

All business concluded We adjourned at 7:53 PM

Minutes by secretary Bill Snyder, KD0FJR

Here we are back again for another Printed Circuit. This Month is going to be a bit different.

First: No one showed up to help out with repairs at George-KD0NME QTH. I really would have liked to have seen people show up to not only help, but visit with George, and others, and start doing the cleanup that needs to be done to have a wonderful and eventful Field Day this year.

Second: This was asked of me on the Net on Tuesday. Can someone just come out for food on Field Day? I would say yes, however, if you do, could you please bring something with you, ie: hamburger, hot dogs, buns, chips, soda, water, ice, charcoal for the grill, anything will help.

Third: We need to give a HUGE thank you to Midwest Communications, Dan and Don for going out to Georges' Place, and finding and repairing the issue so that now there is power to the gazebo for us to use for fans and lights.

There are lots of things that I would like to see our Club do. George had a wonderful idea for the trailer. It could be used as a tool for EmComm, Parks on the Air, Field Day, and for any situation where emergency communications are needed. Its not that big of a stretch. We don't have to have brand new radio gear in it, just good working gear with well-made antennas.

Speaking of Antennas, Im hoping that I can get enough people to commit to getting the Arrow Antenna package which includes all parts needed to complete 10 2 meter/70 centimeter antennas. All parts are precut and the antennas I believe are already checked for SWR. Cost is \$38.50 each if we get the package, or \$59.00 if you order just one.

The State Hamvention/hamfest is on the 19th of June in Lincoln and the Lancaster Event Center which is on 84th street. Easiest way to get there is by taking I-80 to Waverly exit, then proceed west on Cornhusker Hwy to 84th St. Turn left and take 84th to the Event Center.

There will be testing there as well, and a lot of vendors. It should be a great hamfest.

Field Day is the last weekend in June. We are having it at George-KD0NME property. Everyone needs to arrive by 9:00 AM to start setting up. We start at 1:00 PM Central Time. I am hoping provided that everyone approves, to have operations on 80, 40, 20, and 10/6 meters, and maybe even 2-meter SSB.

I need to have people email me at: roddgers038@gmail.com to confirm attendance and provide what you will be bringing. We need rigs, antennas, generators, charcoal, hamburger, hot dogs, buns, chips, bottled water, Gatorade, juice, and soda. Maybe someone might even bring a coffee maker and coffee.

The next event is in July in North Bend. It's on the weekend of July 10 and 11th. I am not sure which day, I believe it's the 10th. It should be another great hamfest.

TECH CORNER:

This is a new column for the newsletter that will be recurring each and every month. I am hoping for members to submit articles so that they can write for this section of the newsletter. It should be fun and of course, a true learning experience for all of us. This month I am introducing the new Anytone UV-D878II handheld Digital/Analog radio. This radio is improved over the first iteration of it by adding 2 specific features. 1. It now features not only transmitting on APRS but receiving on it as well. 2. The amount of Digital Contacts it will hold in its internal memory has been increased dramatically from 200,000 memories to a whopping 500,000. Yes, that is half a million contacts.

The only thing you really need to know is that the 878II has its own software and firmware. The software and firmware for the first version will NOT work. You have to download the correct version for this radio.

Price of this radio as of today May 7th, 2021, is \$299.99 from Bridgecom Systems as well as from Ham Radio Outlet. Enjoy!!!!!!

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MONDAY: 7:00 146.940 9:00 146.940

TUESDAY: 9:00 146.820

WEDNESDAY 9:00 146.820

SATURDAY 12:00 NOON 146.820

Tune in next month for a report and pics from the State Hamvention, and, from Field Day. It should be a great time for both.

73s

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