
OFARC Monthly Meeting Minutes 2023_1118

Martin (W5XUK) called the meeting to order at 0907

Last Saturday San Jacinto Memorial Radio in the park. Stephen Flowers sent out information available on the Reflector regarding Phase Distortion.

20 people voted for Spaghetti Western for Christmas luncheon.

Discussion regarding new electors and election.

Discussion regarding role of the club for next year. Whether to continue as is, or can we piggy back on one of the other clubs. Do we want to spend more time out in the field doing field days or stay as we are, getting more into hands on things like building antennas, getting into more field days, ETC.

Decision to stay as we are, and everyone who wants to get with any of the other clubs can get membership on their own with the other clubs. There has been put forward a "Club of Clubs" in the Harris County area. Also, there is an idea of getting together with other clubs, this was from a problem in Livingston on radio on the parks involving call signs that were being used. Martin is going to continue meeting with other clubs regarding interaction of members and the clubs.

Discussion regarding getting CLUB equipment that could be used by members. Martin volunteered an antenna. Mark suggested a month (April) that we can get together somewhere, maybe at a field day.

Martin will stay on as president for a while and is willing to work with whoever replaces him as he is moving and not ready to repeat as president.

Dom NE AERES works with Wreaths Across America at the VA Cemetery 12-16-2023. They are taking volunteers, and the people only need a handheld and something to drink.

Discussion regarding running the Tuesday Net. Asking for volunteers to run the NET.

Martin's presentation regarding REPEATERS 101 was given and will be posted on the Reflector. In D-star you can put out a call for a specific call sign. The Win-Link system is used for long haulers. In EU there are HF and in Houston there are some 10 meter repeaters. Last week Propagation was having a huge red and yellow swath going across the eastern hemisphere, and across 30 minute time, the radio use dropped greatly. Solar projections for this year seem to have gone weird. Solar weather seems to still be unpredictable.

Alaska morning net noon our time to 444.3 and PL tones can be found on Google, and is on Win-link system/repeaters. They get people from Australia, FRG, UK, and all over on that net. Carnival Cruise Line radar sometimes messes up repeaters. EU receivers work with 75 ohm cables for antenna, not the 50 ohm USA standard. Our Echo-link repeater, (when it is working) times out at 60 seconds. Most repeaters time out at a certain amount of time.

You usually do not call CQ on repeaters. 52.250 is a 6m repeater (FM), offset -1 MHz, PL tone 103.5 Hz.

1108 end of meeting.

Minutes Recorded by Ken Wenzel, KW5KEN