



Minutes of the  
**Mid-MO Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**  
Jefferson City, MO

**Meeting of:** October 8, 2009

Called to order by: President, Mike Miller - WAØZOG

**In attendance:** AKØLW – Larry Williams, K9ZTV – Kent Trimble, KØWYN – Gary Zeilman, KBØQHZ – Joe Betros, KC7ARR – Richard Manning, KCØPET – Rick Bennett, KCØLZG – Owen Toalson, KCØZLB – Martie Shea, KDØAJF – Judy Anderson, KDØBPP – Tom Shea, KDØDDY – Nancie McAnaug, KDØDSJ – Randall Rolle, KDØFAS – Roger Conway, KDØGRM – Stephen Hick, KDØGRZ – Larry Vonn Williams, KDØIRG – Dave Stonner, KIØY – Mark Eberle, NØBIV – Don Atkinson, NØJBF – Rich Kreiser, NØKSF – Jack Boswell, NØSS – Tom Hammond, NØZH – Mike Dolson, W4RK – Bill Gerth, WA2KBZ – Karl Schulte, WAØBER – J.D. Simmons, WAØTIC – Dan Yeager, WAØZOG – Mike Miller, WBØAQV – Greg Abbott, WBØKXP – Gene Wilson, WBØPZR – Andy Adams, WBØS – Jack Sifford, Hadley Stonner, Jacob Williams, Paul Williams

**Previous Meeting Minutes (presented & approved):**

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report:**

Current Bank Balance: \$7,253.75

Two lists of membership data were made available to those present. One list showed the active members with dates when their membership was due to expire. The other list showed inactive members and the dates that they went inactive. An attempt will be made to update these lists and to have them available at meetings for those interested.

In going through the "Box O' Stuff" passed down from Secretary-Treasurers past, some patches were found with the Mid-Mo Amateur Radio Club logo which apparently were ordered and sold for \$3 each to interested club members long ago. Tom estimates these were from around 15 years ago. Only twelve patches were found and before he knew it, the Secretary-Treasurer was inundated with people waving cash eager to purchase these last few. Since money talks the meeting was briefly put on hold to pad the bank balance a bit more.

## Old business

### **2-Meter net report:** Mike Dolson, NØZH Net Manager

Sep 16	NØSS	16
Sep 23	WBØS	19
Sep 30	NØZH	13
Oct 7	KDØDDY	18

### **2-Meter net controllers:**

Oct 14	KCØPET
Oct 21	WBØS
Oct 28	NØZH
Nov 4	KDØGRM
Nov 11	WA2KBZ

Please contact Mike at [n0zh@arrl.net](mailto:n0zh@arrl.net) or by phone at (573) 491-0119, if you will not be able to call the net you are scheduled for so other arrangements can be made.

**2-Meter Repeater report:** No changes. Tim and Tom are trying to coordinate a time to get the repeater pulled and do testing.

**Digipeater report:** No changes. The digipeater is still offline at this time.

**Missouri Emergency Packet Network (MEPN):** Tom reported that he could connect to the Jeff City node, but could not connect to Centralia. Bill, W4RK, reported that he was able to connect to St. Louis during the emergency exercise and saw the St. Louis County EC show up on the heard list on the Jeff City node.

**Emergency Coordinator's report:** Joe, KBØQHZ and J.D, WAØBER reported on the SEMA communications exercise held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Ham radio fared very well for the event and statewide, everyone was pleased. There were about 300 entries into the system with roughly one-third of them coming in via ham radio. About 50 hams statewide participated in the exercise.

Joe also reminded everyone of the Skywarn Net that is held every Tuesday night at 8pm on the 146.865(-) repeater (PL tone 127.3Hz). Please check in from time to time as more participation is always welcome including people serving as Net Control operators.

Joe is now a certified instructor for the Level 1 EMCOMM classes. There were 20 people in the class held last Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next class is on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30AM to 5:30PM. Please read Units 13-23 of the study materials in preparation.

**VE Liaison's report:** Jack, WBØS, reported there will be two tests tonight. Dave, KDØIRG will be testing for General, while his father, Hadley, will be taking the Technician exam.

Jack also reminded everyone about the upcoming test sessions on October 15<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup> that is being put on by the Highway Patrol. These test sessions are open to anyone interested, not just Highway Patrol personnel. Contact Jack if you are interested in testing during one of these sessions.

**CW Class:** Kent, K9ZTV, reports that the slow speed class practiced formatting messages for handling traffic in advance of the SEMA exercise held earlier this week. This class meets after breakfast from 9-10am every Saturday morning at Mel's Country Café.

A new beginning class will start on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am after breakfast and the slow speed class for those who are interested.

Tom, NØSS, reports that the advanced class is still going well. This class meets before breakfast at Mel's at 6:45am.

**Training Committee:** No report.

**Bike MS Express Scripts Gateway Getaway Ride (MS150):** The event went very well. The amount of riders was up 14% with over 3,200 riders. Tom, NØSS, made a note to those who wire the SAG vans: Please don't route the wiring through the door hinges! A few power cables were mangled badly.

**Zonta 5K Run:** This event also went very well. There were about 90 participants up from 42 last year.

**JOTA:** Mike, WAØZOG, reported that he has not heard any more from the person who first contacted the club about helping a local Boy Scout Troop with their annual Jamboree On The Air event. An email will be circulated should any new developments occur. The event is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Halloween Special Event Station (WØO):** This event will be hosted again by Gary, KØWYN at his home in Frankenstein, MO on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be a leisurely paced event with both CW and SSB stations. Gary will serve his famous venison chili and everyone is encouraged to bring other snacks, sodas, etc. Those interested in participating should contact Kent, K9ZTV for more details.

Judy, KDØAJF, may have someone who can help with the QSL card design and will work with Kent on this item.

We've received no word from the Warrensburg club if they will be participating as well.

## **New business**

**Club Shirts/Jackets:** Mike, WAØZOG, is investigating the possibility of getting someone to supply club polo shirts and/or jackets similar to what was done a few years ago. A quick poll was taken to see how many would be interested in each type of item. More updates will follow.

**Club Patches:** Due to the overwhelming response to the club patches, Mike will also inquire about the possibility of having more of these made, either through his contact with the shirts/jackets or maybe another vendor. More updates will follow.

## **Announcements:**

Karl, WA2KBZ, announced that he has achieved the VHF/UHF Century Club (VUCC) award. This award is given to hams who work at least 100 grid squares on VHF and/or UHF bands. In addition, Karl has indicated that he has a 6M Moxon antenna that he would gladly donate to a new ham who may be interested in getting started with 6 Meter VHF. Anyone interested please get in touch with him or Mike, WAØZOG.

Upcoming hamfests:

Grandview on October 17<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Hamfest in Kirkwood on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Kent, K9ZTV, handed out an informative article entitled, "Commercialization of Amateur Radio: The Rules, The Risks, The Issues" to those present. This is a very important read that everyone should take the time to study, perhaps a couple times. At issue is the notion of amateur radio operators working with agencies and organizations and what is permitted under current FCC rules.

## **Presentation:**

None

Respectfully submitted: Mark Eberle (KIØY), Secretary-Treasurer.

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