



Monthly Business Meeting
April 23, 2018

Present	
Call Sign	Name
W7GRA	Gary Anger
KF7STP	Mike Orcutt
KD7JG	Joel Hinshaw
W7JSN	Jason Fouts
KD7CEM	Don Magee
N7NSL	Ted Ivester
KC7WZT	Doug Toland (Guest)
KB7RGX	Camber Bybee

Tyson began the meeting at 1800.

Gary read the minutes from the 27 March 2018 meeting. Minutes accepted with no changes

Treasurers report. We have \$2,055.47 in our treasury.

We have thirteen paid members and families.

Old Business

Gary briefed the question of the club's tax-exempt status. Gary spoke to a public servant at the Oregon Secretary of State Department who referred him to a group that helps organizations determine if they need to file. Gary sent an in-depth e-mail to them and has yet to receive a reply.

Tyson passed around sample membership drive letters.

Cliff has added a PSA to his morning TRADIO show on 1450 AM touting amateur radio and our club. local La Grande area/baker city Oregon radio.

Tyson stated that our minutes will be added to the Union County Chamber of Commerce and the local newspaper (Observer) calendars.

Brent Clapp has advised Tyson to contact Will Bowen, the producer, about doing a video on the club.

Jason found out that if we were to move the W7GRA repeater ourselves it would not incur any costs. If we were to hire contactors it would then involve local government involvement. If we put the repeater on Mt. Emily it would have to be done under the auspices of ARES.

Tyson gave a visual presentation of our repeaters coverage area. We discussed different options including installing a 70cm rig on mount Emily. Tyson discussed potential interference with other regional repeaters using the same frequency of 146.980 and using the same tones. We would have to coordinate with higher authorities.

Jason will let us know when the county will be going up to the mount Emily tower to do maintenance.

New Business

Jason gave a report on the annual spring ARES set. He is trying to build up the local ARES team and brought in applications. The next ARES SET will be in October 2018

VE Exams. Nothing on the schedule yet. We have had several inquiries but no commitments.

Jim Reed in Halfway Oregon is trying to get a club started for the Halfway and Richland Oregon area.

Winlink program is undergoing changes. New quicker software is becoming available. New software is ARDOP and VARA.

The new software will be 'significantly faster'.

ARRL is asking the FCC to grant expanded HF privileges to Technician class. The proposal would grant limited frequency and limited power privileges to Technicians. It adds phone privileges on 75, 40 and 15 meters and digital and RTTY privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter bands.

Tyson asks that all who are in possession of any club materials and equipment let him what you have, just for inventory sake.

Silent Keys

Art Bell of radio fame passed on 13 April in Pahrump Nevada

Arthur Bingham, more local, passed recently. (KG7AAS) La Grande/Richland Oregon) Jim Reed has salvaged Arthurs equipment for future donation to the club Jim has been trying to erect.

Upcoming Events

Weather Spotter Training via WebEx on 24 April 2018. 1900 to 2100 pacific time. (Pendleton Oregon Weather Service)

Tri Cities swap meet 5/5/2018

SEAPAC June 1,2,3 2018.

Hog Wild Days in Island City Oregon. Same weekend as SEAPAC.
Any interest in setting up a site from club members?

Field Day June 23 and 24 2018 at Bird Track Springs campsite outside of La Grande Oregon.
Tyson will post flyers around the county at various sites.
He will also try to get various civic leaders to come out to field day

Crazy Days, La Grande Oregon July 21, 2018. We may want to set up a booth and run VHF and even HF and try to help with the event.

Blue Mountain net, Tuesdays at 1945 pacific time on/around 3955 kHz.

Other

Gary added to the silent key report that he sent in the Report of Silent Key form upon learning of Art Bell's passing (W6OBB), and on the passing of Nick Allamand, a local ham who passed on 13 March 2018 (KE7ZSD)

Presentations

Joel Hinshaw gave a presentation on an older model Swan transceiver, which he repaired, explaining the problems it presented and how he diagnosed the problems and the solutions to the problems. Model 350C.

Tyson gave another presentation on slow scan TV which he copied from the International Space Station. He showed the imaged he captured while the ISS was over and/or near Oregon USA. Quite amazing. Tyson is now smitten by the Overhead i.e. satellite QSO bug.

The meeting adjourned at 1924 pacific time

Minutes submitted and emailed to the membership by
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