

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes –February 6th, 2018

The Yellow Thunder ARC meeting was called to order by President Tom Harrison(N9PQJ) at 7:09 pm.

The January 2018 meeting minutes were presented to the group. Don(K9JYX) motioned to accept the minutes with a “typo” correction to change the spelling of “Vise President” to “Vice President”. Kyle(KD9IBP) 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 January 2018 meeting. Don took in \$400 in membership dues and had no expenses. This leaves us with a balance of \$xxxx.xx. Dave(KB9CSW) motioned to accept the report as presented. Jerry(KC9POL) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Business:

Tom(N9PQJ) mentions that the YTARC Holiday Party was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Tom received an email from Merle Holmes(KW9K) letting him know that Ken Ebnetter(K9EN) had passed away on January 25th. Ken was a founding member of the Yellow Thunder club, past President of the Wisconsin Radio Teletype Association, he started the Yellow Thunder Smoke Signals publication, and had a key hand in many Amateur-related activities in the area. There were no funeral services per Ken's request. Merle got a call from Ken's sister who said there is a storage facility of some of Ken's ham-related things that she would like to donate to the YTARC club if we're interested and able to pick up the items. After discussion during the meeting, it was decided that Tom will contact Ken's sister and let her know we are unable to assist with removing the items.

Tom received an email from Steve(N9UDO) who said he would like to take over Field Day 2018 organization and planning duties in Tom's absence. Steve, Aaron(KC0WKP), and Joe(WB9SBD) have formed an informal “Field Day committee” to aid in planning for the event. If you would like to join the committee please talk to one of these members. Aaron reports that Brad(KB9VMC) has offered the use of his trailer to haul items to the Field Day site.

Don(K9JYX) has made arrangements with Paul Kohlwey of the Rio area to bring some antique radio gear to the March YTARC meeting for a presentation. Aaron(KC0WKP) mentions he is planning on doing a presentation on Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network (AREDN) at a meeting later this spring.

Member John Nagler(N9GGZ) proposed a few meetings back that the club make the modification to the YTARC-owned IC-718 HF radio to allow for 60m operation for interoperability purposes with other radio services. Matt(KC9UPE) did some research on the modification and it's a simple modification involving desoldering a diode on one of the circuit boards. After discussion, we will go ahead with the modification on the radio as time permits.

The Wisconsin QSO Party, put on by W.A.R.A.C., will take place on Sunday, March 11th from 1-8 pm CDT. Joe(WB9SBD) has been coordinating an effort to have YTARC club members operate and submit their score with the YTARC club designated on their score submission, which will enter the club into the competition against other clubs. Talk to Joe if you would like to participate.

There was some brief discussion on the possibility of the YTARC club doing a special event station at the 55th annual Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club show on August 17, 18, 19th, 2018. More to follow on this.

Close: Dave(WB9WHG) makes a motion to close the meeting at 7:58 pm. Jerry(KC9POL) seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club will be Tuesday, March 6th, 2018.

After the meeting closed, Aaron(KC0WKP) gave a presentation on his recent trip to northern Minnesota to participate in providing Amateur-based communications for the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon.

In attendance:

Don Evenson(K9JYX)
Jeff Alsip(KD9INX)
Dave Parker(WB9WHG)
Joe Mayenschein(WB9SBD)
Kyle Sonsalla(KD9IBP)
Dave Spearing(KB9CSW)
Jerry Schur(KC9POL)
Tom Harrison(N9PQJ)
Aaron Diers(KC0WKP)
Stephen Morgan(KF7RAZ)
Johnathon Morgan
Matt Noll(KC9UPE)

Respectfully submitted,
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