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Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Jim Lawler, WYØB. There were 31 members and guests present.

Hamfest Committee Mac McKenzie, K4CHS, reported that a series of dates are being considered for the 1992 Columbia Hamfest and Computer Expo, to be held at the Hearn Center on the Mizzou campus. Some of the dates being considered are in early spring, and some are in the summer. The Hamfest committee will meet soon to set the final date. Inquiries into dates for other nearby hamfests, with an eye toward coordinating a date on the same weekend, revealed that most other clubs looking at similar time frames either have not set dates or are not having hamfests this year. Therefore, we will choose a date for our own convenience that does not conflict with other large nearby events. It was also suggested that we ask potential commercial exhibitors about possible dates so that potential conflicts can be avoided, although there was general agreement that we should not let exhibitors dictate dates to us.

Technical Report There have been no recent serious problems with the repeater, although Mac commented that some operators occasionally have problems with the digit "9" being recognized by the controller. He suggested that these problems be noted and reported to him. Fine-tuning of the repeater frequency may be necessary.

John Turner, NDØN, reminded that club that the 220 MHz repeater control link is now out-of-band since privileges on 220-222 MHz were removed by the FCC in August. Mac, K4CHS, noted that he can coordinate a new frequency pair using the Mid-American Coordination Council band plan. The club voted to authorize purchase of the necessary crystals for the frequency change.

Midwest Region Vice-Director Jesse Bowen, WMØY, read a letter from Bill McGrannahan, KØORB, currently the ARRL Missouri Section Manager, that announced Bill's candidacy for ARRL Midwest Region Vice-Director. The letter included an endorsement from the president of the Johnson County, Kansas club. Several of our members praised Bill for his efforts as Missouri Section Manager and endorsed his candidacy for Vice-Director. The club voted to include Bill's letter and the accompanying endorsement in this issue of the *Squelch Tale*.

VE Exams John, NDØN, advised the club that he has the ARRL software for generating FCC license exams locally. This means the club exam team will always have fresh exams for all license classes, and for both written and code elements. Local preparation and copying of exam booklets and answer sheets is supported financially by the fraction of exam fees retained by the club.

Local FCC Exam Classes Jim, WYØB, announced that a class entitled "An Introduction to Amateur Radio" is being offered through the Columbia Adult Education program. The instructor is Stanley Bakich, WØPHR. This class is not sponsored by or connected with our club in any way. However, there was general agreement that the club should contact the instructor and offer our cooperation. A motion was made and passed to have President Dale Huffington offer our assistance and at least provide information about our club and the local ham radio community.

Holiday Banquet Jim, WYØB, inquired about who is responsible for arranging our annual Holiday Banquet, held in place of our December meeting at a local restaurant. Upon being informed that the honor was his, Jim asked whether the restaurant we met at last year was suitable. There was general agreement that we need more

room than was available at that location, since families are invited and the attendance last year was over 40. Jim will be looking for a new location. In the meantime, set aside December 10 at 7 pm for our traditional holiday festivities.

New Members Three new members were accepted into the club: Donna Swartz, KBØJGK, of Columbia; Gary LaForce, of Hallsville; and Charles Cheek, NØOSS, of Rocheport. An application for membership was received from Bill Orey, NØOSI, of Hartsburg.

CMEN

The Central Missouri Radio Association meets every Wednesday evening at 2100 local time to practice emergency net procedures, handle traffic, and make announcements to area hams. For further information, contact Net Manager Ann Guptill, WBØTEG.

VE Exams

VEC exams will be available after the October club meeting. Check with John Turner, NDØN, for details.

October Meeting

The September meeting will be at 7 pm on **Tuesday, Oct. 8**, at the Boone Electric Coop, 1413 Range Line St.

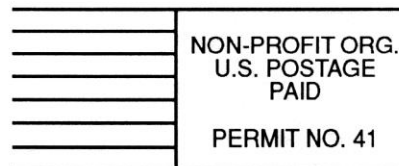
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Oct. Election of ARRL Midwest Div. Vice-Director

The following letter was addressed to all Midwest Division radio clubs from current Missouri Section Manager Bill McGrannahan, KØORB.

Greetings to all ARRL members in the Midwest Division. I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of Vice Director and to introduce myself to you.

I was born in southeastern Kansas and lived in Neodesha until high school. Most of my adult life, with the exception of my service time, I have lived in Missouri. (My service time was with the Alaskan Air Transport Command.) I'm a graduate of both the Universities of Kansas and Missouri and have also attended Iowa U. and Nebraska U. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I have close ties with all four states in our ARRL Midwest Division.

Most of us have difficulty writing or talking about ourselves. For several days now, I have been mentally writing and rewriting this letter. Yesterday a copy of the Johnson County, KS Amateur Radio Club *Feedback* came across my desk. In it is a very generous endorsement by President Cliff Chamney, KØBIX. Cliff's article is enclosed.

If time and your meeting format allows, I would ask you to read these letters to your members. Perhaps you would rather print them in your newsletter; but, no matter how you handle this, I will be grateful for your support.

In closing, I promise to fight for our fine hobby on both the national and local levels and to support our Director Paul Grauer, WØFIR. Paul is unopposed during this election.

Vy 73, Bill McGrannahan, KØORB

The following is reprinted from the Johnson County, KS Amateur Radio Club newsletter, the Feedback. The author is Cliff Chamney, KØBIX.

President's Corner de KØBIX RACE FOR VICE-DIRECTOR OF ARRL MIDWEST DIVISION

Bill McGrannahan, KØORB, ARRL Section Manager of Missouri, is running for ARRL Midwest Division Vice-Director. I work with Bill in the Metropolitan Emergency Coordinator's Council, the Quarter Century Wireless Association, and the Heart of America Radio Club. He is active on HF SSB as well as 2M FM and packet.

As a retired professional, Bill has the time, skills, and means to do the job. He is doing an excellent job as SM of Missouri, and his work is highly respected. I find him to be knowledgeable, sensible, energetic, competent, practical, and genuinely friendly. He has superb interpersonal and political skills, getting along very well with everyone I know. We could not ask for a better Vice Director than Bill. ARRL members will receive, about October, a ballot for Director and Vice-Director.

As an individual amateur I offer the highest recommendation for Bill, KØORB, to the office of Vice-Director.

Equipment Available

Estate Sale The following equipment is available from the estate of an SK in Moberly. The asking prices are in parentheses: Drake TR4 HF xcvr w/ speaker (\$350); Kenwood TS520SE HF xcvr (\$200); SB 230 Heathkit amp. (\$300); SB200 Heathkit amp. (\$250); Drake 2700 ant. tuner (\$150); Dentron 3000A ant. tuner (\$150); Heathkit phone patch (\$25); TVI filter (\$25). In addition, a variety of tubes, mostly receiver tubes, are available. Contact Al Baker, WØCBV (816-263-1591) if interested. Bill, KFØKC, attests that this equipment is very clean and has received excellent care.

Surplus Equipment Bill, NØAXZ, reports that 29 mobile FM radios manufactured by Motorola and GE have been surplus by the University. They will be available at the next University surplus sale. These mobile and base radios operated on 170 MHz with 40 to 110 watts, are crystal controlled (but crystals were removed), and all have touch-tone pads.

Motorola Tube Rigs Chad, NØPIB, of Jeff. City, has mobile and base tube-type radios he will make available to interested parties. These rigs are older, 50's-type radios and operate around 35 MHz. Contact Chad at 893-6834.

