April, 2014

The April CARA Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by our club President, Bob Sheskin / N3PPH. There were twenty one members and guests in attendance.

Our Friend, John McCall / KB3XSC (Amateur Extra) became a Silent Key at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3rd. following a massive Heart Attack. He will be missed. John's memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick (25 Church Street) on April 8th at 11:00 a.m. Cards and Condolences may be sent to: 473 Deer Lane, Lusby Md. 20657.

Following the introductions of those in attendance, the floor was turned over to our guest speaker, Jim Cross / WI3N, ARRL MDC Section Chief. Jim gave a presentation of activities in the Maryland-DC region and a very interesting slide show of last year's Field Day. He also showed a video of the recent ARISS contact with the International Space Station. (His presentation was sporadically interrupted by the malfunction of the county's new flat-screen video system.) Jim also gave away a copy of the current ARRL Handbook, which was won by our newest member Eric / W4OTN.

At the conclusion of Jim's presentation, a break was called. Our Cookie Monster Don / KR3A provided a nice selection of homemade goodies available for munching.

The **50 / 50 drawing** was won by Bob / N3PPH. The entire amount of \$61.00 was donated to the club treasury. Thanks, Bob!

New Member:

Eric Christensen / W4OTN was voted in as a new member. Welcome to CARA, Eric!

The **March Meeting Minutes** were accepted as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Our Treasurer reported a balance of \$ 1,866.95 in the bank after purchasing the raffle prizes and paying our club's liability insurance bill of \$200.00.

The Treasurer's report was received as read by a vote of the members present.

Board Of Directors: A report on our Board of Directors meeting from our President indicated that:

- 1.) We ordered additional club T-Shirts in various larger sizes to replenish our stock of shirts available to be sold.
- 2.) The new CARA banner was introduced to the members. The members present voted to accept the banner. A bill for \$ 25.48 was presented to the treasurer.
- 3.) The Treasurer will be sending out renewal reminders to those members that have not renewed their membership.

Committee Reports: The following committees submitted reports:

Station Committee:

- 1.) The committee reports that they repaired the vertical HF Antenna that did not survive the winter weather.
- 2.) The K3 station's computer will be replaced with a newer computer with WinLink and Ham Radio Deluxe.
- 3.) The computer formally on the K3 will be replace the older one on the TS-440 position.
- 4.) A sign-out sheet for club equipment is at the Mt. Hope club station for anyone borrowing equipment.
- 5.) A 2M / 440 MHz Dual-Band radio is on the wish list for the club station.

Communications Committee:

- 1.) Three to four operators are needed for the Memorial Day Race. More info will be sent via e-mail.
- 2.) The TV and Weather Radio raffle will be held on Field Day. As soon as the tickets are received, assistance with the ticket sales will be needed.
- 3.) The Field Day site has not been finalized yet. The Marine Museum site is available. A possible site at the Dunkirk WaMart is being looked at. Any other sites?

Education Committee:

The CARA Ham Class are underway The class will be held at the Mt. Hope Community Center, Room 3. We currently have four students enrolled.

Newsletter:

Input needed! Send all input to Newsletter@k3cal.org.

RACES Report:

Shawn and Bill will be programming the Health Department radios for the county this week.

ARES Report:

Dave Hardy / KB3RAN reports that the ARES meeting will be held at the Drum Point EOC at 7:30 pm on April 15th.

Repeater Committee:

The K3CAL repeater is operational. A few small improvements are planned in the near future.

The July meeting will be moved to July 10th at our regular meeting room to avoid the 4th of July holiday. The website will be updated.

The **Cookie Monster** for our May Meeting will be Dick / N3VKW.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm, followed by the usual after meeting session.