



Meeting Minutes for  
July 23, 2019  
Present were

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Gary Anger	W7GRA	Mike Abernathy	KK7MA
Jason Fouts	W7JSN	Don Magee	KD7CEM
Joel Hinshaw	KD7JG	Graham Hicks	W7PJS

Joel Hinshaw opened the meeting at 1801. Gary read the June minutes. Minutes accepted.

Treasury report:

No Treasure's report

Old Business:

Club repeater. Wires-X is still down.

Field Day 2019. Tyson put together a summary of results which Joel e-mailed out to members. The bulk of the contacts were in California (24%), Western Washington (20%), Oregon (10%) and British Columbia (5%). Joel opined that different antennas at future field days might get the club more distant contacts, i.e. a 3-element beam.

New Business:

New Ham in the Area--KDODLX, Clyde Price in Baker City, a new ham, has been on local repeaters. Give him a shout if you hear him.

Software updates

VARA - It is part of the Winlink suite. There is new mandatory update coming up on July 27. There is a VARA-chat and a VARA terminal program which are possibly part of the update.

Ham Radio Deluxe - Installed a new software license server, so users need to install the latest version of Ham Radio Deluxe and get a new software key.

W7FJTX 2.1.0 - had a mandatory update. Older version will no longer work.  
FT4 is fully functional.

ARRL - is planning to do some major website updates and will discard old forgotten and unused pages.

W7GRA Website - Tyson added 2019 Field day results and solicits ideas on the website.

### ARES Report:

Our local members are still running a Sunday evening net and are learning more and more how to make things work. Jason thanks all who participate.

Mike Abernathy explained a lot about the frequency usage of the ARES sessions which take place on Sunday evenings and diagrammed how the Spout Springs repeater and links function, and why there are or can be problems with links interfering with each other. Very good explanation. Contact Mike (KK7MA) for more details.

### VE Report:

Tyson was able to download and print new General pool exams which are now in the Club's VE box.

### Events:

Recent Fox Hunt. We had four participants last Saturday. Mike Abernathy, Mike Orcutt, Tyson Brooks, and Gary Anger. Next meeting, we will discuss holding yet another Fox Hunt this year.

We discussed possibly holding a Fox Hunt on the morning of Labor Day, September 2, which is the day of the club picnic.

Meacham Oregon Family Fun Day August 10th from 0800 to 1600. Tyson will be setting up a station in Meacham for that event. That is also the day of the Club breakfast.

Club Picnic, Labor Day, September 2nd at the Hinshaw residence in Summerville Oregon beginning at 1300. At the next meeting we will discuss what we can all bring to add to the hot dog and burger menu that the club will provide.

### Contest Report:

August 3rd, 2019 is the 10-10 Single Side Band contest. Go to [contestcalendar.com](http://contestcalendar.com) for details.

G3ZQS Memorial straight key contest will be from August 5th to September 4th, 2019.

Hiram Percy Maxim birthday celebration August 31st through September 8th, 2019. There is a free logging program just for this event.

Graham reminded us that Hiram Percy Maxim is not only known for his contributions to amateur radio, but also as the inventor of the Machine Gun.

The meeting adjourned at 1842

W7GFA sends.