

## Minutes 03/2018

The meeting in February was sparsely attended due to weather – only seven (7) guys. (There weren't any Minutes.) March was a little better with these people attending:

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| Albert | KE0LOL | Arjun | KE0PKL  |
| Don    | W0AF   | John  | KE0QBH* |
| Bill   | KD0FJR | Ron   | N0QET   |
| Greg   | N0GR   | John  | KB0QKH  |
| Mike   | KD0HZF | Andrw | KE0QVP  |
| Allen  | KC0JHA | Andrw | KE0QZM  |
| Norm   | WA0JYD | Rob   | N0SNW   |
| Kevin  | N0MHK  | Derek | W0TYG   |
| Craig  | KE0NEU | Rich  | WA0ZQG  |
| Joel   | K0OQL  | (19)  | *N2AO   |

Minutes of the January meeting were adopted as printed (handed out to those attending and sent to all E/M addresses we have), and the Treasurer reported \$7,619 to be in the bank after tonight's checks get deposited. He (N0GR) added that the McClelland Fest in March netted around \$500, of which \$80 came from Donut sales. (GR & XYL) Someone said Donut Stop on 13<sup>th</sup> or Olsen's on 10<sup>th</sup> St in Omaha was better than Petit's Pastry.

Repeater Trustee N0GR said of our VHF repeater "sounds OK to me" and it has a 136 PL tone on the output in case you want to exclude hearing distant 82s and superfluous morse IDs. He also said he'd turn up the squelch a little to exclude noisy signals. Spencer IA, only 135 miles from here, has a digital repeater on .82. Greg's Minden IA repeater on 442.075 is Fusion digital. Joel K0OQL has a UHF digital repeater at his home in N. Omaha that runs D-Star or DMR but not FM. It's only 5W for his and local use.

Our UHF repeater, either Fusion or FM on 442.225, now runs 110W out of a hundred Watt commercial amp into the old Ch 6 com'l antenna intended for 450.3 / 450.6 (courtesy John QKH).

The SWI radio site is getting better thanks to efforts by Derek W0DBW. In the meantime, club Pres Albert KE0LOL has established us on Facebook – search SWIARC. Lots of stuff there if you like social media sites.

## Field Day

Greg N0GR will be F/Day Chairman again, but the site is still to be determined. Last couple of years it was the park in McClelland, but we could consider Lake Manawa areas, beside the water works by the river North side of town, or the hilltop .82 repeater site NE of downtown, Arrowhead, Hitchcock, Hancock, etc.

## Announcements

Don W0AF reiterated the VE Test sessions to get or upgrade your license, last Tuesday of odd numbered months at Omaha Red Cross and even numbered months at Co/Blfs Red Cross.

Don also mentioned the Glenwood Hamfest coming up Saturday 28 April.

Don, Glenwood Hams, and others like to go to Toby Jack's each 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Mineola.

Bill FJR noted upcoming Storm Spotter training.

Albert LOL said we could / should have a booth at the Aug 9-10 air show at Offutt. LOL-GR-AF expressed interest in staffing it.

Allen KC0JHA is in CAP Nebraska.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:14PM  
Minutes by Club Sec'y, WA0ZQG

## Program on Portability

Craig KE0NEU is N/C for the Tuesday Disaster Prep and Survivalist Net, and has put several of his radios in a 'Gator' box for either disaster or remote use. (He's recently retired and plans to go mobile / portable a lot.)



Radios, p/s, & tuner in 'Gator' box