

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes –May 2nd, 2017

The Yellow Thunder ARC meeting was called to order by Vice President, Drew Smith at 7:01 pm in President, Tom Harrison's absence.

The April 2017 meeting minutes were presented to the group. Jerry(KC9POL) motioned to accept the minutes as printed, John(N9GGZ) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Don(K9JYX) reports that we had a balance of \$xxxx.55 as of the April, 2017 meeting. Don paid \$475 to State Farm Insurance for policy renewal premiums. He also took in \$40 in membership dues. This leaves us with a balance of \$xxxx.55. Dave(KB9CSW) motioned to accept the report as presented. Jerry(KC9POL) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Business:

Some discussion on Field Day 2017 (June 24, 25) continued. Dave(WB9WHG) did some testing on generator noise suppression filters and has assembled a line filter and enclosure (which he brought to the meeting) to use with the generator at Field Day to mitigate a lot of the noise issues we have been experiencing during Field Day operations. The club has reimbursed Dave for the items purchased for the project. Dave also plans to bring his generator along for use during operations. We, again, discussed having the generator that Pointon generously allows us to use every year serviced and tuned up before field day. Member Dennis (KD9IBQ) was in attendance and volunteered his services for this if needed. Drew will check with Tom on the availability of any remaining club Field Day t-shirts from last year's order.

Don(K9JYX) has secured the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club facility again for the 2017 Circus City Swapfest coming up on August 26th.

The SIMCOM exercise was held April 25, 26, and 27 in Lake Delton. The Lake Delton Fire/EMS building, Yogi Bear Campground, Badger Steam and Gas grounds, Volk Field, Sussex, Kaminski Park, and some other locations were used as staging areas for the exercise. Several club members participated in the exercise. A couple of takeaways from those in attendance are that 60m has become a very important band for interoperability and that digital modes (especially Olivia) are more effective in passing information in poor band conditions than voice.

Joe(WB9SBD) showed and recommended the G4FON tool for learning and brushing up on your CW/code skills. He recommends starting off right away on higher word/letter-rate speeds for better learning and comprehension.

Close: Dave(WB9WHG) makes a motion to close the meeting at 7:54pm. Jerry(KC9POL) seconds the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

After the close of the business portion of the meeting, club member Joe(WB9SBD) gave a presentation on logging contacts during Field Day and other contests using both the N3FJP and N1MM software suites. THANKS Joe!

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will be Tuesday, June 6th, 2017.

In attendance:

Don Evenson(K9JYX)
Warren Draves(W9AGX)
Jerry Schur(KC9POL)
John Nagler(N9GGZ)
Joe Mayenschein(WB9SBD)
Drew Smith(KC9LJK)
Dave Spearing(KB9CSW)
Kyle Sonsalla(KD9IBP)
Dennis Lemoine(KD9IBQ)
Mike Fehrenbach(W9MRF)
Dave Parker(WB9WHG)
Matt Noll(KC9UPE)

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