

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes – July 5th, 2016

The YTARC meeting was preceded by the meeting of the Sauk County ARES/RACES group.

The Yellow Thunder meeting was called to order by President, Tom Harrison at 7:48 pm.

The June 7th, 2016 meeting minutes were presented to the group. Matt(KC9UPE) notes that the name of the business where the YTARC t-shirts were ordered from is “Absolute Imprints”, not “Absolute Impressions” as the original text of the June minutes stated. Mike(W9MRF) also notes that he was in attendance at the June meeting, even though he was not noted on the attendance list. Drew(KC9LJK) motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, Dave(KB9CSW) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Don(K9JYX) reports that we had a balance of \$xxxx.08 as of the June 2016 meeting. Since the meeting we took in \$20 in club membership dues and spent \$295.93 to have the club t-shirts made. This leaves us with a balance of \$xxxx.15. Dave(KB9CSW) motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Steve(N9UDO) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Business:

Field Day was held on June 25 & 26, 2016. The YTARC group was, again, high atop the Baraboo bluffs at Owen Park. We had more CW contacts than phone contacts this year. Totals were: 164 on CW, 133 on phone, and 48 digital contacts. Joe(WB9SBD) had his home-brew 43' vertical HF antenna up on the hill and it performed well. It was mentioned that the power lines near the park are fairly noisy in terms of RF emissions. Some club members will likely get some gear together and try to track down the exact source of the noise and then we'll contact the utility company to try to get some of the noise issues taken care of by next Field Day.

The Circus City Swapfest will take place on Saturday, August 27th at the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club show grounds. Tom(N9PQJ) has received the ARRL packet in the mail already and will work on obtaining the software package from N3FJP to be given away as a prize. We'll work on advertising the fest to local hams and ask other clubs to advertise to their members. Club members are asked to help with setup, teardown, and assist during the fest if at all possible as we'll need help keeping things running at the large venue.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm after a motion to close by Mike(W9MRF). Don(K9JYX) seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will be Tuesday, August 2nd.

In attendance:

Dave Spearing(KB9CSW)
Don Evenson(K9JYX)
Dave Parker(WB9WHG)
Drew Smith(KC9LJK)
Joe Mayenschein(WB9SBD)
Steve Schulze(N9UDO)
Tom Harrison(N9PQJ)
Mike Fehrenbach(W9MRF)
Jim Sharp(N5XNR)
Matt Noll(KC9UPE)

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Noll (KC9UPE)
Secretary, Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club