

AJARC

Meeting Agenda September 3, 2024

Location: Old Oak Tap Room, 665 Erwin Hwy, Tusculum, Tn 37745

Present: 24 Members, 3 Guests, Meeting led by Bryan Smith (AA4BS).

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 19:00 pm

Meeting

1. **Meeting called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.**
2. **Roll call of attendees/call signs**
3. **Secretary/Treasurer report - Allie Peet, AA4IM**

Checking balance: September 3, 2024 \$7,582.87.

Membership: 60 members currently. Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site. Donations or renewal of memberships can be done through PayPal or by check.

4. **Old business:**

Tower /Repeater update:

- September Work Day – discussion on dates and existing conflict 14th for Lakeway Hamfest. Also, possible weather issue raised. Education Committee having a table at Lakeway Hamfest. 21st was the backup. Larry, KN4MVH motioned to move work party to 21st, 2nd by Ian, KE4EAC. Motion passed; none opposed.
- 440 Repeater research and update – Bryan AA4BS working with Bob, N4FV; Bob reached out to Jimmy Mullins who acquired two MTR2000 Motorola repeaters and parts. Eddie has them. MTR2000 is latest conventional repeater that Motorola made up until they went to the new digital stuff. It doesn't like to play well with external controls. The MTER system runs the MTR2000, and a bunch in the area. Solid repeaters. \$500 for both a VHF 100w [needs resistor change for bank change to work in HAM range – lots of people have done this] and UHF 100w, and battery backup is 28v. Has built in power supply. Will swap them out. Go max erp at that point on both machines, and they'll both be improved. He has a 6M Micor Motorola unit as well [currently running a mobile for this]; don't know the dollar figure at moment. All a big improvement from where we are now. KE4EAC made motion to amend the purchase approval to get (include in) purchase the 6M and get it functional within that \$2,000 limit that approved at last meeting. 2nd from Ralph, K4MIJ. All in favor; passed. The 6M would not be on the backup battery at this point; the 440 and 2M would. KE4EAC discussed the battery back up, and refreshing that.
- Tower update – Bryan AA4BS – filled out the Forest Service annual inventory form and submitted today. No further news on this.
- Adjacent tower – State of TN replacing condemned tower; they've cleared trees, widened the road, put milled asphalt through part of the road all the way to the top, and they are building a new 200 ft tower this month. This means that it will have to have a light.

Education Committee Update: Ian KE4EAC and Larry KN4MVH gave brief update

- Wednesday night's, 6-9 pm, Maker's Pace – tutoring, office, etc.

Activity Day Discussion Update: Bryan AA4BS

- Shared Emergency questions and scenarios from Rutherford group did at Field Day – brief discussion by group, and previous similar experiences locally in Camp Creek. Requires EMA, and Bryan says he's working with Heather to work on this.
- CPR Training follow up – Bryan talked with Jonathan Gray, retired GFD, he offers First Aid, CPR, AED, Blood born pathogen, and Narcan. Normally \$85/pp for 3 1/2-4 hr course + 45 min if add Narcan, with digital book, and certificate good for two years. Larry KN4MVH, via church, recently took CPR only class. Paramedic, Jim Edwards, out of Johnson City, offers on donation basis, four hour training, and brings dummies, etc. Needs 12 people and a location. Larry gave Bryan his business card to follow up. He'll get more information. Will revisit next meeting.
- Other steps to decide what, when, and organize

Other Old Business

- Wal-Mart Distribution Center grant request – Larry Whiteside KN4MVH - no update; waiting to hear

5. New Business & Roundtable:

- Larry KN4MVH – 1.) new radio club formed in Gray area, NE TN Radio Community, designed for ANY radio communications; President, Mike Burras, Eric McCord [VP], Sean Dennis is Treasurer. They meet the last Saturday of the month. Have some email addresses if interested in finding out more. They have 17 members for start up.; 2.) SkyWarn – meeting last Saturday. Big push to change activations to GMRS linked network, as opposed to HAM radio, as of Sept 7th. Email yesterday put that on hold because of recent FCC interpretation about linked GMRS networks – not legal, since GMRS is only approved for stand alone 50w. Trying to make SkyWarn open to other forms of communication.; 3.) wife is volunteer with Medical Reserve Corp. – Sept 12, 8a – 4:30p, scheduled event G191 Incident Command Center training 1-day class; had to have had the four FEMA classes. Have email if want to get on list of the Medical Reserve Corp.
- Ian KE4EAC plan to get the tower up at Maker's Space is getting worked on. Got the room already; to put the tower up requires the base, and in the city. Will have radios there to play.
- Allie, AA4IM raised November meeting falls on Election Day both National and club, or consider moving it to the following week? Discussion. Motion to move November meeting to November 12, Bob KM4EBZ. 2nd by Steve, KJ4EOC. Approved.
- Nomination Committee need to meet, and give slate next meeting. Committee members are Larry White AG4OB, Eddie Barker KO4EVE, and Kyle Fortenberry AE4DF.

Meeting adjourned: Larry White AG4OB motioned, and meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.