



STATIC

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Meeting Notes

Tom, KC9EGB

The December 4, 2006 meeting started at 7:07 p.m. with thirteen members were present. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was delayed. Mark, K9ZQ arrived at end of meeting due to family obligations.

Bill, KA9FER started off the meeting by thanking the club for allowing him the honor of being president this year. He thanked the members for all they do to keep the club running and expressed his hope that all will continue to do so and more. Bob, AB9EE said it was fun! Tom, KC9EGB applauded.

Activities: Joe, KB9EZZ mentions the November 15 NARS exercise. Kurt, KB9RKU mentions upcoming hamfests.

Building & Grounds: Eldon, KB9PZA paid \$30 to have clubhouse parking lot plowed. Members vote to approve reimbursing Eldon for plowing fee.

Repeater Monitor: Rich, N9OUW says there was some static on the day we had the snowstorm, but it's working well since. Echo-link volume is low.

Repeater Maintenance: Frank, KF9NZ was not present, but Bill discussed the antenna and hardline situation. It may not be until spring to do antenna replacement.

Hamfest: Tom had meeting, but not much action. Mailed flyers and tickets to BBARC for their hamfest on December 9.

Old Business:

Cecil, KB9LNK reported on generator restoration. It's working!

Bill received the renewed Special Service Club certificate in the mail. We're good until September 2008.

New Business:

Election of new officers went well. Cecil and Mark tied for President in first round of voting. Cecil won second round for President. Kurt won Vice president. Tom, Secretary and Frank, Treasurer were declared elected. The Board of Directors are Eldon, KB9PZA, Dennis, KC9EXG and Jim, KC9FGU

Next meeting will be January 8, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Recorded by Tom Chromzack, KC9EGB

Hams Participate in Nuclear Drill

Members of the Starved Rock Radio Club, LaSalle County ARES, and Grundy County ARES helped participate in the Nov. 15th exercise at Exelon's LaSalle Generating Facility in Brookfield Township passing NARS messages between the participating EOCs. The following article appeared in the Nov. 18' 2007 edition of the Peoria Journal Star. The article is reprinted with written permission of the Journal Star.

Exelon's Generating Facility, LaSalle Station, Holds Emergency Drill

On Nov 15th, 2006, The Exelon Corporation's Nuclear Generating Facility, LaSalle Station held it's required emergency drill. Hams helped out with the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency in passing NARS messages among the various EOC's participating. The following article appeared in the Peoria Journal Star and is reprinted with permission of the Peoria Journal Star:

EXELON SCORES HIGH IN EMERGENCY TEST

Ottawa-Federal inspectors said all emergency notifications were properly delivered during this week's exercise at Exelon Nuclear's LaSalle Station near Seneca.

The plant, as well as local and state emergency response personnel, scored high marks during a routine emergency preparedness exercise Wednesday. The exercise was run by the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the US Department of Homeland Security.

All emergency response centers were correctly notified, but Homeland Security said communication between decision makers and the state and county levels could improve.

Bill King, exercise director involved with Homeland Security, said these communication problems would not pose safety or health risks.

The exercise evaluated several different areas of response, including on-site operations, state emergency operators, the District 17 Illinois State Police Headquarters, the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency and even a local school.

The LaSalle Station received a "good response" mark from the NRC, said Bob Jickling, the commission exercise leader.

As for off-site response, King said the state fully met 12 of 14 criteria.

The other two involved the time that elapsed while communicating with the county.

Those communications did not include alerts or warnings but could help decision makers at other response areas.

LaSalle County met 14 of 15 criteria, also receiving a recommendation to improve communication times.

--Erin Deshinsky of Peoria Journal Star.



**CERT Class to begin January 10th 2007
Joe, KB9EZZ**

There will be a Community Emergency Response Team class beginning January 10th, at the LaSalle County EOC. CERT trains you what to do following a disaster incident and includes skills such as basic fire extinguishment, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. The class will be held Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb 3 and Feb 7. Class times are 6-9:30pm. You can register by sending an email to cert61350@yahoo.com



ISS Update

**Steve, KB9UPS
Keith, KB9VFX**

Numerous trips to Northlawn Junior High School have taken place over the past couple of weeks to scope out the proposed location for setup. Here is what is known so far:

---ISS Contact is planned for week of Jan 15-22, 2007

---Questions and students have been selected

---The school has opted to not hold an all-school assembly as thought, so we will have to do a video feed to the school's head end unit to broadcast to classrooms (Keith is working on testing configuration setups to accomplish this).

-- Keith has sent out pre-notification letters to all media outlets.



Attention All Members of the ISS Tech Team

SETUP WILL BE ON **SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2007** AT
NORTHLAWN. ALL TECH TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE THERE. I
WILL KNOW A TIME AS IT APPROACHES. PLEASE STAY TUNED
TO YOUR EMAIL'S AND THE SRRC REFLECTOR, AS I WILL POST
IT ONCE I HEAR FROM STEVE. - KEITH

Some musings from Tom, KC9EGE

I would like to get some feedback about a few things that our club is doing in 2007.

Joe, KB9EZZ and I would like to offer a VE session before every meeting. We need three VEs to do this and it would require quiet time if someone shows up to test. Give us your thoughts.

I have been VE liaison for two years. Would someone else in our group of VEs or someone with a General class or higher license to become a VE, take charge for 2007?

The Hamfest Committee needs someone to volunteer to be Chairman for 2008. We are starting to put out the mailing and distribute flyers at hamfests and clubs. Now is the time to learn what to do. The club can't survive without the revenue.

I have a few more ideas I'd like to bounce off the membership, but this is a start. Send e-mail to kc9egb@arrl.net or call me daytime (815) 646-4488.



Calendar of Events

January 8th, 2006
Regular Monthly Meeting
SRRC Clubhouse, Leonore, IL
7 pm

January 13th 2006
ISS Tech Team Setup
Northlawn Jr. High School, Streator, IL
Time to be Determined

Wednesday Nights
Weekly SRRC Net
7pm
147.120 (+) 103.5

Saturday AM
ARES Breakfast
Ottawa Burger King, Route 6 / Norris Drive
Ottawa, IL
8am

Sunday Nights
Weekly LaSalle County ARES Net
7pm
147.120 (+) 103.5

A Note from the Editor...

As 2006 draws to a close, I have enjoyed being the STATIC editor for the past twelve months and appreciate those of you who believe in the ability of me to carry this on to 2007. I have some personal goals of myself to attempt and get STATIC out in a more timely manner based upon when I receive the information to print. In any organization,

the product is always better when there is a whole team approach than just one single individual. So, here is my New Year's Resolution for STATIC - It is a club newsletter and therefore, I would like input from the club members about what they would like to see in it. I have established an online poll and am encouraging members to give your feedback. The poll can be located at <http://www.pollm.onkey.com/p.asp?i=9830534158>
I will keep the poll open until the January 15th, 2006.

The second item I have is that I am again getting bounced and undeliverable emails. So for the month of January, I am asking that each member fill out the form below and send back to me via US Mail so that I can try to keep the email database as accurate as possible. I will then start working on trying to contact the undeliverables and getting with Tom for current membership list. Thanks in advance.

Send to: Keith Risley, Ref: SRRC, 1406 E Hickory St, Streator IL 61364

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email address: _____
(please print)
