

CMRA Club Meeting Minutes: November 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Daniel, KCOUTW, with 19 in attendance and 2 visitors.

The October minutes were read and accepted.

Old Business:

Joe, KCOWGB, reported on the CMRA net. In Oct there were 5 sessions, 50 QNI, and 3 QTC. He also announced that Jeremy, KOLAD, has volunteered to be a net controller and that Chris, KDOWBV, has been net controller twice since volunteering.

Don, KMOR, reported no new activity for the Technical Committee.

Daniel, KCOUTW, asked if anyone had made contact with the Juno space craft. No confirmed reports.

Loretta reported the NASA project is moving along with early March as the projected contact time period. She stated that Carol Perry from ARRL Headquarters offered to help, as did Steve Nagel, former NASA astronaut and Columbia resident. Steve offered to do what he could to have his friend be the astronaut contacted. Loretta would like to do a dry run to make sure everything goes okay. She stated that Justin, KLOVU, had sent out an equipment list. Don, KMOR, replied it was being worked on. Myron, WOZH, requested help finding workable Azimuth/Altitude controllers. The two he has do not appear to be working.

Bill, NOAXZ, reported he has found a web site that shows the space stations radio foot print as it orbits. He also reported on the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) status. It is scheduled for 9 – 11 AM on Saturday Nov 16. He would like more volunteers to be involved. He presented a short briefing on the scenario of an ice storm and that the documents for the SET are on the BCARES website under forms. Sometime during the SET the exercise will move to 146.505 (HVTac-6). If you can participate call Bill.

Don, KM0R, reported on JOTA and passed around the thank you notes the scouts wrote. He said the scouts had a great time and wanted to know when the next JOTA will be.

New Business:

Daniel, KC0UTW, said we need to appoint a nomination committee to select candidates for the CMRA officers, including Member at Large, to vote on next year. The committee is: Daniel, KC0UTW; Don, KM0R; Mac, K4CHS; Wes, AB0SE; and Bill, NOAXZ.

Thomas, KD0WTK, submitted his membership applications and dues. His application was accepted. Welcome aboard Thomas!

The December meeting will be at Golden Corral at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Griff, N5VWP, gave an informative presentation on a Wi-Fi antenna.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe, KC0WGB
CMRA Recording Secretary