

26 Sept 2019 SMCARA Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 1930: Rob Hoyt, N2OMC
- Pledge of Allegiance, Led by Rob
- Introductions around the room and sign-in sheet - 19 people signed in
- Presentation: Fox Hunt fundamentals by Jayne (W4VJU) and Rick (W1RJM). John Johnson (WA3ZGD) brought a few tools the Civil Air Patrol uses to find a transmitting signal, and demonstrated how to find an Emergency Locator Beacon.
- Report of Officers:
 - Vice President - Pete Butt, WA3UMY - none
 - Secretary - Jayne McNutt, W4VJU - Asked if there were any corrections for the Aug minutes? None heard. Also asked anyone who has not already filled out their PDF or Online Membership Form, to please go to our website and fill it out. <http://www.k3hki.org/join-smcara/> It only takes a few minutes and is very helpful to the board members.
 - Treasurer - Walt Rupp, W3GYT - Bank account solvent, dues were due 31 Aug 2019, but he will gladly accept any late payments.
- Old Business:
 - Tailgate Fest update and final planning: Chuck Gantz, K3WJX - Date: 5 Oct 2019; Time: 0800 - 1200; 7 indoor tables available; 4 Oct 2019 starting at 1800 people can come help get tables and things set up at HFD Bingo Hall. There will be a food vendor

- selling hot dogs and breakfast items. SMCARA bringing coffee and donuts. Using tags to designate paid vendors. Traffic plan in place. Details: <http://www.k3hki.org/event/smcara-tailfest/>
- VE Testing program update: Mike Souders, KB3ZWM - Next test availability at TailgateFest, 10/5/19 from 0900 to 1200. Details: <http://www.k3hki.org/event/test-session/>
 - Museum Club Station & Echolink node update - Pete Butt, WA3UMY - Still in progress. The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum is hosting the following exhibit: A Photographic Tribute: Grumman on Long Island. Runs from 1 Oct to 25 Oct 2019. Details: <http://www.paxmuseum.com/>. This brought up some lively discussion. Jason Rearick, N3YUG mentioned the Capital Radio and Television Museum in Bowie, MD. Admission is free. Jason said it has a new and an old amateur radio station and that they have offered a Radio Repair 10 week class in the past. Check it out at ncrtv.org. Tom Clarke mentioned the National Electronics Museum located in Linthicum, MD, and maybe doing a field trip. Details: <http://www.nationalelectronicmuseum.org/>
 - Trailer Update from Tom Clarke, W4OKW - He plans on installing some AC outlets with an external RV line connector to hook up either the generator or a cable to an AC source, i.e., "shore power". A DC power supply is needed and a DC Power Strip with PowePoles to clean up the current birds nest of wires. A lot of the items will be from his "junk" box of unused projects! Anything that will need to be purchased, he will propose to the club. If you want to help, just let Tom know.

- New Business:
 - Riverfest event at St. Mary's college participation was cancelled by Calvert club
 - Will locate and work with POC for SMCARA to support next year
 - STEM Fest, 26 Oct 2019 located at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds <http://www.k3hki.org/event/stem-expo-2019/>
 - Fox Hunt, in St. Mary's County: 2 Nov 2019 from 0930 - 1330 <http://www.k3hki.org/event/fox-hunt/>
 - Holiday Party, 7 Dec 2019 at the Olive Garden; start time: 1800
- 50/50 Raffle Results - Won by Steve Dagey, KA3WAP. He donated his half to the club
- Meeting adjourned: 2040