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Meeting Minutes

The December meeting was our annual holiday banquet. Over 40 people, members and families, shared the spirit of the season at the Red Lobster restaurant. In addition to the expected radio talk, President Dale Huffington, AEØS, read a letter from a St. Louis ham thanking Columbia operators for lending assistance on the repeater.

January Meeting

The January meeting will feature the election of officers for the new year. The Nominating Committee met in December and identified candidates that agreed to run for office. The slate of nominees is as follows:

President: Jim Lawler, WYØB
Vice-President: Bill Stroud, NØNMB
Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor: Eric Hoehn, NØNLY
Recording Secretary: Andy Burnett, NØNMM
Treasurer: Doug Turner, NØIKD
Member-at-Large: Tom Taylor, NØOUT.

Nominations for officers will also be accepted from the floor.

ARRL Midwest Region Elections

Paul Grauer, WØFIR, will serve another term as Midwest Region Director. His election was uncontested. Bill McGrannahan, KØORB, former Missouri Section Manager, has been elected as the new Midwest Region Vice-Director. Congratulations, Bill!

To replace Bill as Section Manager for the remainder of his term, Roger Volk, KØGOB (formerly Assistant Section Manager), has been named to serve until Dec. of this year.

Club Station Use

In recent months, Jim Lawler, WYØB, has had the club station open at the Red Cross Building on Monday evenings. Several club members have visited to operate and become acquainted with the club's equipment. This is a benefit to both the club and those we might help since the station is more useful in emergency situations if as many members as possible are trained in its operation.

However, a recent problem has been reported by Red Cross personnel. A long distance phone call was made from the telephone line in the club station. While the toll was not significant monetarily, the Red Cross was concerned about access to the station. They mentioned the number of people who have requested entrance through the upper floor. The Red Cross requested a list of people authorized to use the station and of people with keys to the building. President Dale Huffington, AEØS, indicated that he would provide a club roster, since all active members are eligible to use the club station.

The following is an editorial comment:

This incident again brings up the question of club station use and how to best provide access to members. The Red Cross building is not ideal for the club station because of access difficulties, both in terms of security and literally because of the stairs. In addition, the moist basement location is a less than optimal environment for electronic equipment. However, the facility at the Red Cross does have an excellent antenna system and is available at no charge. The advisability of moving the station is debatable, but it seems obvious that the access problems have not been solved and the usefulness of the club's equipment could be seriously limited. This issue needs to be addressed in coming months at our club meetings as well as with Red Cross personnel.

Swap Net

A new 2 meter net has been organized to aid hams with buying or selling used equipment. Held on the 146.185/.685 repeater (WØDQJ), the net meets on Saturdays at 9 am and again at 7:30 pm. All check-ins are welcome. Equipment can be listed and arrangements made for telephone contact to discuss details.

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.

January Meeting

The January meeting will be at 7 pm on **Tuesday, January 14** at our regular meeting place, the Boone Electric Coop, 1413 Range Line St.

VE Exams

No exams were given in December because of the holiday banquet. Exams will be offered after the January meeting. Contact John Turner, NDØN, if you have questions about exams.

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Newsletter Future

This marks the last issue of the CMRA *Squelch Tale* for your editor. I have edited or contibuted to the newsletter for the last three years. Many of you have indicated that the newsletter has been a useful club function and I hope it can continue in a similar or expanded format in the future.

I would like to express my thanks to the Newsletter Committee for their valuable assistance during the last year. Deserving special thanks are Mac McKenzie, K4CHS, and Brian Thomas, NØLXP, who, on often short notice, have been mainly responsible for copying, folding, affixing address labels, and mailing the newsletter during the past year.

Eric Hoehn, NØNLY, has agreed to edit the newsletter during the coming year and has been nominated as Corresponding Secretary. I hope the club will offer him the same encouragement and support I have experienced. Specifically, we need to constitute a Newsletter Committee for the coming year to help with the important

mechanics of getting the newsletter into the hands of club members and area hams. Our current membership is about 100 so we send about 85 newsletters to member's households. However, as a service we also send newsletters to new area licensees, potential licensees, inactive club members, other interested hams, state ARRL officials, and a few state clubs, for a total mailing of about 225.

Another way members can help is to send information of interest to Eric: articles, technical reports, hints about equipment or amateur radio events, news about club members or area hams. Comments about the newsletter policies are welcome. You can also help by keeping your address current on the newsletter mailing list.

Again, thanks to those who have contibuted to the newsletter and, since I'll have a little more free time each month, I hope to see you on the air!

73
Jesse, WMØY

Happy New Year!

*Best wishes
during the coming year to
CMRA members and their families*

Specifically, happy DXing, CWing, SSBing, FM repeatering, HF mobileering, repeater sponsoring, ragchewing, paper chasing, homebrewing, packeting, RTTYing, volunteering, ATVing, CMEN checking (-in), antenna making, NTSing, public serving, license class teaching, NCSing, Elmering, RACEing, VEing, studying, ARESing, test taking, Morse code practicing, meeting attending, ...

(Quite a range of activities, isn't it? Which will you take part in during 1992?)

