

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1932 by club president Tim Rodgers, KC1TWR at the Montville Police station training room. Due to the pending relocation of the local American Red Cross office (our previous meeting site), TCARC expects to meet at this new location for the foreseeable future.

The minutes of the October meeting were circulated, read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

A new checking account has been opened at the Chelsea Groton Savings Bank.

The October 2017 auction netted a profit of \$1988.90, thanks in part to the sale of the remainder of the W1EOZ estate donation. Thanks to all who helped to make this year's fundraiser a successful event.

Old Business

1. Club station QSLs: We're still soliciting ideas and possible designs for new W1QV QSLs.
2. Elmering: WR1B's Tech class wraps up November 15 with a VE exam at Montville High School. VEs are invited to assist. This is a great opportunity meet the new graduates, welcome them to our hobby and establish Elmering relationships.
3. Our next Tech class starts Jan 11, 2018 in Ledyard. A spring class is being planned by WR1B at the Montville High School.
4. The annual Christmas party for the area radio clubs is being hosted by RASON on December 16 at the River Ridge Golf Course in Griswold. The cost is \$25./person and reservations are due to Chip Griffin, N1MIE by December 8th. Details are posted on the TCARC website.
5. The recent foxhunt was enjoyed by all attendees. 5 cars and three new team participated. Based on the success of this event, future foxhunts are being planned.

New Business:

1. The new RASON 146.73 mhz antenna, partially paid for by a TCARC donation, is going up November 16. The RASON N1NW repeaters will be down that day.
2. The NA1CN echolink node on N1NW is down and being trouble shot by NA1CN who is looking for a replacement PC for the Echolink node.
3. The ARRL.net forwarding service is temporarily done while the ARRL accomplishes software upgrades.
4. A suggestion was made to post biographical sketches of recent/prominent Silent Keys on the TCARC website. Tabled for future consideration.

5. The whereabouts of a TCARC time capsule, assembled in the early 1980's was discussed. Bob Dargel, WR1D (formerly KA1BB) might know something about it. WA2RYV will attempt to contact Bob to investigate.

6. A future club Program and possible club project, was mentioned...K1EV is experimenting with a multiband dipole design that includes multiple decoupling stubs.

7. Winter Field day, a return to Flat Hammock Island in the summer and/or light house activations, as well as the museum ships on the air operation and summer ARRL field day were mentioned as possible operating events for the upcoming year. These will be discussed further at the January 2018 meeting.

TCARC will not have a regular December 2017 meeting due to the close proximity of our December meeting date to the area Christmas Party. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and we'll see you all at the January 9, 2018 regular meeting.

This meet was adjourned at 2037.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas E. Scott, WA2RYV, Secretary