

OCARS Meeting Minutes for 10/04/2016

Scott A. Craig N2OPQ, Secretary

Members socialized from 7:00 to 7:30pm

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Joe KJ8O, president.

Business Meeting:

Prior meeting minutes accepted by Gary, KD8EWG. Al, K8SIX seconded. Carried Unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was given by John, N8FNN. Motion to accept by Doug, N8VY. Seconded by Mike, AC8TE. Carried Unanimously.

Old business:

Polo Shirts \$23. If interested see Jim Vigne, KB8TXZ.

Reminder to renew memberships and pay annual dues. Annual membership is \$20. We accept cash or checks.

New Business:

ARRL Club competition rules update. The ARRL is going to use member's six-character grid locators, such as EN82gq, instead of lat/lon to determine eligibility effective with the November CW sweepstakes and affecting all 9 ARRL HF and VHF contests that offer a club competition category. "8.4.3.3. All eligible members must reside and operate within 35 miles of the club's designated center."

<http://www.arrl.org/general-rules-for-all-arrrl-contests>

Larry Camp , WB8R, ARRL Section Manager, asked to come meet with us at the upcoming November meeting.

At our December meeting we will hold the OCARS club election and have a party which will include cold cuts, etc.

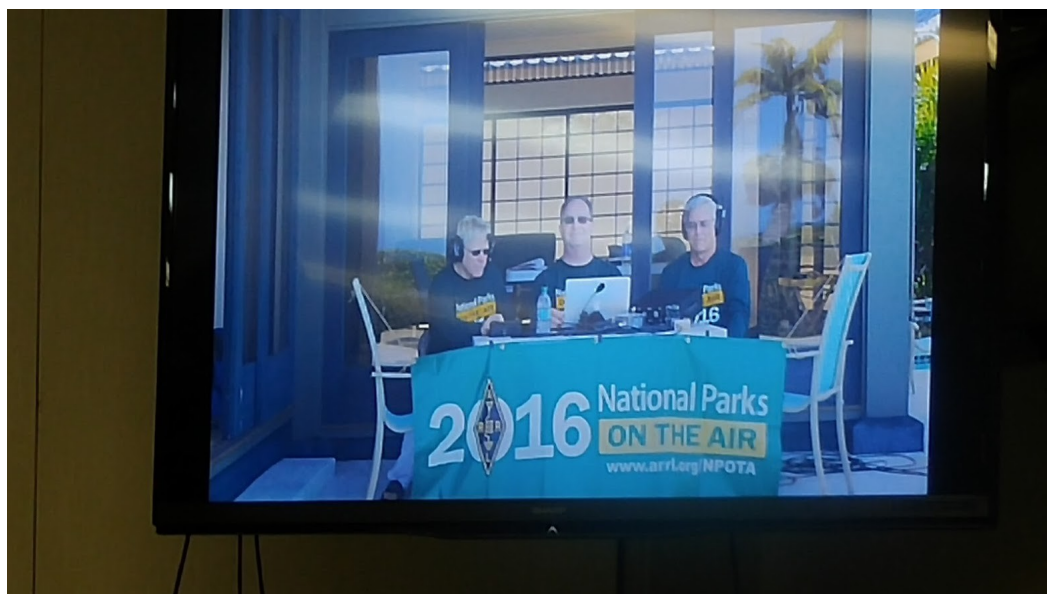
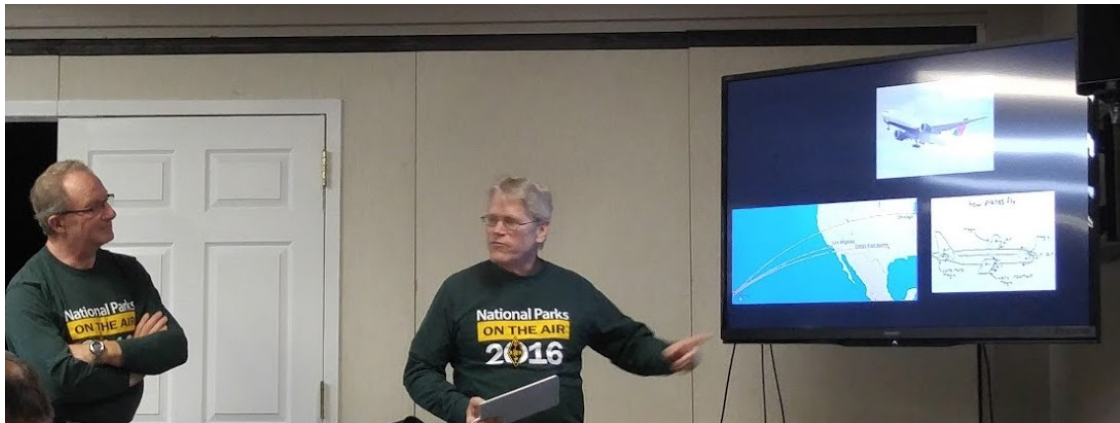
Sam, KD8DLV, and Greg, N8GAS, brought in some fox hunting equipment (such as the Byonics Micro-Fox MF-15) to show us. They each built tape measure antennas. The MicroFox MF-15 transmits 10-15mW and they tested it out to $\frac{3}{4}$ miles which worked just fine.



Continuing to Leave the fox hunt as an open item for an upcoming meeting.

Charlie brought in a HeathKit TV alignment generator and an HP Oscilloscope.

Greg (N8GAS) and Doug (N8VY) presented their experience with the National Parks On The Air (NPOTA) in Hawaii (and Jim (KB8TXZ) was part of as well).



Leaving the workshop as an open item for an upcoming meeting.

Monday night nets are now Monday nights at 7:30pm.

Next year is club's 80th anniversary.



We skipped a break due to needing to leave the building earlier than usual. We needed to be done by 8:30pm.



Chris drew the ticket. The 50/50 winner was Al Bailey, K8SIX.

Meeting adjourned about 8:30pm.