

Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes
July 18, 2009

Call to Order: 08:05 by Tom K8TOM

Introductions: David KB7GFL, Dave W7AGJ, Mike WB7FJG, Brad KE7EOF, Wes KE7EEA, Diane KE6JRP, Charlie N6IBI, Bruce W7BCW, Kathy KE7CGE, Nathan KE7HOJ, David KE7HOK, Eldon WAOUWH, Bob KC7UGK, Martin AC7SI, Dan N7ENE

Secretary/Treasurer Report: \$734.39 as of July 18, 2009, Activity +\$14 dues deposit and \$0.13 interest, -\$49.21 Field Day food expenses

Repeater Status:

70 cm: Okay

2 m link: Okay

6 m: Inop

APRS: Inop

Old Business: Our Field Day effort this year earned 1,532 points... 262 points for contacts and 1,270 in bonus points! Final points awarded will be determined by the ARRL after review of our entry. Brad was the club's Field Day coordinator this year and had set up a number of activities in advance. The Monroe Monitor had a fine article in the June 30th issue complete with Dave AA7L making contacts. Additionally, Monroe Mayor Walser attended to witness our activity. The club sent a letter of thanks to Mayor Walser supporting our efforts. Tom received several comments how nicely done our information display was. Dave, AA7L had his solar powered QRP station set up with updated information displayed of the states contacted. Eldon had his "Whisper" rig on the air and discussed technical information with the press. The Monroe city emergency services bus was in position and provided the emergency power. John constructed a dipole antenna as our educational demonstration. David KB7GFL completed the entry and sent it to ARRL HQ. Suggestions are being solicited for next year's FD; give them to David KB7GFL to hold on to for next year.

New business: Tom had discussed having possible RFI problems and inquired who the ARRL Section Technical Consultant was. Later it was discovered Tom was not the cause of any RFI issues. Several other stories of RFI issues were voiced by club members.

Good of the Order: Tom discussed the purchase of an EZ Rotorcard he purchased from Idiom Press for his home station. He was very pleased with the product and their customer service. Eldon has mentioned a possible kit building class in the future. Marty suggested members list various pieces of test equipment that would be available to other club members in need. Brad stated "Night Out Against Crime" will be August 4th, 6-9 pm at Lake Tye Park. It was suggested that we have club member photos on our club web page. Further discussions will take place on this idea. David KB7GFL mentioned that there are local area Hams chatting on 28.420 MHz.

Adjournment: 09:05 by Tom