

SARA Minutes for 21 January 2010 Approved

Call to Order: 7:40 PM

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, DE

Pledge to Flag

Moment of Silence for fallen protectors of our country, community and silent keys.

President's Welcome, Comments and Upcoming Events: KF3BT (in for KB3KYH) welcomed all and an around the room introduction of members and guests was followed by Herb's comments on the ongoing ham radio support operation in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake on Haiti. There was no formal presentation tonight so that plans for **Winter Field Day** could be discussed in detail. In a closing remark, Herb mentioned that **2010 SARA dues** are now being accepted by K3LRH (in for W3FIS) and that the **Treasurer's report** will be available at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report: The November and December Minutes are now posted on the SARA web site. A motion to approve both by KB3NZJ was seconded by N3ME and affirmed by the Members. K3LRH reminded all about the new **"Equipment for Sale"** section at the end of each monthly Minutes. Listings should be sent to K3LRH@ARRL.NET by the end of each month for inclusion in that month's minutes.

PIO Report: W4ALT mentioned that the 2009 media coverage of ham radio was very good and approximately 22K web site hits were recorded. There will be no press release from SARA prior to Winter Field Day this year. Instead, Walt has asked that members take photos during the event and make notes of the various activities for release after WFD.

Repeater Committee Report: John, K3JL, mentioned that the 220 MHz repeater is now operational.

RACES Report: John, K3PFW, Thanked all operators for their help during the recent weather related activations of RACES. He also mentioned that

the Director of the Sussex County EOC passed along his thanks to the Members of SARA and ARES.

DARTT Report: Joe, W3TL noted that 19 students from Sussex Tech took a ham exam tonight with thirteen passing. A total of 21 (including other non-students) took exams at all levels with 16 new amateurs added to the hobby. Special mention was made of Warren, KB3TOJ, passing his Extra exam. Good job Warren!

Sussex Tech Report: Dennis, K3DJS, reported that the school is looking forward to the Hamfest this spring and the he anticipates good help from the newly licensed hams. He also mentioned that the school expects to have a new repeater antenna in place in about thirty days. There will be a PL tone, as yet to be assigned.

Winter Field Day: N3IOD and KB3NZJ detailed the plans for this event, scheduled for the 30th and 31st of January. Event operating times are Noon to Noon. We expect to have at least two stations operating on SSB, one on Digital and one on CW. All bands permitted, including 2M and 440MHz will be operated, with an emphasis of scoring points and obtaining high scores from multipliers. There will be heat in the Barrel Barn, but all radio operations will be conducted from W4ALT's camper and generator power. Due to limited space in the camper, only one operator, one logger and a supervisor per operating position will be permitted inside the camper during operating times. No outside guests are permitted in the camper however they will be allowed in the barrel barn. Since we will be operating as a contest station this time, the importance of multipliers was discussed thoroughly. Overall target is to get 2-3 modes on each band to maximize our score. Antenna installation and setup is planned for Friday evening. All personal radio equipment should be marked with your identification and no food or drink will be allowed at the operating positions, with the exception of a "travel mug" for drinking water. We expect to get 3000 bonus points for operating not at home, outside and off the power grid. Station call sign will be KB3BHL. A signup sheet was made available for those interested in being operators.

Hamfest Report: Herb, KF3BT, reported that an application for state convention status has been filed for the name "Delmarva Amateur Radio &

Electronics Expo". The web page www.radioelectronicsexpo.com has also been applied for. W4ALT noted that submission of a notice for publication in QST is pending state convention status approval. The date has been established as April 17, 2010 and the venue at Sussex Tech High School. Setup will be Friday before the event as usual. Admission will remain the same as last year: \$5 per person and \$15 per table. Food will be included with the entry fee. It is anticipated that several large vendors will be present this year, possibly including HRO, Eagle One R&L to mention a few. Joe, KC2OCC; Jack, K3JP; and Jamie, KB3QLK, are working on obtaining raffle/door prizes from area businesses under our new 501c3 status. Joe, W3TL mentioned that we are required to have the proper forms filled out for this procedure.

FCC license testing will be made available by DARTT and Roy, K1RY, will be a QSL card checker. Speakers for the event have not yet been determined.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Other Announcements: K3PFW mentioned that **RACES Radio Room** on the Georgetown EOC is open to area hams on Thursday evenings, so feel free to come and visit the RACES shack.

W4ALT reported that the BOD of the ARRL has announced a new **ARRL President, Kay Craigie**. Also, ARES is working on some sort of a uniform look for **ARES** members while on duty. The standard will probably be completed sometime within the next couple of months.

KB3TCH has a sign up sheet for those interested in supporting the **Girl Scout cookie sale**.

N3ME distributed a list of ham shack items for sale from **W3PP's shack**. Phil Heck, N3RRR is the contact person for those interested.

Motion to adjourn by KC2OCC was seconded by KB3NZJ and affirmed by the Members.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Hecker, K3LRH
Secretary

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****** Equipment for Sale: ******

(This section is open to all SARA Members. If you have items for sale and would like them published at the end of the January Minutes, please send your list to K3LRH@ARRL.NET by the end of January.)

Len, K3LRH has the following items for sale:

Yaesu FT-897D 160M-6M + 2M + 440 MHz with MARS/CAP mod. by Burkhardt

LDG AT-897 Auto Tuner

LDG FT-897 External Meter

Programmed with local repeaters and more.

Includes stock hand mic, Operating Manuals, and all Original Boxes.

Sold as complete package....\$800

20M Pro-Am "Hamstick" type mobile antenna, new....\$10

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