

March 2017

Palouse Hills ARC

Meeting Minutes for 03/22/2017

The Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was called to order by President Roger Daisley (W7ALA) on March 22, 2017 at 1859 hours, at the American Legion Cabin in Moscow.

Officiating the meeting were Roger Daisley (W7ALA), President; Elizabeth Simon (KK7VO) Vice President; Eric Bechtel (AE7UF), Treasurer; and Randall Ramsey (KI7BSW), Secretary.

Club Business Reports

The previous months meeting minutes were approved as published. Eric reported \$3588.49 in the account, not including the amount in dues received this evening. The website certificate updates were performed by Austin Cole (KF7SIW).

The repeater on Kamiak Butte is back in service, and it is not associated with KBARA.

The Field Day Committee provided voted on decisions to the members. The Field Day events will take place at the Latah County Fairgrounds—the fairgrounds will be reserved. Bill Ward (K9GRZ) will provide a trailer. The Committee is anticipating one dual band radio, one digital VHF radio, and one HF radio. Jim Kusznr (K7LL) is the contact to reserve the hydrogen fuel cell. Logging software for computers was suggested. For more points, we will be sending letters to elected officials--Sheriff, Mayor, City Council members, County Commissioners--to have them show up during our festivities.

Presentation of the month

The presentation was suppose to be by Ed Walker from Pullman Building Supply on Generators; however, he did not show up. Instead, more information from Bill Ward (K9GRZ) and Latah County Auxillary Communications. (See next section.)

Ham Opportunities for Community Service

Bill (K9GRZ) announced local community events where hams could participate:

- Apr 9 – Moscow Rolling Hills Half-Marathon & 10K-run (local event),
- Apr 14-15 – Riggins Jetboat races—safety meeting on Friday,
- Jun 7 – Nez Perce EOC exercise (local event),
- Sep 10 – Moscow Mountain Madness (local event), &
- Sep 14-17 – Latah County Fair (local event).

Bill mentioned FEMA training in North Idaho taking place in Spokane or Couer D'alene. Below is an excerpt from an email sent by Bill about the course for those who may be interested.

AUXCOM is a Communication Course developed by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications that focuses on radio communication and provides a broad knowledge of the fundamental principles of communication systems used by emergency management agencies. It aligns with both ICS and NIMS.

The course is designed to teach Volunteer Amateur Radio Communicators a number of essential topics that will assist them in working with the Communications Leader (COM-L) and the Communication Technical Lead (COM-T) during a disaster. It is designed to confirm knowledge of responsibilities, roles, and functions within the Communications Unit, as well as roles and function of the auxiliary emergency communicator.

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The course:

- Identify positions within the Communications unit
- Describe responsibilities of positions within the Communications Unit, including auxiliary emergency communications volunteers
- Describe the planning cycle
- Identify other agencies/organizations responsible for coordination and providing assets
- Describe the functions of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Meeting adjourned at 1938 hours; the next meeting is on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. See you there.

73,

Ramsey KI7BSW