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MEETING NOTES

Tom, KC9EGB

The November meeting of the Starved Rock Radio Club was called to order at 7:05pm on Nov 6, 2006 with 19 members present. The minutes were read and amended (amount of CD) and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Joe, KB9EZZ discussed details of the Exelon exercise to be held on Nov. 15th. Mark, K9ZQ and Joe, KB9EZZ both announce they had ARRL Radiogram DVD's for sale. Joe also discussed to circumvent the Red Cross background check's, the possibility of setting up radio equipment outside of their facilities. Thanks to Frank, KF9NZ and those who have helped on the back room. Eldon, KB9PZA discussed lighting damaged to the phone line and reimbursement expenses were approved for him. Rich, N9OUW reported the repeater was working okay. Frank reported there was no work on the repeater due to it working okay. Discussion was held concerning the plan to replace the antenna and hard line. Bill, KA9FER has a line on a climber. The antenna has to be gotten out of customs.

Tom, KC9EGB reported on the sale of hamfest tickets and flyer distribution. There will be a hamfest meeting the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Tom gave tickets and flyers to Mark K9ZQ for the the Fort Wayne Hamfest.

Kurt, KB9RKU had the proposed constitutional amendment ready for vote. It will change election procedures with officers nominated in November, elections in December, and office holders taking office in January. Discussion was held concerning notification of the amendment. Vote held and passed.

Steve, KB9UPS gave a presentation on the Northlawn ARISS contact for the week of Jan. 15, 2007. Volunteers were requested for operations and set up: Eldon, Frank, Keith, Bill and Mark volunteered. Frank brought up Mark Thompson of D-Star and possibility of him visiting our club. Group discussed worth of looking into system. Tom provided information on a weather spotting class in Indiana in 2007. Sign up sheet for class was posted.

Election procedure change, made nominations this month. They are as follows:
President-Mark, K9ZQ/Cecil, KB9LNK/Steve, KB9UPS. Vice President-Bill,

KA9FER/Kurt KB9RKU, Director (Vote for 3)-Eldon, KB9PZA/Chris, KB9ZWJ/Dennis, KC9EXG/Jim, KC9FGU. The following were the only nominations and therefore are automatically elected: Treasurer-Frank, KF9NZ, Secretary-Tom, KC9EGB, STATIC Editor-Keith, KB9VFX.

Tom will send ballot info via USPS to members who do not have email. List will be published on the reflector and members who do not get Static or reflector will be emailed.

Discussion held on minutes being published in Static. Tom and Keith will work on that.

Meeting was adjourned.

A Note of Thanks

Pat, KC6VVT

In this time of Thanksgiving, here is a special offering of thanks for the many amateur radio services, monthly meetings, work projects, annual hamfest and future events, including the W9MKS/R open repeater, Echolink access, APRS Digipeater, Internet Gateway, operating facilities and the SRRC clubhouse itself.

Thanks to the Starved Rock Radio Club (SRRC) nominees for club officers, and a fine slate of candidates. Thank you to all those members nominating, and those accepting nominations for office. Good luck to each nominee in the club elections to be held at the SRRC December meeting. I hope the SRRC members will attend to support candidates in December by attending this regular monthly meeting. All nominated candidates elected at the December meeting will have club duties to perform under the SRRC Constitution and Bylaws, which was also amended by the small group of members that could be present at the November "Harvest" meeting. To those who missed this November nomination and amendment meeting, regret that I do not have the election slate or the amendments and bylaw changes to share with you here, but look elsewhere or come to the December meeting and make your vote count. With these thanks, I offer a web page to all candidates, current officers and SRRC membership. Am sure this will help all, and especially those discharging duties as SRRC officers.
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/cc-stories/2005/0919a/>

Long an ARRL Affiliated Club, and now an ARRL Special Service Club, the achievements are many, support is available, and the SRRC is recognized by the ARRL periodically. Especially appreciated is the many SRRC members who are members of the American Radio Relay League, the National Organization of Amateur Radio. These ARRL members, and the ARRL volunteers in the club membership contribute their time for the Illinois ARRL Section in their League appointments. Very much appreciated is the local ARRL VEC team, past and present, who administer the amateur radio exams as FCC volunteers and those that help and mentor the many new radio amateurs. Membership in the SRRC and the ARRL is important to all involved in amateur radio, so join or renew in the ARRL via the club and benefit the SRRC.
<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/10/26/3/>

Our SRRC club members may train and serve as severe weather spotters in

support of Skywarn, their local EMA, and the NWS LOT in Romeoville, IL. SRRC members register themselves with their local Emergency Coordinator and prepare for the emergency in ARES® with their weekly nets. SRRC members support the LaSalle station nuclear generating plant drills and exercises with their local EMA (ESDA), IEMA and federal agencies to ensure continued electrical power is available to all. Net control Station, station call sign trustee, repeater monitor, hamfest chair, clubhouse and grounds volunteers, antenna and tower workers, etc., the list of member efforts is nearly endless, but they are always noteworthy and remarkable.

The many SRRC member volunteers who contribute their spare hobby time, effort, service and their support to their club and amateur radio deserve special thanks. And we should always remember and give thanks to the past SRRC members who left so much for us to enjoy, and the future members who will keep it going strong. I sincerely hope that all SRRC members can continue and actively support and maintain the SRRC as a very noteworthy amateur radio club serving such a wide area of North Central Illinois. Thank you all.

Keep up the fine business,

vy 73 de Pat KC6VVT
ARRL Section EC
SRRC Member

Election of Officers at December Meeting

There will be an election of the 2007 officers at the December 5, 2006 meeting. This is a result of an amendment to the constitution. See above minutes for officer listing and amendment change.

Hams Needed for Nov. 15th Exercise

Hams will be needed for the Exelon Nuclear Exercise on Nov. 15th. The exercise will consist of passing NARS messages to the participating EOC's. If you can help, please contact Joe Tokarz at kb9ezz@arrl.net

SKYWARN Recognition Day

The NWS Skywarn Recognition Day will be held on Dec 2, 2006 beginning at 0000 UTC (aka 6pm) and last for 24hrs.

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Keith, KB9VFX

As hams we like to be prepared for any emergency that may get thrown our way. With the ice and snow just around the corner, I figured in this addition of STATIC I would include a list of items to keep in your vehicle in the event you get stranded in the cold:

- Flashlights & extra batteries
- Extra clothes, hats, gloves, coats
- A warm blanket
- Non perishable food (Trail Mix, Beef Jerky, Granola/Energy Bars, etc)
- Matches & Flares
- Water
- Jumper Cables and a small tool kit
- A bag of salt or sand
- A tow strap or rope
- A small shovel
- A water proof box to keep everything in

Also, remember that during the winter months to keep your fuel tanks at least ½ full. You may need to rely on it to run the engine for heat, and don't forget about carbon monoxide, check around the exhaust pipe and make sure it is clear of ice and snow.

Upcoming Events

Nov 15, 2006 8am
Exelon Nuclear Exercise
Meet at Ottawa Hardee's for breakfast as we await the activation

Dec 1-2, 2006 6pm-6pm
SKYWARN Recognition Day
NWS Chicago Forecast Office
Romeoville, Illinois

Dec 4, 2006 7pm
Monthly Meeting
SRRC Clubhouse
Leonore, Illinois

