

Squelch Tale

SEPTEMBER 2000

Central Missouri Radio Association

K0SI 146.760/146.160

Minutes From the August Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Minutes read Introductions all around

Dewey

WM0H

Old Business

MS 150 needs hams to help with communications. Hamfest-we need help with many various jobs, please come willing to work.

Hamfest. Note

Well its all over but the shouting, come to the next club meeting and see how it all came out.

New Business

New member voted in Bill Eimer - Bill decided to join the elite. Robert Jett ask all members to bring old digital cellular phones, they can be put to good use.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Each Monday evening (except the second) join with the members at the club station on Worley.

Each Wednesday is Club Net at 9:00 p.m. If you're interested or willing to volunteer for Net Control or if you have questions contact WM0H, Dewey.

September 12th Club Meeting at Boone Electric's conference room at 7:00 P.M.

Second Saturday Club breakfast at the Cracker Barrel. Time 8: a.m.

IN THE NEWS

PHASE 3D launch campaign poised to begin.

The launch campaign for Phase 3D will begin September 11, according to AMSAT-DL Vice President Peter Guelzow, DB2OS. If current schedules hold, the next generation Amateur Radio satellite is expected to go into space in late October or early November.

RF SAFETY RULES NOW IN FORCE FOR ALL AMATEURS

The time has come! Starting Friday, September 1, every US amateur was required to fully comply with the FCC's RF exposure guidelines. The regulations, which went into effect January 1, 1998, require US Amateur Radio operators to read and understand the rules and, where necessary, perform technical evaluations to determine that their stations are compliant with the new regulations. Up until now, only hams who have had to file an Amateur Radio application with the FCC have had to certify compliance with the RF exposure rules. As of September 1, all amateurs must comply.

Under the regulations, an amateur station must not exceed the maximum permissible exposure limits for transmitter operation. MPEs are both frequency and power dependent. "These regulations are not a major burden on the Amateur Radio Service," said ARRL Lab Supervisor Ed Hare, W1RFI, the League's point man on RF exposure issues. "Most hams are already in compliance with the MPE requirements; some hams will need to conduct a simple station evaluation." By and large, the FCC has put hams on the honor system, but compliance with the RF exposure rules is not optional. "Even aside from the fact that every US amateur is required to follow the RF safety regulations, amateurs owe it to themselves, their families, their neighbors, and the general public to follow the FCC guidelines to the letter," said ARRL Pacific Division Director Jim Maxwell, W6CF, in urging compliance complete description of the rules is available on the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/news/rfsafety/>

The site also contains resources to make your station evaluation quite painless. The topic of RF exposure and safety also has been covered extensively in QST (see "FCC RF-Exposure Regulations--the Station Evaluation" by Ed Hare, W1RFI, January 1998 QST). Hare also wrote the standard Amateur Radio reference on the topic of RF exposure, RF Exposure and You, published by the ARRL. The book is aimed at answering all questions about meeting the FCC RF exposure regulations. It includes simple step-by-step worksheets for hams to use to help determine if their stations comply with the rules--and, if not, how to correct the problem. (RF Exposure and You is \$15. Order item #6621 from ARRL.)

VE CORNER

Well folks we have had several that came in just to do paper work to upgrade. If you got your Tech plus on or before March 21st 1987 you can upgrade without taking any test. We encourage all members to upgrade (unless you are an EXTRA). Test are given the 3rd Monday of each month at the club station, located in the Red Cross building on Worley Street at 7pm. If you don't know where the club station is located, shame on you. Only a 5wpm code test is now required to get your upgrade, pretty simple huh.

Dewey

WM0H

TRADING POST

For Sale

Do you have something to sell, trade, or buy let me know if we have room I will put it in newsletter

Mike AB0IV

Treasures report

Checking:\$ 787.54:

Savings:\$ \$ 68.15

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NOTE'S

If you have any changes in your Mailing address or E-mail

Send it to me AB0IV (Mike) to:

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