

SMCARA Meeting minutes for 8/22/2019 08222019 rev. 1

The SMCARA meeting for August 22, 2019 was called to order at 1935 hours by the president, Rob Hoyt N2OMC, in the Bingo Hall of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire department.

Eleven members signed in for this month's meeting providing a quorum with which to do business for SMCARA.

The pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag (Led by Ron Hoyt N2OMC) was given by the members.

The president called for introductions around the room. Members gave their name and call sign. The sign in list is available from the Secretary.

The 50/50 raffle tickets were sold by Mike Souders, KB3ZWM.

The topic for discussion for this night was Member "Show and Tell" of any experiences related to Amateur Radio.

Rob Hoyt, N2OMC was the first presenter. He told of his first contacts in Clovis, NM and showed off his Swan 500 Transceiver and mike.

Next was Steve Dagey, KA3WAP, describing his amateur radio experiences.

Tom Clarke, W4OKW told of his experiences and efforts to set up his amateur radio station while stationed in Spain. Lots of red tape was needed to be completed before he could operate.

The Treasurer, Walt Rupp, W3GYT accepted dues payments from members for the membership year from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020. Members are considered delinquent if their dues are not paid by August 1, 2019.

The treasurer's report was given. SMCARA is solvent with several checks received and several transactions made. The bank balance was given. Treasurer will provide financial details to members if requested. We have 43 paid up members as of this meeting and a total of 72 amateurs listed as members of SMCARA for the year 2019 - 2020. The treasurer will provide a list of call signs and names of paid up members to update the SMCARA website. Jayne McNutt W4VJU, the SMCARA, Secretary has added an electronic form to the SMCARA website for all members to complete. She will use this information to update the electronic list of members.

#### Old Business

Chuck Gantz, K3WJX, provided information on the Club's upcoming Tailgate Fest on October 5, 2019. Chuck will coordinate with our Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department liaison Gene Tally N3NO to assure that the Bingo Hall and close by parking area are available. It is planned to have amateur licensing exams during the Tailgate fest. Mike Sounders KB3ZWM will coordinate the test sessions.

SMCARA Communications Trailer refurbishment, volunteer lead needed.

New Business topics introduced by the SMCARA President without final action were:

Calvert County River Fest, September 28, 2019 from 1100 to 1600. No volunteers yet.

Fox Hunt planned for November 2, 2019, time; 0930 – 1330, to be sponsored by Jayne, W4VJU, and Rick, W1JRM, McNutt.

Requested SMCARA participation in STEM Fest at the St. Mary's County Fair on October 26. No volunteer assigned.

Holiday dinner at The Olive Garden, Thursday December 7, 2019 at 1800. No coordinator assigned

The next SMCARA monthly meeting will be September 26, 2019 at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Technology Hall at 1930 hrs.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Mike Sounders KB3ZWM who graciously donated his share of the money to the SMCARA treasury.

The August 2019 SMCARA Meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 2103.

Respectfully submitted by Walter Rupp, W3GYT, acting secretary.