

SIARC Minutes - February 14, 2024

11 members in attendance

Tom KB2NCI, Sandy KA2HQZ, Jay KC2TCM, Vern K2VJK, Todd W2ODD, Steve WB2VMR, Dave N2EZY, Doug KD2LGE, Wes W2WES, Mark KD2ZLR, Jeff KD2VRZ

Ed - WX2R

Presentation from HamSci.org about the eclipse started at 7:33PM.

Solar Eclipse QSO Party

The Gladstone Signal Spotting Challenge - WSPR - FST4W

Build and install a Grape Personal Space Weather Station

MW recording of AM broadcast stations

Monitor the 630, 2200 meter & lower bands

Breakfast is going to be Saturday February 17th at The Villager.

January Secretary Report - Tom summarized the previous meeting minutes.

Treasurer Report - Funds haven't change since last month. \$2989.42

Roughly \$500 is remaining from the grants we received from the Musselman foundation. Tom Proposed that we donate some funds to KA2NDW for the repeaters we use for the events.

RACES/ARES - WB2VMR - Scheduled to be deployed on April 8th for the eclipse. Finalizing the locations that people will be stationed at.

Going to need many volunteers for this event. County wants us to cover times before and after the eclipse. Could be from 8AM until 5PM, hopefully less. Should have more details next month. Will be using all of the RACES repeaters for this event, as well as simplex freqs. Steve will get an email out soon to look for volunteers. First official RACES callout for us! Meeting Saturday February 17th after the breakfast. Setup go kits. Assemble coax cable assemblies. Setup antennas. Setup Signalink interfaces with radios and computers. Rewiring in the radio station to put in 12 volt drops. February 22nd RACES meeting 9AM. ARES - Got info back from the ARRL. Information book and ID cards. Will be putting together an ARES meeting. Complete section 1 to get an ARES ID card. There are 3 sections to complete in total. Have to have an ARES net twice a year. More information will be forthcoming. Anyone can fill out the ARES application on the ARRL website.

Repeaters - WB2VMR - Everything is working, still work to do at the VA and in Geneva. Has all the information from Yaesu about programming a repeater with a link radio. Will get that going shortly.

Winter Field Day - KB2NCI - 370 Points - 8 Operators - 67 QSOs - 34 Sections - NM WWA furthest

Summer Field Day - KC2TCM - Big M Game Club is booked for Field Day. Cost is not set yet, but shouldn't be more than \$200 total for the 2

days, will probably be less. Full kitchen available for us to use, lots of room outside, pavilion with electricity. Will firm up the price in the coming months.

March Meeting will be Skywarn training, starting at 7:00. VE testing session starting at 6:15, be there earlier if possible.

Drumlins Hamfest - April 20th - Palmyra VFW - SIARC will have 2 tables available for club members to sell items.

Public Service - Sat April 27: Wild Water Derby - Sun April 28: Seneca 7

Norm Schraeder - WB2GGM - Wife (Betty) in the ICU at Thompson

Meeting ended at 9:27PM