

Minutes – MARC Meeting 20 May 2009

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1905 – Meeting called to order by President Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA)

1905 – Introductions

1907 – The minutes of the April meeting were briefly discussed. Dean (KBØVVA) made some corrections. A motion to accept the as amended was made by John Tine (KDØDZR), seconded by Patty White (NØPSD), and accepted by unanimous vote.

1908 – Announcements

- Hamcon 2009 is coming up on 29-31 May. MARC's VE team will be putting on the VE session for the convention.
- (1910) Field Day will be 27-28 June 2009. The club will it in Lake George again. Dean (KBØVVA) and Gloria Buckhouse (KBØVUX) have offered the use of their property again for the event. Field Day is being coordinated by Mike Stansberry (KØTER) and John (KDØDZR). The program for the June meeting will be on Field Day. Members are encouraged to bring equipment to help support the event (contact Mike or John), however, bringing equipment to be able to operate on your own is discouraged as that changes the classification that the club is operating under, or one of the other stations has to come down in order to accommodate the new one.
- (1912) Campfest – Dave Koerner (NØHIO) has volunteered to act as coordinator of the Campfest. It will be held the end of August and Dave is looking for input on possible activities to do. The ad has been placed with the ARRL to list on their site as well as in QST. There was a question whether or not we wanted to have an ad in World Radio.
- (1913) The MARC VE team will be holding a VE session on Saturday 4 July in Woodland Park. Members looking to renew their licenses are welcome to come to the session and we can use the club computer to help renew your license online.
- (1914) Some “housekeeping” type announcements were made: there were several world maps printed by Yaesu available for members to take home; several old CQ magazines were available for members to take home; a reminder about the RADA knife fundraiser the club is doing was given; an article in the *Courier* from April 2009 featuring ARES, Dean (KBØVVA), and Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) was shown; on the meeting sign in sheet, a column was added for attendees to indicate if they are an ARRL member. This new column is to help the club update our records so we could get re-established with the ARRL as an affiliated club.

1915 – Officer's Reports

- No reports from the President, VP, or Secretary
- Treasurer's Report
 - Wes (KØHBZ) gave the report. The quick version is the club still has money (same as it has been). We still have the County funds left to spend. There's discussion about getting a new repeater for the Badger site, possibly getting a UHF to replace the VHF that is up there. Also, we need another digital board for the Icom 2820 radio, as well as possibly some more packet gear for the repeater sites.
 - The phone bill for the autopatch has been put on a direct pay system now.
 - The ARRL club affiliation has expired and the paperwork is being gathered to re-submit to the ARRL.
 - The club membership in the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs has expired, which seems odd to happen now given they never cashed our check from 2 years ago.

1926 – Other announcements

- Refreshments – Volunteers were asked for to provide refreshments for the June meeting

1927 – Old Business

- Program suggestions – the members were asked for ideas concerning what they would like to see as programs for the meetings. Field Day, in-depth look at repeaters, a show-n-tell of new gadgets/homebrewed equipment/etc was suggested by Don Johnson (KØDRJ), Wes (KØHBZ) brought up the idea of an auction as a fundraiser for the club, perhaps with member items on consignment. It was suggested that perhaps combining this auction with a BBQ during the summer would be good. Dave (NØHIO) suggested an e-mail bid/auction list be started with the auction ending at the Campfest.
- (1931) Club QSL card – next – Ann Burnham (ACØFB) has been busy.

1932 – New Business

- Don (KØDRJ) mentioned that since the Teller County Search and Rescue April training is now over, he is looking at setting up a Technician class in July. He is thinking of having 4 sessions (give or take) and is still taking a list of names of folks who might be interested. It was mentioned that the club's VE team may be able to put together a special test session for this class.
- (1934) Don (KØDRJ) had a question asking since the county provides the club with grant money, are there any contingency plans for use of amateur radio during emergencies/other situations. This was answered with a “YES”. The question was then raised if there were any practice events in the county that the club may be able to help with.
- (1936) Repeaters – The Badger repeater is currently off the air. Kit Haskins (KAØWUC) is trying to mitigate the situation with the site owner, but we may move to a UHF pair to get away from the interference issues on VHF.
- (1942) The club has several books that have been donated over the years, these are now available for members to sign out and read.

1943 – Break

1957 – The meeting was called back to order

1958 – Program

- Marty Crandall (KDØBMW) gave a presentation on sun spots, the solar cycle, periodic solar phenomena, and the effects on propagation.

2058 – Meeting was adjourned.