

Minutes of SARA mtg 5 May 2012

N4MOC opened meeting at 0900. A quorum was not present. The meeting was information exchange. No motions made.

The program scheduled, Ron, N4SFU's "COME AND SEE", was pre-empted by family participation in the Pine Tree Festival in Swainsboro.

Pres. Jim said the Antenna instruction/construction project is still scheduled for 2 June at Geo.L.Smith State Park, but possibly might be changed because we are now scheduling VE testing on Saturday morning meetings and advertised via ARRL. Update on that at the next meeting on 3rd Thursday 17 May.

We now have 2 certain and one probable vendors for our hamfest. Others are expected also. Steve, W8AFX and Georgia are mentioning every morning on the RV net they are coming to our hamfest with their Eagle One Antennas, and also are bringing the fancy quilt that Georgia has made, to be viewed only. It will be awarded at the Orlando Hamcation to the RV Service Net members by prize ticket number there in February. Beautiful quilt, appraised at \$2500.

VE's are needed every Saturday morning meeting of SARA club to examine upgrades and new hams. Tommy, KJ4ZHI is a VE and others have sent papers in to become VE's also. Tests will be scheduled at 1000 hours on Saturday SARA meetings. Thanks fellows. (Jim, N4MOC will be "field stocked" with ARRL supplies for administering license testing)

A proposal to sell lottery tickets for a cash prize in order to raise funds for hamfest expenses was discussed. It will be presented at next meeting for further discussion. Donations by members for hamfest expenses continue at each meeting. We need everyone to donate as you are able so that club main account will not be tapped for hamfest expenses. A profit at the hamfest is expected, but the preparatory expenses need to be paid before that date.

Joint activities with the Statesboro STARS club, e.g., a trip with STARS to Visit 8th Air Force Museum, and Field Day at Oasis with STARS visitors, are promising to both clubs. Should boost our enthusiasm and interest and participation.

SARA net meets Tuesdays, 1930 hours. Everybody tune in to 147.000, then join STARS Net at 2000 hours on 147.105.

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