

Mountain Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting

21 April 2010

We began the monthly meeting at 7:06 pm, with Paul Brown (AC5S) presiding. Following intro's all around, we read the minutes of the prior meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pete Rawson (N3VW), seconded by ??? (I wrote down Bill, but that was obviously not the case, so perhaps someone can help me here) and passed. Don Johnson still needs to get us the minutes from the November meeting.

There will be a VE session, May 1st. Might be a good time to get tested now, since the Tech question pool will change soon. Noah's Ark will launch June 5th. Well, more properly that would be NOAA's ARC, but you all knew that. We did the table top and the exercise. The old OEM for Teller County resigned, and we have yet to appoint a new one. As such, we are not sure of the Teller County involvement in this. As for Field Day, we are still trying to recruit Mike Stansberry (K0TER) as the coordinator. Campfest is still on track, at Dean Buckhouse's property. We need a volunteer for snacks for the May meeting.

Under Old Business, we need meeting program suggestions for May. Bob Stewart is on for June. The remainder of the year is un-programmed. We are planning for a fox hunt in the early fall, with other clubs involved. We discussed an idea of doing a small fox hunt during the meeting, with a bigger one later. Patty White (N0PSD) also suggested a packet presentation.

Under New Business, Pete Rawson gave a quick presentation on very portable folded antennas and a kit CW synthesizer, putting out 20mw, for around \$40. Then Don Johnson gave an impromptu presentation on the history of amateur radio.

We began our break at 7:45 pm. This was followed by Don Johnson giving a presentation and demonstration on PC software controlled radios. He was using an inverted V di-pole antenna (outside the meeting room) and a program called "Ham Radio Deluxe". Quite impressive.

George Parkhurst (KC0RAU) had some old (50 yr old) tube equipment to get rid of. Dean Haskins (KA0PII) made a short statement.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

Fourteen members, two guests.

Submitted by Bill Wallick, Secretary