Tri County Repeater Association

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June Meeting

June 6th, 2006

Dale McGraw - N9XMU

The June meeting of the Tri County Repeater Association was called to order on June 6th, 2006 at 7:10 p.m. by K9YLI with the following members in attendance: AB9EJ, KC9FEE, W9RAY, and N9XMU. N0DTO was the only non-member present.

Old Business

Club Treasurer AB9EJ reported a balance of \$1,169.15 in the checking account. The old Field Day beam was sold to a Ham form Arkansas for \$150.00 and a Cushcraft A3 was purchased from W9MP for the same price, good job Mike.

New Business

Field Day was the primary topic. W9NG will be contacted to determine if his call may be used on Field Day. HF rigs will be provided by the club, KB9YOS, and W9RAY. The plan is to remain 2A again this year with a VHF-UHF station set up by N9XMU.

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Field Day Information

June 21st. 2006

Paul Brooten - KB9TYC

ARRL Field Day is June 24th and 25th at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center on CTH M east of STH 40.

Set up will begin at 9:00 am and the contest starts at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and will end at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

We will be operating in class 2A again this year. HF rigs will be provided by the club, KB9YOS, and W9RAY. N9XMU will be setting up the VHF/UHF station.

The annual club picnic will begin at 5:00 p.m. and members attending will need to bring a dish to pass.

If you have any questions please check into the Thursday Night Net this week.

73,

KB9TYC ❖

2006 TCRA Officers

President: Don Jaster – K9YLI

Vice President: Mark Marusik - KC9FEE

Secretary: Paul Brooten – KB9TYC

Treasurer: Mike Metzdorf – AB9EJ

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AB9EJ is in possession of towers, beams and much of the equipment needed for FD operation, thanks Mike.

N9RVV and N9TUC need to be contacted to secure the FD site and arrange for a portable toilet.

A picnic will be held on June 24th at 5:00 p.m. Members attending will need to bring a dish to pass. Necessary administrative measures will be coordinated between K9YLI, AB9EJ and N9XMU.

Members with questions should check into the TCRA Thursday Net prior to Field Day. Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

See You at Field Day,

N9XMU ❖

April Meeting

April 3rd, 2006

Mark Marusik - KC9FEE

The April meeting of the Tri County Repeater Association was held on April 3rd at Ruby's Roadhouse in Bloomer. Members in attendance were: AB9EJ, K9YLI, N9RVV, KC9IVY, and KC9FEE. Guests in attendance were: KB0SPA, and N0DTO.

Treasurers Report

AB9EJ advised at the February meeting the balance was \$1046.15. Since then there have been 7 new memberships. Expenses are \$150.00 for the purchase of a beam antenna. The account balance as of April 4th is \$1036.15.

Old Business

It was decided not to purchase the Hy Gain antenna in California.

New Business

A motion was made to purchase a new Cushcraft A3 bean from Mike Persson –W9MP for \$150.00. The motion was passed.

Field Day was discussed. N9RVV will check and confirm the use of the Ice Age Center. Still need to confirm the use of a screen tent with KC9CGW. KC9FEE will put an ad in the newspaper for Field Day.

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Mike's Code Corner

June 21st, 2006

Mike Metzdorf - AB9EJ

The following is some code that has a message. Some of you will find this very easy, others will find it educational, and others won't bother at all. That's ok. Have fun anyway.

Code Corner # 14 – Who's the Typical Ham Radio Person Today?

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Check with Curt for Porta Potty rental.

Need to sell the Wilson beam. All agree to check to check with KB9TYC to see where to sell the beam.

73,

KC9FEE ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS

ARRL FIELD DAY

PLACE: PLACE: ICE AGE CENTER: 13394 CTH M, NEW AUBURN

DATE: JUNE 24^{TH-}25TH, 2006

TIME: SET UP AT 9:00 A.M. CONTEST STARTS AT 1:00 P.M.

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PLACE: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - EAU CLAIRE

DATE: JULY 15TH, 2006.

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

CONTACT JONATHAN CASE AT KE9KW@ARRL.NET FOR MORE

INFORMATION.

TRI COUNTY REPEATER ASSOCIATION AUGUST MEETING

PLACE: RUBY'S ROADHOUSE IN BLOOMER

DATE: AUGUST 1ST, 2006.

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

April Code Corner Answer

June 21st. 2006

Mike Metzdorf - AB9EJ

Code Corner # 13 - What is a contact?

In the 'old days', a signal report consisted of two things; your call sign and your signal report. As in 'AB9EJ 599'.

To this day we still follow the same general outline but with a few changes. Exchange of 'signal reports' has come to mean exchange of at least one specific piece of information beyond the other station's call sign. This could be anything like which state you are in, which grid locator, which region you are in, etc.

These contacts must be made without the aid of outside help, such as the internet, packet cluster, land line, etc.

Hope you make many contacts.

AB9EJ ❖