

Minutes 07/2023

It was 92 deg. F today, but air-conditioned in the Red Cross building. Derek TYG set up **Zoom** in case people wanted to stay at home, and began the meeting promptly at 7PM with the pledge.

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| Derek | W0TYG | Kevin | N0MHK |
| Allen | K0AAI | John | KB0QKH |
| Keith | KE0AEP | Rick | KA0RLR |
| Bruce | N0BHB | Rich | K0RWJ |
| Tom | AB0ER | Dan | KB0TDW |
| Bill | KD0FJR | Suz | KE0WYL |
| Greg | N0GR | Craig | KD0YTI |
| Mark | KF0GVT | Rich | WA0ZQG |
| Paul | WB0GXD | (17) | |

Greg N0GR still had stuff left over from an estate sale in Omaha, even after Don W0AF and Steve N0ORU from Anita took major portions a month ago, and handed out another bunch to those present using a combination of drawn numbers and specific 'gifts' (with some present hesitant to accept them, you know, the XYL).

John QKH, DVD player/recorder
Craig YTI, mini AM/FM stereo
John QKH's name again, for a DVR
Kevin MHK, VHS player & AM radio
Bruce BHB, asst video tapes
Derek TYG, box w audio amp mode D modules
Tom AB0ER, large box
Rich RWJ, MFJ 16011 ant tuner
Bill FJR, Heathkit GDO (Grid Dip Osc)
Kevin MHK, 2 cassettes
Craig YTI, Scott AM/FM stereo
Keith AEP, asst DVDs
Keith AEP, transistor kit
Kevin MHK, AM/FM headset radio
Allen AAI, something.
Mark GVT, box
Rick RLR, calculator
Allen JHA, calculator
Rich ZQG, ATT trimline phone

Rich ZQG handed out a Consp Theory sheet, and suggested an assortment of conditions and regulations that will result in TEOTWAWKI by mid winter. We'll see.

Business Mtg.

Previous month's Meeting Minutes and this month's Treas report were accepted, a balance of now \$3,631 which is **4600 less** than last month after paying a tower crew to install an antenna.

Repeater

Good news is our UHF 442.225 works great from a 200 ft tower on a hill in central CoBlfs. We were going to have .82 there, but after putting up the antenna (for \$4,600) several different **SWR Analyzers** showed high SWR, so the antenna was taken back down. Same thing when putting up the UHF antenna – high SWR. Turns out those **Analyzers** give false readings if there's a transmitter nearby.

Net result was, after a day's work, we have the UHF antenna working well and the 442.225 box in the shack at the bottom in dual mode like before, FM or the Yaesu digital **C4FM mode**.

Our backup Yaesu 7000 VHF repeater is shot. We're having the finals replaced so if the one on .82 quits we will have a working backup.

Field Day

We didn't have one and nobody working at home shared their points with us. Keith AEP said the Omaha club (AksarbenARC dot org) made 590 contacts.

Allen AAI (ex KC0JHA) said Glenwood made about 430 QSOs, of which he made 38 on 80M. Rick RLR was with PARC at Fremont NE doing Class 4A with 6 rigs and 6 antennas, mostly the End Fed type. Rick also worked the recent 13 colony contest, and got all 13 plus 2 specials.

Dan TDW and his group down near Humboldt NE contacted 7 different FDay countries.

Announcements

Dave WJ0Z from Omaha and Emmet N0CSD in Council Bluffs have become Silent Keys. Omaha club is having a Flea Market 11 August in the Red Cross parking lot. Mark GVT says the linked repeaters across SD on I-90 are great.

Rich RWJ wants your input for Printed Circuit newsletter, and we elect club officers for 2024 at the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:21 PM.

Minutes by Club Sec'y, WA0ZQG