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UARC MEETING

The regular meeting of the University Amateur Radio Club will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 in the UW Engineering Building Rm. 2101 at 7:30pm. Talk-in on 146.61 MHz repeater in case of room reservation malfunction.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

No Message This Month.

UARC CALENDAR

Apr 2 UARC Regular Meeting 7:30 pm

Apr 6 Longmont, CO Hamfest 28.450, 21.350, 14.260, 7.250

Apr 12-13 Sp. Event N7NPC, Casper, WY, Boy Scout-O-Rama, 28.380, 14.239, 7.225, 3.900

Apr 13 Sp. Event W7BOI, Emmett, ID, Willow Creek Challenge BSA, 28.385, 14.239, 7.225

Apr 13 Holyland DX Contest – Israel 160-10m* CW & SSB

Apr 13-15 Godalming, Surrey, UK, 90th Anniv. of Titanic disaster, CW only, all HF Bands

Apr 20-21 Michigan QSO Party 160-10m* CW & SSB

Apr 27-28 Nebraska QSO Party 80-10m* CW & SSB

May 7 UARC Regular Meeting 7:30 pm

* Note: Contesting does not include WARC bands (30m, 17m, & 12m)

UARC MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 5, 2002

Call to Order:

President Tony KD7TA called the March meeting to order at 7:32 pm in room 2101 of the Engineering Building. Introductions were made: all officers were present (thank God!); 18 members were in attendance. Those present were: Tony Arnerich KD7TA, Jim Ackerson N7SPH, Brent Gurnsey KC0FUP, Rhett Downing ND7O, Mac McDonald WB7K, Jerry Tastad N7JT, Bob Hansen WS7C, Lynn Hamblin KB7SGP, Suzanne Luhr KD7NAF, Laura Harris KD7KMT, Bill Wright AF7E, Wayne Sutherland NQ7Q, Doug Wheeler KD7W, John Harrison KD7NAE, Barry Mather KB7VQV, Paul Pheneger W7MO, Jim Johnson KD7KMU, and Dick Jones KD7FHE.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Tony KD7TA had a couple questions on the minutes of the February meeting, as I left a couple points hanging. One was on the question of using GOTA at Field Day. Tony remembered that the general feeling was against including a GOTA station. Barry KB7VQV expressed some interest in reviving the discussion later in the meeting. The second clarification of the minutes was that Jim N7SPH and Tony KD7TA would take care of the application form(s) for Field Day. The minutes were approved as changed.

Reports:

VP Report-I, Suzanne KD7NAF reported that I sent off a letter of thanks to Susanne Donnelly of Jackson for her donation of radio equipment to the University Amateur Radio Club.

Treasurers Report- Brent KC0FUP reported: Deposits: \$70⁰⁰; Payments: Phone bill, \$21⁷³; Maintenance Fund has \$475⁰⁰; Total Account Balance of \$479⁵⁶.

VEC Report- None.

ARES- Mac WB7K stated that there have been no meetings, therefore nothing to report.

Presidents Report- None.

Old Business:

Field Day:

Food-Wayne NQ7Q will take on delegation of food duties including buying, cooking, etc.

Operating Mode-Bill AF7E pointed out since we voted on a fun field day, we would not want to do QRP, as it's too frustrating for new people. Bill moved we go with QRO. It was seconded, and all approved.

Paul W7MO will supply computer programs.

Jerry N7JT talked with Walt (W7SE) and he still plans to operate CW at Field Day, but did not know about his tower and antennas. Further discussion followed and it was decided that the club should have a second tower and antenna for field day operations in the future. Rhett ND7O said he would be willing to bring his own beam, and Jerry N7JT said Fred KS7Q has pipe masts that he can look into.

Paul W7MO asked if Jerry N7JT would shop for 3 sections of tower, so the club will be self-sufficient.

Tony KD7TA will talk to Steve WL7CMA about batteries.

Scheduling? The question of scheduling came up again, and Bill AF7E said not to have a set schedule, as it

would take the fun out of it. Jim N7SPH moved to eliminate the CW schedule. Motion carried. Paul W7MO went on to say a schedule might be useful so no one hogs CW. Jerry N7JT suggested a sign-up sheet. Rhett ND7O moved to use a sign-up sheet for both CW and phone. All agreed. A sign-up sheet will be put up at the time of Field Day. Tony KD7TA asked if we need specific rules for sign-up. Rhett amended the motion to limit persons to 3 consecutive hours. Motion carried again.

Barry KB7VQV wants to do a 10 m station. Everybody's okay with that.

Tony KD7TA asked Jerry N7JT if he found a tuner in his travels. Not yet.

New Business:

Outside of the last meeting there was a suggestion of certificates for non-members that help out the club. Barry KB7VQV said there might still be a template in the files, and Wayne NQ7Q pointed out it'd be easy enough to create one on the computer on short notice, so the topic was tabled for the moment.

Announcements:

None

Meeting Adjourned:

Mac WB7K moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, and then once again someone remembered the drawing. Tony KD7TA drew Jim's call sign N7SPH, for a year's subscription to World Radio. Happy reading!

Jerry N7JT proceeded to entertain one and all with 'home movies' of Field Days gone by; early to mid 80's. Next time let me know and I'll bring the popcorn!

Cheers!

Suzanne KD7NAF

Wyoming Section Manager's Report for May QST

We extend condolences to Rev Morton, WS7W, and his family, on the recent loss of his father, and we also regret to announce that Pat ("Doc") McCue, NE7D, has become a silent key. Pat was very active in the Cedar Mountain ARC, and was the one who ALWAYS showed up for exercises and for Field Day. He was a VE and a former county EC, and an active CW operator, and was also active in the Sage Hoppers radio-controlled model airplane club, the Boy Scouts, and the Good Sam Club. We will miss him.

On a lighter note, don't forget the Wyoming State Ham Convention, at the Radisson Hotel in Casper, May 25-26, 2002. There will be vendors, swap tables, a fox hunt, and a VE testing session, as well as the usual door prizes, ARRL Forum, and State Ham Meeting. Other forum topics will include QCWA, Emergency Management, APRS, and the National Weather Service (to be confirmed). There will be the traditional banquet on Saturday evening, with a surprise program. Registration and hotel info is available on the hamfest website, <<http://www.qsl.net/wy7u/Convention%20page.htm>> , or from Dave Gregory, <n7coa@arrl.net> .

N7LKH Bob Williams
Wyoming Section Manager

PLANNED DX OPERATIONS
(Lifted from the 425 DX Bulletin)

Until August, 2002	ET3PMW: Ethiopia * by W4PFM
Until 2003	RW1AI/ANT & R1ANC: Vostok Base
Until 2003	T30ES: Butaritari (OC-017), W. Kiribati * by N1JSY
Until December, 2002	TT8DX: Chad
Until May 15, 2002	VQ9GB: Diego Garcia (AF-006) * by K7GB
Until October, 2002	ZD9IR: Gough Island (IOTA AF-030) * by ZS6RI
April 12-22, 2002	VK9ML: Mellish Reef (OC-072)
April 22-25, 2002	T2: Tuvalu
April 29-May 8, 2002	KH1: Baker Island (OC-089) * by YT1AD and others
April	XV9TH: Spratly Islands (AS-051)
May 17-27, 2002	TN3B and TN3W: Congo * by EA3BT and EA3WL

EDITORS' NOTES

During World War Two, General Spaatz commented that he never learned anything while talking. Boy, does this ever apply to Amateur Radio! It seems like many were talking and few were listening during the recent DXpeditions to San Felix Island XR0X, and Ducie Island VP6DI. People were calling on the operator's listening frequency and constantly asking where he was listening, even though it was announced on a regular basis. This caused a great deal of interference to the stations that were listening or contacting the DX station. Even if you didn't want to wait for his announcement of where he was listening, it doesn't take very much time or real effort to figure out where the DX is listening. You just have to look a little. Besides, if you listen, you will know exactly where to transmit, you won't be taking a shot in the dark, and your chances of getting in his log are much greater. We don't think that there is any obligation for DXpeditions to hand out instant contacts on a platter to those who refuse to learn operating techniques and etiquette. Why don't we try to earn something once in a while. This also says something about the class of operators we are producing. Every article we read says that good operators listen first and talk second.

Are you a talker or a listener?

If you perhaps would like to write an article, editorial, or other comment for the COTW, please send your material to our e-mail addresses at: nq7q@arrl.net and af7e@juno.com.

73, Wayne NQ7Q & Bill AF7E

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"
 The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"
 The graduate with an Accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?"
 The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

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