

Palouse Hills ARC Monthly Meeting Minutes -- January 2019

Meeting Minutes 01/23/2019

The Palouse Hills Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was Called to Order by President Elizabeth Simon (KK7VO) on January 23, 2019, at 1912 hours. The meeting took place at the American Legion Cabin in Moscow. [Note: There were no monthly meetings conducted in November and December of 2018.]

Officiating the meeting:

Elizabeth Simon (KK7VO) President
Cliff Clark (AG7CC) Vice President

Eric Bechtel (AE7UF), Treasurer
Randall Ramsey (KI7BSW), Secretary

General membership attending:

Geoff Billin (KC7QCS)

Matthew Gee (KT7MLG)

Sandee Schumacher (KA9UNA)

Bob Dillon (W7INF)

Rob Hooper (KI4NCT)

Tom Storer (KI6DER)

Dahmen Garner (KI7SIJ)

Dave Schumacher (KF7CSV)

Club Business:

Account balance: \$5087.18

Meeting minutes: No new minutes posted since September 2019 meeting--no motion to approve minutes made.

Radio Room News: Bob (KI2JY) mentioned the room has not been forgotten, but will be revisited once he gets back from a road trip. Tom (KI6DER) has carpeting, shelves, work tables and cabinets, to be installed later.

New Business:

- Motion approved and passed to supply \$500 for seed money for the SHFPC.
- Repeater Info: The Moscow Mountain repeater (146.82) currently has the link switched off. No ker-chunk!
- November 2019 Monthly Meeting will be held on 11/20/2019. No motion required.
- Don (KF7ETS) has put up for lend an IC-725 HF xcvr and MFJ Differential T-Tuner. He does have an IC-7A for sale ... see Geoff (KC7QCS) if interested in either deal.

Spokane Ham Fest Planning Committee (SHFPC):

The first meeting for 2019 will be February 12. The first meeting will require the seed money to be submitted. The seed money will pay for the site, vendor tables, raffle prizes, door prizes and Last year's proceeds for each individual contributing ARC was approximately \$715.

Field Day Planning Committee:

- Location--Latah County Fairgrounds,
- Potentially use of the Sheriff's trailer,
- Implement a Frequency mangager through band pass filters,
- Contest mode—Phone, CW & Digital.
- Power source—Generator, Batteries and Solar.

ARES Corner:

ARES Meeting with both Whitman and Latah Counties will occur on February 12 at 1900hrs at the Latah County Courthouse in Room 2B. The meeting will go over the new management scheme and the new training requirements for membership and participation.

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Community Service & Training Opportunities:

Future opportunities:

- Jan 26-27 (noon2noon) -- Winter Field Day 2019, Robinson Park – Hosted by AuxComm & DSARC. Weather conditions permitting.
- April 19-21 – Riggins Jet Boat Races: <https://goo.gl/forms/4bN2w9Z9paSFACbm2>
- Jun 20-23 -- Idaho Rally: staging at Idaho City area. www.rallydata.com
- The American Red Cross (ARC) is looking for volunteers for Duty Officer Manager. Training for the position will be provided by the ARC. Learn more from your local ARC.

Past opportunities:

- Sep 29 (Whitman/Latah Counties) – 5th Saturday WA ARES event.
- Oct 06 (Moscow) -- Cops & Robbers 5K & 10K run supported by Moscow PD.
- Oct 12-14 (Robinson Park) – Mini Field Day & New Technician training sponsored by DSARC & AuxComm.
- Oct 20 & 27 (Lewiston) – Ham Technician training sponsored by Hell's Gate ARC.
- Nov 30 (Moscow) – Moscow COC Parade and Winter Carnival.

Presentation:

Introduction to CW (Part 1 of 2): Presented by Cliff (AG7CC) and Ramsey (KI7BSW) this presentation is geared for those hams who are struggling to get proficient enough to make that first contact. Although not exclusive, the presentation welcomes hams from all levels of CW experience.

Initially, it is a story about How and Why 2 local hams got into CW. In this age of No-Code Amateur Radio Service licensing, it recounts their success and failures. The experience is rendered into poignant heuristics, such as, it takes several methods (there is not just one golden pill method). Also, everyone learns a little differently (design a method to match your learning style and at your own pace). Lastly, necessity dictates how quickly you will pick up code. Following the first presentation, the participant will be able to decide if CW is for them, and what objectives are necessary to effectuate that reality.

The first presentation will lightly cover those programs, apps and equipment aides used to to become proficient in CW. Importantly, it presents a group of like-minded individuals, who want to become proficient with CW. We have created ways where we can practice code in class, or from home. Essentially, it gives the participant the flexibility to practice at their own pace, and to receive feedback (to mitigate bad habits early and to provide direction for enhanced learning).

The second part will be presented during the February 27, 2019 Monthly Meeting. The meeting will take place at the same time at the same place. The January meeting was adjourned at 1943 hours. Don't forget to pay your dues.

73,

Ramsey – KI7BSW