



REGULAR Meeting of the Rolla Regional Amateur Radio Society, RRARS

The regular meeting of the Rolla Regional Amateur Radio Society, RARRS, was held on October 1, 2018, at the Phelps County Regional Medical Center (PCPMC) (Private Dining Room #2), Rolla, MO. The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM. The President, Rich Hinkel KB0WD, welcomed the membership and called for introductions by all in attendance giving their call sign and if other members of their family were radio operators.

There were 18 members present.

Two visitor were present, Bill Schmidt (WA0JCO) and Wayne Gmachl (KD0NEO).

Bill (WA0JCO) and Wayne (KD0NEO) representing the St. Louis Amateur Radio Club presented information on the 27th Annual Sanit Louis Halloween Hamfest that well be held October 27th at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S Geyer Road Kirkwood, Missouri. The hamfest starts at 7:30 AM. For more information visit the web site <http://www.halloweenhamfest.org>.

In addition to the hamfest Bill and Wayne commented on the importance of Phelps County in the Missouri QSO Party that is run by the Boeing Employees' *Amateur Radio Society* (BEARS). As it turns out Phelps County is a rare QSO for anyone competing. Bill and Wayne are encouraging club participation in the 2019 QSO Party April 6-7. The Missouri QSO Party is open for participation by all licensed amateur operators world-wide. The object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible during the contest period, to provide all licensed radio amateurs outside the state of Missouri the opportunity to work Missouri counties, and to provide all licensed radio amateurs in Missouri an opportunity to work other states and countries.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

The Fox Hunt is set for 22 September 2018 was canceled due to lack of sign-ups.

The club approved the expenditure of \$15 for postage.

A call out was made to members to fill positions as Board of Directors in the upcoming January election. Current nominations from the floor are: James N0TQC, Peter N0XZN, Gary KF0TW, and Jim NCOM. Herb KE0PXJ is interested in continuing as secretary/clerk.

Reminder the 10th Annual OT-100 mile Endurance Run is November 3rd and 4th. Steve N6RHQ is our lead contact.

The Rolla VE and MS&T VE Team will be offering amateur licensing exams September October 18 at 6:00 PM. Laurel VEC testing is free. Pr-registration IS required. To pr-register, please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/RrB6xEZo9ApMu0v22>. Other testing dates are posted on the RRARS web site.

The Sullivan Club has almost completed their DMR system.

Discussions:

Rich KB0WD continued the discussion (Part 2) on Digital Voice Modes by having members first answer a five (5) question True/False questionnaire. The discussion focused on digital radio Internet gateways (hotspots) and some minor details to include cost of a MMDVM (Multi-Mode Digital Voice Modem)board and Pi. There was a show and tell MMDVM system shown during the discussion.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM by Rich Hinkel

_____ Approved _____ Corrected Date: _____

Herbert Turner KE0PXJ, Secretary-Clerk