

May 17, 2016 Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee gathered at about 6:45 p.m. on May 17, 2016 next to Thomas Hammer Coffee in Pullman. Present were: Treasurer Jim (K7LL), Vice-President Elizabeth (KK7VO), Director Tom (KG7LDU), Director Tom (KI6DER), and Secretary Geoff (KC7QCS).

We reviewed the agenda for the May 25 meeting. In addition to the approval of April minutes and financial report, it will include:

- A review of Field Day (June 25-26) plans.
- Status report on the Cascadia Rising event on June 9.
- Status report on the installation of emergency communication facilities at the airport.

The evening's presentation will be by the Field Day Committee. There are positions to fill, and volunteers will be recruited. Tom (KI6DER) will speak on the details of Field Day 2016. It's possible this year that attendees will be asked to chip in for food and drink.

Some notes about Field Day preparations:

- Elizabeth has obtained the press release for the 2014 PHARC Field Day. She plans to update it appropriately, and plans to contact Chris (KF7HXJ), the previous Publicity person to get information on how to contact local media outlets.
- Bill (K9GRZ) was asked to contact the Latah County Sheriff's Office to arrange to borrow the Sheriff's Communication Trailer. We don't know if this has been done.
- Jay (N7ZUF) has possession of the Whitman County ARES trailer at his residence. We don't know if arrangements to use it are complete. [Secretary's note: I misunderstood and earlier minutes stated incorrectly that this was the Whitman County Emergency Management trailer. There are no plans to use that trailer; it rarely leaves Whitman County.]
- The Schweitzer ham club plans to operate from a vacant lot near the SEL campus.
- Some WSU students have been working on some equipment to accompany the fuel cell power source. We don't yet know if that equipment will be ready, but think that we will have an answer by next week.

We expect Roger (W7ALA) to bring coffee again. Tom (KI6DER) will bring goodies. We want Roger to bring his projector for the Field Day presentation.

We talked about membership. Geoff showed 16 paid-up members, but there may be some who paid prior to January.

We discussed future meeting presentations.

- The June meeting will not have a special program. The time will be devoted to preparation for Field Day. The meeting might be held at the Field Day site.
- The July meeting will be a pot luck "Not a Christmas Party" picnic at a Kruegel Park in Pullman. There are some details to be worked out.
- The August program will be another "Show and Tell" opportunity.

Future presentations could include:

- Jim K7LL on Winlink with a demonstration of a setup.
- Faraday cages and other technology to protect equipment from EMP.
- RFID technology.
- (Perhaps quarterly) ARES status including local, regional and national events and plans.
- Licensing and classes including statistics, other sites and plans.
- Tom KI6DER on surges, lightning and grounding.
- Radio Astronomy, perhaps tied in with amateur satellite communication.
- A tour of the "Fab Lab" in Moscow.
- Geoff KC7QCS on the JT65 digital protocol and operation.

The group saw no need for the Executive Committee to meet in June. The next Executive Committee meeting will probably be July 19, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at about 7:15 p.m.

Geoff Billin, KC7QCS, Secretary