

SARA Minutes for September 21, 2011

APPROVED

Location: Marvel Museum, Georgetown, DE

Call to Order: 7:35 PM

Pledge to Flag

Moment of Silence for fallen protectors of our country, community and silent keys. Especially remembering Joan Banks, wife of Ruley Banks.

President's Comments and Upcoming Events:

Herb, KF3BT, welcomed all and particularly our guest speaker John Trout, WX1MAN, WBOC Meteorologist. We need people to help with **grass cutting** at the Marvel venue. We will need 2-man teams every week until the end of the grass-cutting season. A **Nominating Committee** comprised of KB3MJ and K3JP has been selected and all nominations for 2012 Club officers should be submitted to Denny or Jack. W3DR mentioned that he has several older **QST magazines** and various catalogs for anyone that is interested. A **Club Roster** was handed out to all Members present. Copies were made available on the handout table near the podium.

Presentation by John Trout, WX1MAN: John is a meteorologist for WBOC and gave a Power Point summary of our weather so far on Delmarva for 2011. We have had many significant weather-related events so far this year. The early summer drought turned into a severe drought as the summer progressed. Then we had the recent earthquake followed by hurricane Irene, a category 1 storm. We had seventeen days continuous of ninety degree or higher temperatures with the highest recorded in Georgetown of 103 degrees. Seaford, DE measured 13" of rainfall during a prolonged several hour rain event that caused widespread flooding and many closings. John mentioned several tips on how to deal with flash flooding. Not to be outdone by the above events, Lewes, DE was hit with a tornado that damaged several homes and in Ocean City, MD a lifeguard stand was hit by

lightening just minutes after the beach was evacuated for a severe thunderstorm. In conclusion, John handed out a schedule of **Skywarn** classes for this fall for anyone that might be interested in Skywarn activities. Contact dgarland28@gmail.com for additional information. The Members thanked John for a very interesting presentation and Herb presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation from SARA.



Photos: Top, W3TRY looks on as John Trout reviews our Delmarva weather for 2011.

Bottom: KF3BT thanks John for his very interesting presentation; John holding a Certificate of Appreciation from SARA.

Photos by W3DR

Vice President's Report: No additional comments.

Treasurer's Report: Paul, W3FIS, presented The Treasurer's Report; motion to approve by KB3TXP was seconded by W3DEL and passed by Members' vote. Additionally, K3LRH mentioned that the \$30 that he won in last month's 50/50 be earmarked for the repeater upgrade fund as requested last month. With that being said, KB3KYH motioned that the amount reserved be adjusted to \$4280 to reflect this addition. The motion was seconded by W3TRY and approved by Members' vote.

Secretary's Report: K3LRH reported that the August minutes are now posted on the SARA web page. A motion to approve by Joe, KC2OCC was seconded by Bill, KB3KYH and passed by the Members' vote. Len also mentioned that there are several items from last month's auction on the "**Free Table**" so feel free to help yourself and make a donation to the Club in lieu of formal item charges. The donation kitty is on the table also.

Reports from Committees and Entities:

Membership: Bill, KB3KYH welcomed new Member Jerry, KB3IBK.

DARTT: No report.

ARRL: Frank, AD3M thanked all ops for their participation during hurricane Irene. A formal **SET** exercise is planned for October.

RACES: No report.

ARES: Bill, KB3KYH reported scheduled events...Dogfish Dash, Sunday September 25th and ARES meeting at Sussex Tech on September 28th. ARES 2M net first and third Thursday of every month.

Sussex Tech: No report.

Repeater Committee: John, K3JL, reported that the new 7/8" hard line is expected in about 1 ½ weeks, Laird antennas will be used in the new installation and there may be a possibility of co-phasing two 2M antennas for additional gain. John also mentioned that we should consider the antenna improvements for the SARA repeater as a long term (ca. 25 yrs) investment and as such be aware of the possibility of requiring additional funding for the project. Nothing of this nature has occurred to date but John wanted to mention that there might be a slim chance of additional funds being needed. Bill, W3DR, concurred with K3JL on this.

2012 Hamfest: Bill, KB3KYH, Chairman, reported that Dell, K3AXR, has volunteered to Co-chair the Hamfest, scheduled for **April 21st** at Sussex Tech. The Hamfest web page is being updated and ARRL approval of the event is pending. FCC license testing will be scheduled for 8am; W3DEL will handle the food arrangements; KC2OCC, auction; N3TKJ, speakers; KF3BT, Publicity; W3AUS, photography; KB3QLK, tailgating; K3JP, hall arrangements; KB3IBK, assistant photography; and W3IOU, front gate.

Past Presidents Reports: None

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn N3ME was seconded by K3AXR and approved by the Members. Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Hecker, K3LRH
Secretary