
OFARC Monthly Meeting Minutes 2024_0928

Our next meeting is expected to be at Transtar 10/27/24

0905 Jeremy (KG5PYY) started the meeting.

Meeting was open for discussion regarding things HAM related

Question was whether anyone had used 6 meters.

Discussion regarding computers being used in monitoring signals.

PDX 5000 and Icon 7000 & 7050 were mentioned.

One member had a problem with his SWR that was following his voice in the SWR reading. He used a dummy load and then it continued following his voice pattern. He finally used pliers to tighten the coaxial connector and that took care of the problem.

Discussion about the NET meetings and the problem with EchoLink. There is a long lag time between keying up and the message getting out. The same things has happened to the regular repeaters.

Jamboree on the Air - A Scout version of Field Day is coming up. It will be October 18-20. Ralph and Jeremy are looking for volunteers to assist with the event. They have made QSOs to Japan and South America during the event. This event started originally in Belgium and has expanded to be a global event. The scouts get a merit badge for participating. For more information, check out the webpage: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

Winter Field Day is coming up in January. Start thinking about it now.

Mark, WB5ANN - Wayne is in the hospital with congestive heart failure. Things are not going well for him. They were planning on moving him into a home, but that hasn't happened yet. A discussion was had regarding repeaters that Wayne had overseen coordinating the repeater equipment. A discussion of the repeaters in general followed. Due to security of the system and of the building owners involved, nobody should discuss the repeater locations outside off the club. They document each visit to each location having a repeater along with how to get into each location.

Multimeters were discussed for a short time regarding types Fluke and AmPro meters are owned by the same company and we expect to have a presentation on Multimeters at an upcoming meeting.

VE examiners are needed for General and Extra classes. You must have a General class license to test Technician class testers; Extra class can test for all classes. Three VEs are needed in the room for most testing. Ralph and Jeremy are looking to get a Tech Class going again and are soliciting help from from other club members. They had 10-15 in the last class they did. They are also looking into a General Class. The Classes are usually 3 hours per session, for about 4 weeks in a row. Testing takes place in the last session. Last time they had ¾ of the people who attended the class, continued to licensing.

Roger (K0KON) – mentioned that there was an AM contest going on this weekend.

The official Meeting closed at 1003 hours, going to individual discussions amongst members.