

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2016

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met February 1, 2016 at the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. There were 16 members and 6 visitors present.

Vice President Mike, AF5CZ called the meeting to order at 7:43 P.M. He introduced himself, then had Secretary / Treasurer K5BKT Peg, read the February 1, 2016 meeting minutes and treasurer's report. A motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as read was made by Bill, N5HQ and seconded by Jim, WB5VEV. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A reminder of the Monroe, LA hamfest April 16, 2016.

Updates: Larry Petit is getting stronger. Charles Ward is apparently also recuperating. Jim Christenberry says the timing is better on his dialysis. Eddie Moore is recuperating from a nasty fall when a ladder broke under him. Jerry Sparrow says his surgery has been postponed for now.

New Business:

More hamfest dates were discussed. Both Memphis and Claremore, OK are April 9.

April 23 is a tailgate hamfest in Mountain Home, AR.

May 7th is the Texarkana hamfest, always the first Saturday in May.

It was noted that the Ft. Smith hamfest was fairly good, though attendance was down.

Field Day 2016 is June 25 and 26.

Some discussion was had, with more discussion planned at the June meeting.

There are some potential new bonus point categories this year.

Martin, W5WPS said he and Tracy, KG5KUP could take care of BARS having a Facebook presence.

A table for a Safety Officer is another possibility. KT5H, Steve said he can help with that. K5ALI, Alli, said she could help also as she would have her First Aid and CPR certification renewed by then.

WD5C, Larry said he will bring the van, antennas, radio and computer for the main sideband station. Eldon, KE5BI said he will bring the solar panel and check with Bill Donner, an elected official, to see if he can visit the site.

The call K5NE is available. Some discussion was held about 1A or 2A operation.

N5TTI, Tom and Mike, AF5CZ will work together to attempt a satellite contact.

Peg, K5BKT will take care of the Media Release, Info Booth, Signs, etc.

Jewell, N5GMR said he will see if his son, a Bryant policeman, can visit the site OR KT5H may be able to get the Director of the Saline Co. Ofc of Emergency Management to visit.

WA5LOC, Jerry said he would bring his Buddy Pole and rig but reminded us that Martin has the batteries for the Natural Power station.

A motion to adjourn was made by KE5BI, Eldon and seconded by N5GMR, Jewell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.