

Arkansas Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes of regular meeting March 20, 2010  
at The Junction - La Junta

Arkansas Valley Amateur Radio Club held it's regular monthly meeting on March 20, at the Frontier Diner in Cheraw. Members and guests present and signing the attendance book were:

KCOVGS Mike/Teresa Wadleigh	KCORIZ Owen/Dona Hixon
WOZZS Fred/Bobbie Pfannenschmid	WOKEV Howard Luehring
KA0GFQ Rita Luehring	KOURU Bob/Barb Lovisone
NOQKE Arthur Roos, Jr	KCONDOR Charles Jacob
KCONDQ Loretta Jacob	

After a good meal, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob KOURU at 1253 local.

Minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved by the membership.

Owen KCORIZ reminded the membership that the weekly emergency and radio check net is still open each Wednesday at 0900. He stressed that it is always a good idea to keep your 2 meter receiver on during the time you are home, especially during the severe weather season coming up this spring. There is always a possibility that you may be the only one to hear a distress call, and therefore be the one to contact emergency responders.

Fred WOZZS asked whether the time-out delay on our La Junta repeater had been increased from 3 to 5 minutes as discussed previously. Howard, WOKEV was not certain, and we will inquire of John KOIKN or Garvin ACOAU whether this has been done. We've had very little problem lately, as most of us remember to un-thumb the mike frequently to allow the repeater to catch its breath. There have been cases, however, when the time-out activated; this causes an awkward delay while the repeater re-sets and goes back online.

Bob KOURU asked for a show of hands of those intending to be at the Operation Skywarn training session April 6 at 1830 hours local at La Junta City Council chamber. There should be some new video footage of weather events and this is where you can sign up to be a NOAA weather watcher for your area.

ARRL Field Day is always the last full weekend in June. It occurs this year on June 26,27, Saturday/Sunday. Owen suggested a change of location, and it was mentioned that we have had difficulty securing our area at Holbrook due to skiers and boaters (and sometimes wildlife). Alternate locations were mentioned, including City Park, Bent's Fort, Bob's back forty in Manzanola. We decided that anyone who has an idea should research the availability and suitability and be prepared to discuss it at the April meeting, where we will vote on the 2010 Field Day location. Both public parks may have a restriction on after dark activity, so we'll need to investigate that before deciding.

Next meeting will be at Thyme Square in La Junta. That's the former Woolworth's building on the square, across from Colorado Bank. Meeting time is April 17 at noon.

Meeting was adjourned at 1315 local, and the drawing for trash/treasure was held, winners were: Dona, Loretta, Fred, Owen, Charles, Teresa, Art, and Bob.

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