Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2018

Present were

Name	Call	Name	Call
Gary Anger	W7GRA	Don Magee	KD7CEM
Tyson Brooks	KI7FXJ	Joel Hinshaw	KD7JG
Camber Bybee	KB7RGX	Ted Ivester	N7NSL
Graham Hicks	W4PJS	Michael Abernathy	KG7UAV
Larry Wilson	W7IXZ	Kandi Hall	
Nancy Wilson	W7IYA	Joe Nolan	KB7WDI
Jason Fouts	W7JSN		

The meeting began at 1801. Gary read the minutes of the July meeting. No changes, minutes accepted. Treasurers report $2055.47 no change.

Old Business

Membership Drive. Tyson has printed letters to be mailed to local hams and will mail them out. No assistance needed.

KLBM local radio and Baker City station are still running our Public Service Announcements throughout the day.
Graham thought that we should add to the PSA the names of those entities who support us such as the Grande Ronde Hospital.

Tyson is still working on the club inventory 'quartermasters' list as he sorts through the equipment.

New Business

ARES Report – W7JSN. No date set yet for the Fall SET. Jason has ARES applications for those interested. It is not necessary to apply to operate under ARES unless you are the sole operator in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). Jason does need new photographs of those who have applied.

VE Report- N7NSL. We have some potential new hams. Carl Peterson and two family members who live in Troy Oregon, Ann Gosnell in Wallowa Oregon, one young man in Elgin who approached Don Magee, and an acquaintance of Kandi Hall.
On that subject, Ted who holds the VE materials would like to pass them on to another VE next year. Gary volunteered.

We decided to set a date for a VE sitting, which will be October 23,2018. We will publish that date. The time will be 1830 after an abbreviated club meeting at the La Grande Fire Station if we have any candidates.

FT8Call - Tyson brought up the existence of a new digital mode, FT8Call, being developed by KN4CRD. It allows operators to 'rag chew' . Tyson discussed this mode's goals and methodology. It is a highly modified version of WSJT-X software.

WWV - The White House is proposing the defunding of WWV (Time Tick and Weather-related information on High Frequency). Joel has forwarded to all members an e-mail with information and a link to a petition to continue funding. Please sign the petition.

Fox Hunt - We held a Fox Hunt on 8/18 and had 4 teams participate, one team included a Search and Rescue member. We held three hunts with various degrees of success. We agreed to meet one day soon and test our direction-finding equipment to help improve our proficiency.

Donated Items - Tyson brought in some donated radios and equipment donated by KB6QED. It is free for the taking. Tyson has more stuff at home. Contact Tyson for more information. He will consolidate a list.

Web Site -Tyson request we look at the club website and provide him feedback

Google Account - Tyson would like to start a google account on which to input club board members contact information

Tyson is looking for ideas for a club logo that we can all use at the local embroidery shop to have sewn unto personal items and have your callsign embroidered on personal items.

Joel recommends we go to WF7S website to see a list of eastern Oregon repeaters.

Up Coming Events

1.BBQ Sept 3, 2018- The club barbeque is being held on 3 September 2018 at 1300 at the Hinshaw's residence at 210 Main Street in Summerville Oregon.
bring a side dish. rest provided. Please park on the right side before the bridge unless you are not ambulant. If not ambulant cross the bridge and park on the platform. (bring boats or duckies etc. to float down the creek).

If you use the Mt. Fanny repeater (ARRG) please donate via arrg.org website, $10 or so would be appreciated. That repeater is the 147.260 repeater.

2. Next club breakfast, Flying J in La Grande, 8 September 2018, to be followed by a calibration/equipment check

We will discuss our Christmas event next meeting

Demo

Joel shared a homebrew 6-meter antenna and discussed the ease with which one can build one

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