



## **REGULAR Meeting of the Rolla Regional Amateur Radio Society, RRARS**

The regular meeting of the Rolla Regional Amateur Radio Society, RARRS, was held on November 5, 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 any past call sign.

There were 17 members present.  
Three visitors were present.

### **Unfinished/Ongoing Business:**

All positions for Board of Directors are currently filled by acclamation. Terms of office will be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting.

The Rolla VE and MS&T VE Team will be offering amateur licensing exams Saturday, November 10, 2018 @ 9:30 AM, Thursday, December 13, 2018 @ 6:00 PM, and Thursday, January 17, 2019 @ 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.

Lions Club Park pavilion 15 has been reserved for Field Day Operations June 22-23, 2019.

### **Discussions:**

Rich KB0WD the guided the discussion of The American Radio Relay League Radiogram. The standard ARRL message format is used to send written amateur radio messages throughout the National Traffic System (ARRL NTS) and independent nets. The format is standardized in order to provide a uniform means of originating, handling, and tracking messages. A message is considered a "formal" radiogram when it is completed with a correctly formatted preamble, address, text and signature. Stations in the system are not obligated to handle incomplete or improperly formatted messages. Current use has dropped off due to other forms of communication. One of the most standard uses of the form is a welcome message to new operators. During disasters or other emergencies, radiograms are used to communicate information critical to saving lives or property, or to inquire about the health or welfare of a disaster victim.

Gary-KF0TW updated the membership on the 444.00 +5MHz DSTAR located on the PCRMC Medical Office Bldg under the call W0CMD as a point of information of club members using the DSTR system.

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

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Herbert Turner KE0PXJ, Secretary-Clerk