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## **Monthly Meeting...**

**Tom, KC9EGB**

Meeting started at 7:01 pm with 21 members present. Minutes of May meeting were passed out.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on April 26 was \$8574.75. After paying the bills and receiving some dues and hamfest income the balance on May 25<sup>th</sup> was \$9016.96. Greg, KC9HVV makes motion to accept. Ayes carry.

Bill, KA9FER asks if everyone who helped with the hamfest signed the worksheet. A quick discussion of the hamfest ensued. The hamfest early accounting shows that we did much better than last year. \$4900 estimated vs. \$3400 received last year. Eldon, KB9PZA makes motion to show appreciation to Linda, KC9IZQ for selling food and Tom, KC9EGB acting chairman by club paying their dues for 2007. Motion is seconded by Rich, N9OUW and approved. Hamfest meeting will be Saturday morning at Field Day.

Minutes were read by group and approved.

Frank, KF9NZ reads the new version of proposed constitutional amendment. Frank motions to accept reading, Eldon seconds. Ayes carry with one Nay. Amendment will be published and voted on next month.

Field Day: Joe, KB9EZZ had a full agenda to present to the group. He wanted to change designation from 6A IL to 5A IL. People are encouraged to display as many modes as possible. GOTA operation will need coaches. Five transceivers and bring batteries. Copy ARRL Bulletin and more. Donations of food or money for food would be appreciated.

Joe brings up Extreme Race and lack of preparation by race operators. Need to get permits to use public facilities. Joe will contact race organizers.

Pat reads proclamation stating June is Amateur Radio Month in Illinois signed by the Governor.

Building and Grounds: Bill asks when grass will be cut. Cecil, KB9LNK will take care of it or if someone stops by later in the week would cut it.

Hamfest: Tom rehashed need for volunteers. We will have meeting at FD. Don, N8FN made a few points about starting hamfest preparations now. Tom asks Don to help out. Eldon made copy of flyer to reflect increase in ticket prices and camper info. Bill refers it to Hamfest Committee.

Bob brings up the trash problem. Eldon says B+K computers was nice enough to take computer junk away and we should give them a break if they want to come next year. Tom says he will bring that up at HC meetings.

Membership: Frank proposes that we need a simple binding for a member book to be given to new members and present members can donate a couple of bucks to defray the cost of a copy. Frank will make a final proposal next month.

Repeater Monitor: Rich says repeater is okay.

Repeater Maintenance: Frank says we still have an antenna problem since the lightning strike. Don is willing to climb tower. Work detail to change out antenna and inspect coax next Saturday morning at 10am. Pat will bring his 4-bay antenna to use as back up or swap out. Joe Elzer, K9PHW can bring his gin pole and rigging equipment. Discussion ensued and plan to meet Saturday was settled.

Bill says time to have a break and have some donuts!

Meeting resumes at 8:36pm.

Kurt, KB9RKU was not present to defend his proposed by-law changes, Copies were passed out for group to refresh its memory of the proposal. Discussion of the by-law changes continued and it was decided to table the vote until Kurt was present. Pat, KC6VVT motioned to table and Bob, AB9EE seconded. Ayes carried.

Frank brings up the status of the SSRC as a Special Service Club. SSC will expire in September. Frank will put a SSC proposal and give it to the club officers.

New Business: Eldon presents idea to give B+K Computers four tables free next year. Bill says that should be done by HC. Tom is working on sending out thank you note to vendors. It will be discussed at FD HC meeting.

Bill asks for any more items. Frank motions to adjourn, Tom seconds. Meeting ends 8:42pm.

Recorded by Tom Chromzack, KC9EGB

Secretary's Note: The revised proposed constitutional amendment by Frank Carraro, KF9NZ was posted to the club's e-mail reflector. Any person wishing a paper copy can contact Tom, KC9EGB at 815) 646-4488 or 878-7557 to get a copy mailed to them.

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## **Field Day 2006...**

**Pat, KC6VVT / Joe, KB9EZZ**

Editor's Note: STATIC was published after the Field Day activities

On the 25th of May, 2006, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich of Illinois proclaimed "June 2006 as AMATEUR RADIO MONTH in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize the services this state's amateur radio operators provide in keeping our communities safe."

Done at the Capitol in the city of Springfield and signed by both the Governor and Secretary of State, Jesse White, this proclamation, numbered 188, was presented to a local operator, Pat Ryan KC6VVT, Illinois Section Emergency Coordinator of the American Radio Relay League. Mr. Ryan accepted this proclamation on behalf of the more than 22,000 amateur radio operators residing in Illinois, and its many emergency communications teams.

Pat Ryan adds that the "annual ARRL Field Day sponsored event takes place this June 24th-25th to test and exercise the nationwide emergency ability of its dedicated amateur radio operators away from their usual home or mobile radio stations".

Field Day 2006 will provide a friendly but challenging 24 hour operating event for many local teams. Local clubs and participants encourage public exhibits and information at these friendly events, as well as prepares its participating operators for the emergency response.

The local Starved Rock Radio Club will exhibit a copy of this proclamation at their annual Field Day event at Shabbona Park, and later at its facilities in Leonore, IL.

Please view Gov. Rod Blagovech's proclamation attached to STATIC.

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## **Extreme Race...**

**Joe, KB9EZZ**

What are you doing Saturday July 29th from 2 AM to 8 PM?

Over the 18 hour period, we will need about 50 hams to provide communications during this event--a foot/bike/kayak race covering about 20 checkpoints in a 80 square mile grid.

Our job is to safely account for all race participants.

Think of a spreadsheet with 2 columns and 50 rows. There will be 50 4 person teams--the rows. And the two columns represent the checkpoint the ham is at and the previous checkpoint--the team is coming and the team has leftour checkpoint.

Mid America Xtreme Adventure has worked with ARES in Wisconsin before. Let's show them 'how-we-do-that' here in Illinois!!!

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## **CERT Training...**

**Joe, KB9EZZ**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our Community and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

To become a CERT volunteer, you must complete the classroom course.

The 20-hour CERT course begins July 31st in Ottawa. Classes are Monday 6-9:30 pm July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28 and Saturday August 26 from 9-3. Classes are held at the LaSalle County Emergency Operating Center in Ottawa.

Please register at the LaSalle County Emergency Operating Center, 707 Etna Rd., Ottawa or by sending an e-mail to [cert61350@yahoo.com](mailto:cert61350@yahoo.com).

Is CERT right for you?

A free Internet course "IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams" helps you learn the basics of CERT. It has six modules with topics that include an Introduction to CERT, Fire Safety, Hazardous Material and Terrorist Incidents, Disaster Medical Operations, and Search and Rescue. It can be taken by anyone interested in CERT; however, to become a CERT volunteer, you must complete the 20-hour classroom course.

You take "IS-317" on-line at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/>.

For more information, call 433-5622 or [cert61350@yahoo.com](mailto:cert61350@yahoo.com)

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## **Upcoming Events....**

July 29, 2006  
Mid Extreme Race  
Starved Rock State Park  
Utica, IL

For more info, contact Joe Tokarz, KB9EZZ at [kb9ezz@arrl.net](mailto:kb9ezz@arrl.net)

July 3, 2006  
SRRC Meeting  
SRRC Clubhouse  
Leonore, IL

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**Weekly Nets...**

Wednesday  
7pm  
SRRC Club Net  
147.120 (+) 103.5 PL

Sunday  
7pm  
ARES Net  
147.120 (+) 103.5 PL