

Editor's Note: Welcome to a new year and a new STATIC, I have taken the results off the poll and incorporated them into STATIC. Here are some new feature's STATIC will have:

HOT OFF THE PRESS - A section that will highlight anytime the club is mentioned in the media

MORE THAN JUST A CALL - We all have our FCC issued callsign, this section will go beyond than just a name and call, it will be a short bio about club members. I will randomly select a member each month to highlight.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW? - A section highlighting emergency communications, training and operations.

BEYOND THE QTH - A section that will highlight things that is outside of the ham spectrum...items such as events, travel, etc.

AROUND THE SHACK - A section where you can advertise any of that old ham gear you want to sell, trade, etc. or anything you may be looking for

COOKING HAM - A section highlight recipes from members.....great for those group contests, field days, etc.

Meeting Minutes.....

The January 2007 meeting started at 7:02 pm. The minutes of last meeting were passed out to group. Mark, K9ZQ was not present and Frank, KF9NZ did not receive a treasurer's report for December so no report was read. Minutes were read by the group and approved. Joe, KB9EZZ mentioned the CERT class in Ottawa starting January 10th. Joe has self-study tech license class to start after CERT class ends with final exam on February 10th at LaSalle EOC. VEs needed for exam from 2 to 4 pm. Collinsville hamfest is Jan. 27 and Wheaton is Jan. 28.

Eldon, KB9PZA repaired telephone connections in clubhouse. He also got new IP addresses for computer equipment.

Rich, N9OUW was not present, but consensus of group was that repeater has been working well.

Frank mentioned he has not had much maintenance to do on the repeater lately. Says hour meter on repeater has only 189.5 hours since repeater was put in service. Echo-link is working, but Bill, KA9FER says don't test it at 3am! Bill gave report on new antenna. Antenna is still in quarantine because of shady behavior by former employees of antenna supplier. We should have it by spring. Bill doesn't mind that his antenna is still on SRRC tower. Frank and Bill are continuing as repeater maintenance committee co-chairmen.

Field Day: Joe says everything is OK.

Training: Joe mentions plan to hold VE sessions before meetings and need someone to become VE liaison. Tom, KC9EGB has been liaison for two years.

Hamfest: Tom says need to get out mailing and he's looking for someone to volunteer to be 2008 chairman.

Old Business: Tom needs to put together calendar or events.

New Business: Member's dues for 2007 are now due. \$24 is the amount for 2007. See Frank or Tom to pay your dues.

Kurt, KB9RKU motions to adjourn meeting and Bill seconds the motion.
Meeting Ends at 7:47 pm.

Recorded by Tom Chromzack, KC9EGB

HOT OFF THE PRESS

HAM'S IN THE MEDIA

International Space Station Contact.....

Keith Risley, KB9VFX

On January 16, 2007, 20 students from Northlawn Jr. High School and St. Anthony's School in Streator made contact via ham radio with Astonaut Sunita Williams on board the International Space Station. The control operator and organizer for the contact was club member Steve Michalski, KB9UPS. Members assisting with the setup and the contact were: Keith Risley KB9VFX, Mark Gebhardt K9ZQ, Eldon Akers KB9PZA, Joe Tokarz KB9EZZ, Cecil Atwood, KB9LNK, and Frank KF9NZ. Ham radio and the club was well publicized as the following media outlets covered the event and ran articles: The Streator Voice Newspaper, The Times, The News Tribune, The Pantagraph, WCMY Radio, WEEK-TV Peoria, and WMBD-TV Peoria. WCMY ran the event in it's entirety on Thursday Jan 18 at 10:00am and the local cable provider for Streator, Mediacom aired a video of event on it's public access channel 19. WCMY's Rick Koshko even became convinced to try for his tech license.

MORE THAN JUST A CALL

Keith, KB9VFX - I am a ham radio operator from Streator, Illinois. My interest in ham radio started after visiting a display at the Streator Hobby Show and speaking with fellow club member, Jim Morris N9PLM. I attended the Illinois Center for Broadcasting in Lombard, studying broadcast technique and operations. After a short stint in the broadcast world, I finally decided to enter the world of emergency communications and now work full-time for the City of Streator in the 911 communications center as a telecommunicator and am also on the Reading Township Vol. Fire Dept. that serves the Reading,

Newton, Eagle, and Otter Creek Townships surrounding the Streator city limits. Recently, I purchased my own home and have been busy working on those DIY projects. The best thing I have gotten out of ham radio has been the knowledge and the extended family atmosphere ham radio provides.

WHAT DO WE DO KNOW?

With the severe weather season coming up here within the next few months, wouldn't now be a good time to go throw those jump kits that may have been sitting for a while and make sure you have everything in order.

The best way to be prepared for any event is through planning and training, when was the last time your ham group, family, workplace, etc has reviewed it's response plan. When was the last time you held a drill.

Severe weather training is coming up on the following dates:

Feb 22 '07 - Grundy Co EOC - 7pm

Feb 22 '07 - Princeton Fire Station - 6:30pm

Feb 26 '07 - IVCC, Oglesby - 7pm

Feb 28 '07 - Ottawa Twp. High School, Ottawa - 7pm

Mar 15 '07 - Pontiac Fire Dept - 7pm

COOKING HAM

If you have an recipes you would like featured in STATIC please send to srrc_static@verizon.net

Beef Enchiladas by Keith, KB9VFX

2 sandwich bag size portions of shredded beef

1 package of Enchilada Seasoning

2 soft tortillas

1 can Rotella Tomatos

1 can refried beans

1 small jar of Velveeta Cheese Sauce

1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese

1 jar salsa

Mix meat enchilada season with water according to package instructions

Simmer meat in season mix for 20 minutes

Place meat, refried beans, tomatos into center of tortillas - 1/2 of each ingredient onto each.

Fold tortillas so fold is on the bottom and place into a pyrex loaf pan

Spoon salsa onto top of tortillas and sprinkle with shredded cheese

Bake in oven at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour.

If you have any events, landmarks, travel destinations you think others would be interested in for beyond the QTH please send them. Also any classifieds for Around the Shack.