

Sinbad Desert Amateur Radio Club Meeting

June 2, 2011

Southeast Education Service Center

685 East 200 South, Price, Utah

website: www.sdarc.us

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Welcome

Minutes (attached)

Financial Report

Tonight's Meeting Schedule

- Antenna Analyzer Demo and Use: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- Pot Luck Dinner and Open Discussion: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- SDARC Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

Old Business

1. Repeater Report – Bret WX7Y
 - Abajo
 - Mt. Ellen
 - Repeater work day
 - Other
2. Castleview Hospital – Allen, KA7LEG, Bryan, K7GX
 - Class Report
 - Other
3. Communication Trailers
 - Carbon Update – Bryan, K7GX
 - Emery – Bret, WX7Y
4. Code Red Sign-ups – Bret, WX7Y
5. Boy Scout – “On Target 2011”
 - Link to website: www.ontargetunpc.com
6. Ferron Care Center – Phil, KF7BJQ
7. Friendship Cruise Report: Jim, KJ7S; Ellen, K7LNI; Bret, WX7Y; Anita, KB7GFV; Ken, W5KWD; JJ, K7JNJ; Bryan, K7GX; Les, KF7BJU; Robby, KF7BJS; Jared, KF7BOM

New Business

1. Ice Chest Purchase: Jody, KF7ISO
2. June 24th – 26th, 2011 (ARRL Field Day 2011) – Cottonwood Canyon Site Map:
<http://sdarc.us/Maps/FieldDayLocation.pdf>
 - Friday – Arrive and setup
 - Saturday – Pot Luck Breakfast, Command Center Training, Test Session, Beehive Net Check-in, Business Meeting, SDARC Steak Fry, 4 wheeler ride, other
 - Sunday – Pot Luck Breakfast, Beehive Net Check-in, break camp.

- **ARRL Field Day Overview**



ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. Each year over 35,000 amateurs gather with their clubs, friends or simply by themselves to operate.

ARRL Field Day is not a fully adjudicated contest, which explains much of its popularity. It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, most groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to local elected community leaders, key individuals with the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

3. **FEMA Administrator Calls Amateur Radio “The Last Line of Defense”**

In an FCC forum on earthquake communications preparedness, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate described the Amateur Radio operator as “the ultimate backup, the originators of what we call social media.” The forum -- held May 3 at FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC -- brought together officials from the White House, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), FEMA, the FCC and the private sector. Administrator Fugate and FCC Bureau of Public Safety and Homeland Security Chief Jamie Barnett gave the opening remarks. [Read the full article here.](#)

4. Other

Up Coming SDARC Activities / Events



- Campouts:
 - September 23rd – 25th – San Rafael Desert Site Map: <http://sdarc.us/Maps/SpringMap2008.pdf>
- Repeater Trips: June, July, August – Dates TBD

NETS:

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th – **SDARC HF Net**, 8:00 a.m. on 3.828MHz +/-
June 5th, 12th, 10th, 26th - **Skyline Radio Club Net Night**, 8:00 p.m.
June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – **Borderline Amateur Radio Club Net Night**, 9:00 p.m.
June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - **SDARC Net Night**, 8:00 p.m.
June 8th - **Rocky Mountain Division HF Net**, 7:30 p.m. on 7240 kHz +/-
June 16th – **Utah RACES Net**, 8:00 p.m. local repeaters
Daily: **Utah Beehive Net**, 12:30 p.m. 7272 kHz

June’s Tech Tip: Antenna Analyzer – Bret Mills and others, WX7Y

Next Meeting: June 25th – ARRL Field Day Campout, Cottonwood Canyon Site

Email agenda items / ideas to k7jnj@sdarc.net

Minutes of SDARC

Spring Campout April 30, 2011, The Wedge campground
5 visitors, 17 members, convened 5:15 pm

Minutes written by Anita were read by Cynthia and accepted. Jim moved, Allen Henry seconded

Treasurer's report by Bret. \$3,620.00 (approximately) in accounts. Check written out for \$100 last month to Jim Anderson has been torn up. Paid for steaks \$179.62; check received but not deposited for dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Castle View Hospital: report by Allen O., classes scheduled to begin Wednesday, May 18, 6-8 pm in main conference room of Hospital to last 6-8 weeks, on Wednesdays. Planning for 10; hospital staff have priority for classes, but others who are interested are invited. Bryan Anderson and Allen may have to work out second session for those unable to attend because of shifts. Bryan has PPT for Tech and General if they have time to do both. Almost all equipment is in. The items not yet here are not critical. The class can use the 4 handhelds to practice. Trying to use square angle iron outside for HF antenna. Someone else is working on tying existing tower to building. Then additional work necessary to put antenna on.
- Repeaters: Bret said everything is running, mostly. Will change out controllers to watch and see where the interference is coming. Bret expressed thanks to Jody for planning meals for the campout.
- Communication trailers: Bret said that Carbon's is ready. He had stopped in at a couple of retailers and recommends toy haulers, pull behind rather than 5th wheel. That way we could take out the master bed and put table and chairs for work area. He saw a used 5th for about \$27,000. Bret has permission to go ahead. The money is earmarked for the trailer.
- Boys Scouts mirror project: for those interested website is www.ontaretunpc.com.
- Emery Care and Rehab: no news.
- Friendship Cruise is a go, Friday through Monday. JJ sent around a sign-up sheet for those intending to go. Bret will be on the river again this year because the Sheriff's Office is short a pilot. Organizers of the Cruise gave thanks on handout for SDARC helping with communications, moving trailers, etc.
- Computer purchases: Bret called Jason who said that he couldn't pull aside any from the auction for us, but he'll give us what we need at next pullouts. Bryan said there should be 4 or 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Homeland Security equipment: Bret received D-STARR units, one for Horn, Bruin, Cedar. The State has had the equipment for at least 2 years. He picked it up before last meeting. It needs to be mounted in the racks. Bret will need help with that since he is tied up with work. We have gotten the frequencies from John Lloyd. The equipment includes all but the heliax to go down the tower.
- Class schedules: still next fall for those wanting a class
- ARRL Survey: www.bestvote.org/phpQ/fillsurvey.php?sid=31 open till May 20 to all current club officers, past officers and club members.
- June training: Suggestion to set SWR on radios and check antennas. Jim can remind on Net to bring analyzers.

- Other:
 - Allen O. mentioned that Ashley Valley Hospital contacted the state to do the same as Castle Valley. Allen may become involved in that but thought it best to use local basin people if they can.
 - Jim talked to Bruce Bolinder. There is a new site for the www.friendshipcruise.com which is the “now” official site. It’s not ready for us to point our site to yet.
 - Paul asked what happened to RACES net. Bret apologized that he had fallen asleep on the floor. If it happens again call him.
 - Jody suggested that if we continue to coordinate meals that the Club purchase a big ice chest to store ingredients supplied by other club members. No motion made to act on that but several agreed it was a good idea.
 - Dee commented that Gunnison, Sevier, Richfield have amateur radio equipment in their hospitals but no operators and no one seems to know where the equipment is. Discussion continued talking about continued need to keep trained operators and inventory equipment but that is the responsibility of each hospital’s emergency preparedness. Bret explained that commercial dispatch systems had been purchased but has fallen into disuse. It’s got to come from higher up. There is a need to exercise to use it. We all need to practice skills such as bringing up ECHO link, etc.

JJ reminded upcoming dates, activities and Nets listed on agenda. If club members know of others let him know to add for future agendas.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 2 in Price at JJ’s office, Southeast Education Service Center.

We can use the parking lot to check SWR and antennas.

Meeting adjourned 6 p.m. John moved, Paul seconded.

(Minutes for campout by Cynthia)

From: ARRL Letter for June 2, 2011

In the Shack: RadioShack Looking for Suggestions for DIY Parts

Back in the day, RadioShack was the first place many of us looked for parts. QST construction projects routinely referenced RS part numbers, and the Shack even sold 10 and 2 meter transceivers. What goes around comes around, and RadioShack is now looking for input from us, as members of the larger DIY community, on parts we'd like to see them carry. There's a video explaining what they're looking for, and a place to add comments.