



QRZ NEWS

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June-July-August 2006

A greeting to all from your new QRZ NEWS editor, my name is Mike Warner and my amateur radio call is N3XPD. Let my begin by offering my sincere thanks to the previous editor for his efforts in keeping us informed as to the clubs activities. Hopefully I will be able to continue the good effort and perhaps even add a thing or two. Now let me explain that the reason for no June or July newsletter was a due to a misunderstanding by myself of the method of editorship turn over.

Membership Meetings

A condensed report of the May, June and July meetings follows.

May Meeting;

General Business: The general business section of the meeting was conducted as normal with readings of previous meeting minutes, treasures report, etc.

New Business: it was noted that the club is trying to update the email list and club roster so if you have any relative information please inform a board member.

Officer Changes: President Yogi Bear has resigned for health reasons. Treasurer Fred Pickard resigned several months ago. Vice President Jim Watson has been doing the work of President, Vice President and Treasurer. The club's charter of incorporation calls for four elected officers plus four board members. We need to fill these vacant positions. After much

discussion, Ted Freedman moved that we hold a special election now to fill these positions. Paul Herr seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After some arm-twisting, the following members volunteered to serve as officers until the election in December: Dave Payne, President; Rick Watson, Vice President; Jim Watson, Treasurer. These offers were accepted by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Board Members and Project Coordinators:

Jim noted that we need members to serve on the Board of Directors and to coordinate club projects such as the Columbia Halloween Parade, the MS walk, the Bike race, etc. It was also noted that some of the appointments shown on the SPARC Members page of the club's website are actually ARES appointments, not the club's. This needs to be corrected.

Lawn Mover for the Repeater Site: Dave Payne has procured a 14 HP Cub Cadet riding mower with a 42" mowing deck for use at the repeater site. The club authorized the expenditure of \$200 for the mower. Dave bought it for that amount, but it required repairs, which Dave has now completed. Since the mower and repairs exceed the amount authorized, Dave proposed renting the mower to the club for \$200 per year until the money he has invested in it is recouped. This should take 3-4 years. Dave will continue to maintain the mower for the club. Frank Coleman moved to accept Dave's offer. Mike Warner

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seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Operating Building Available for Member's Use: As was mentioned last month, the operating building at the repeater site is available for use by club members. Frank and Jim have keys. See Jim if you would like to use the building. You will have to provide your own radio. The club supplies power supply and antennas. Jim reminded everyone using the operating building and the Field Service Vehicle (FSV) to log in with the provided logbooks. These logs provide valuable information to the club on who is using the facilities and when. If you find anything out of order when you arrive, please note it in the logbook. Jim will put up a white board in the operating building. It will be used to note unusual operating conditions.

Newsletter Editor: The newsletter is emailed to club members in PDF and Microsoft Word format. Mike Warner volunteered to take on this task.

Club Website: Jim asked for volunteers to help get it up-to-date and maintain it. Mike Warner and Rick Watson volunteered to help.

Recycling: Dave Payne and Jim Watson have been handling all the recycling. They are desperate for help. They offered to move the recycling to Saturday morning to make it easier for other club members to assist. Dave and Jim take a truck and trailer to make their rounds. They would like to have two persons to assist each Saturday. In addition, Jim is going to call each member to solicit their help with this project. Jim reminded these present that recycling pays the clubs bills. Without recycling we would have no money to operate the club and pay for the repeater site. Jim would like to get enough volunteers so that each person would only have to help once per quarter.

Tech Sessions: Dave Payne, N3LOM gave a presentation on repeaters and their configurations and use. A discussion on this topic followed.

The flags at the repeater site have been taken down because they were in bad condition. A neighbor, who is a veteran, will get us a good American flag for the club to fly. The flag has since been replaced.

Adopt-a-Highway. This club project was discussed and has since been completed.

Mowing at the Repeater Site. The club is looking for volunteers to mow the site once a week. He would like to set up a schedule for the mowing. It must be done at least every other week during the peak growing season (when we have rain). The mowing takes about 2.5 hours.

June Meeting;

General Business; The general business section of the meeting was conducted as normal with readings of previous meeting minutes, treasures report, etc.

There was a discussion of the problems with SPARC 2 meter repeaters.

Tech Sessions: Harry Bauder WA3FFK gave a presentation on GPS and a discussion followed.

July Meeting;

General Business; The general business section of the meeting was conducted as normal with readings of previous meeting minutes, treasures report, etc.

Notice was given that the SPARC 145.230 MHZ has been repaired by Harry Bauder, WA3FFK.

Tech Sessions: Max Peters, KI6NJ gave a presentation on "The Magic of Radio", an Introduction to Wave Theory and Propagation and a discussion followed.

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Note since the club meeting, Jim Watson, KA3AJD has tendered his resignation from the club in order to devote more of his time to other interests. Thanks Jim for all of your hard work and good luck in all you do!

ARES/RACES

RACES Nets



Lancaster County Net is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2030 hours local time. Presently being held on the 147.015 MHz repeater with minus offset and 118.8 PL.

Pennsylvania RACES HF Nets are held at 3993.5 kHz LSB on all Sundays except holidays.

The statewide net is on the first Sunday of the month at 0800 hours local time.

The Central Area (including Lancaster County) net is at 08:30 local time.

SPARC INFO

2006 OFFICERS

President: Dave Payne, N3LOM

Vice President: Rick Watson, N3SWJ

Secretary: Dave Sarraf, N3NDJ

Treasurer: Vacant since Jim Watson has tendered his resignation.

Directors: Harry Bauder, WA3FFK. Mike Warner N3XPD

APPOINTMENTS

Web site

Dave Sarraf. N3NDJ

Training Committee

Max Peters, KI6NJ; Dave Payne, N3LOM; Jim Ibaugh, AA3C; Yogi Bear, WB3FQY.

Tech Committee

Dave Payne, N3LOM; Mike Warner, N3XPD; Harry Bauder, WA3FFK

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SPARC Nets

SPARC holds nets on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday (every Tuesday except the first) at 2030 local time on 145.230 MHz minus offset and a PL of 118.8.