

## CMRA

Club Meeting Minutes: 9/11/2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Daniel, KC0UTW with 22 in attendance.

The August minutes were accepted as published on the CMRA website.

Treasurer's Report was unchanged from last month.

Mike, AC0G, gave a quick run down on upcoming meeting presentations. Fred, AE0FD, and Wes, ABOSE, were scheduled to give a presentation on antenna analyzers tonight, a presentation on emergency communications using MESH network technology is scheduled for the October meeting, and the December meeting will be the annual Club dinner.

## Old Business

A brief discussion followed regarding this year's MS-150 amateur radio operation. Wes, ABOSE, reported working 2 12 hour shifts, at least part of the time with an overly social driver in a Sag vehicle. Mike, AC0G, reported that there was no unneeded excitement in Med 3, which is a good thing. An email from the MS150 folks mentioned that they were happy with communication support provided.

Dave, KV0S, reported on the Balloon Project a bit. Nathan, ACOMZ, brought in the proper hydrogen regulator (nicknamed the Hindenburg.) It looks like the flight might get off in the first weekend in October, on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>. For more current info check the Balloon List. Don, KM0FR, mentioned that some Middle School teachers are hoping to launch their students' payloads next year, so this launch would be good practice for their flights. Help recovering the payload would be appreciated (and educational.)

Dave, KV0S also reported on the current efforts to revive the UMC amateur radio club. There are approximately 12 – 15 people that meet UMC requirements to reform this organization. He mentioned that the call WOMIZ is currently available. (As a CW man I had to remark that MIZ is Dah Dah DIT Dit Dah Dah Dit Dit, which kind of just rolls off the key ... (RS.)

Don, KM0R, reported that the '76 machine is back on the air using a temporary replacement controller so it will be operating a little differently than what we are used to. The Air Conditioner is still off-line due to a part being on back order.

Corey, KC0YNS, spoke about the upcoming Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) event coming up October 20. The local event will be held at the Arrow Rock State Park. It is unknown at this time whether a shelter will be needed due to weather. The Club approved the needed funds to rent the Park's shelter if it is deemed necessary.

Dan, KC0UTW, mentioned that there might be a fox hunt on 9/22.

On a related note, Jim, WY0B, returned the CMRA's long lost fox for possible use at the upcoming JOTA event. The fox was last used at a scout event at Camp Hahn under the callsign NOS.

Don, N0UBC, reminded us to check in to the Wednesday night net which has been moved back to the 146.760 machine.

## New Business

There was no new business raised at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

As mentioned previously, Fred, AE0FD, and Wes, AB0SE gave an informative presentation on antenna analyzers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim / WY0B  
CMRA Recording Secretary