

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes –August 1st, 2017

The Yellow Thunder ARC meeting was called to order by President Tom Harrison at 7:08 pm

The July 2017 meeting minutes were presented to the group. Don(K9JYX) motioned to accept the minutes as printed, Jerry(KC9POL) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Don(K9JYX), reports that we had a balance of \$xxxx.xx as of the July, 2017 meeting. Don took in \$60 in membership dues, \$30 in Field Day t-shirt sales, and \$35 in swapfest table/tailgate sales. We reimbursed Steve(N9UDO) \$21.09 for Field Day antenna wire, spent \$198.34 to have new Field Day t-shirts made up, and reimbursed Tom(N9PQJ) \$22.49 for supplies to print swapfest tickets. This leaves us with a balance of \$xxxx.xx. Jerry(KC9POL) motioned to accept the report as presented. Steve(N9UDO) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Mentions:

Don(K9JYX) mentions that Gary Pratt's (WB9ECO) father passed away. Gary has been a long-time club member. After discussion, a decision was made to send Gary a condolence card on behalf of the club.

Tom(N9PQJ) mentions that Charlie(KA9QZX) of Rio passed away unexpectedly last week. Charlie had been a member of the club and was a regular on the YTARC Sunday Night Net.

Business:

The 21st annual Circus City Swapfest will take place on Saturday, August 26th at the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club show grounds from 8 am until noon. Tom(N9PQJ) mentions that everything is on track at this point with previous years. Dave(WB9WHG) and his wife Anne plan to staff the donut/coffee area again this year. The fest will be ARRL-sanctioned and Tom has received materials from them to support the event. Tom mentions that "The RF Adapter Guy" will be unable to attend the fest this year due to a scheduling conflict, however he did send along four gift certificates to be drawn as door prizes in his absence. Setup at the venue will take place on Friday night, August 25th at 6 pm and cleanup will be immediately following the fest at noon on Saturday. Club members are asked to assist if at all possible.

Dave(KB9CSW) mentions that Ken(K9EN) has a storage facility full of electronic gear which needs to be hauled to the swapfest. He and Don will work on coordinating the effort.

Luke Ziobro(KC9IFF) of Dane County ARES/RACES emailed Dave(WB9WHG) with a message that they are looking for assistance with the Dairyland Dare bicycle race on Saturday, August 12th in the Dodgeville area. Contact Dave for Luke's contact info if interested.

Close: Dave(WB9WHG) makes a motion to close the meeting at 7:43 pm. Don(K9JYX) seconds the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

*Immediately following the close of the meeting, club member Joe(WB9WHG) gave a video presentation on the new FT8 digital mode that is taking the Amateur Radio world by storm. THANKS Joe for the info and great presentation!

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will be Tuesday, September 5th, 2017.

In attendance:

Tom Harrison(N9PQJ)
Don Evenson(K9JYX)
Kyle Sonsalla(KD9IBP)
Joe Mayenschein(WB9SBD)
Ken Scott(W9VHL)
Dennis Lemoine(KD9IBQ)
Mike Fehrenbach(W9MRF)
Dave Parker(WB9WHG)
Dave Spearing(KB9CSW)
Jerry Schur(KC9POL)
Steve Schulze(N9UDO)
Matt Noll(KC9UPE)

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