

SwMsARC meeting minutes
Thursday, August 11th, 2016
Brookhaven, Mississippi.

The meeting was called to order by Club President, N5ZNT at 1856. There is a separate sign-in sheet for 9 in attendance.

Introductions were requested around. AD7KJ read the meeting minutes from July 14th in McComb. WB5ASP moved to accept minutes as read with N4RUD seconding, after questions were posed and clarifications. KD5RGT read the treasurer's report.

In old business

- (1.) a review of the 2016 Field Day and the points gathered. 2017 is reserved at the Brookhaven recreation office again as a brief announcement/new business. Thanks to WB5ASP.
- (2.) The equipment presented at the July meeting was discussed. Contact Donnie, KD5RGT for a list, viewing and-or photos.
- (3.) Extra tests were also questioned. It is recommended for anyone wishing to test the Extra Exam to check the study guide. The Extra exams have a new ARRL-VEC question pool, which started July 1st, 2016. The W5WQ Exam Group uses ARRL-VEC materials for testing.
- (4.) The test group in Hammond is testing the last Sunday each month. Their website, www.selarc.org and contact information, Tyrone at n5xes@arrl.net

In new business,

- (1.) a review and thank-you of SET 2016 participants for operators at the McComb hospital and outlying areas for check-ins. N4RUD requested a discussion on getting a second antenna up-on top of the hospital, specifically a horizontal for 40 and 80. After returning home he tested his vertical against a horizontal for receive conditions. The vertical was terrible. Terry and Scott sent several ham-radio e-mails back into the system. A brief explanation was made for how ham radio can get an e-mail into an AOL mailbox. Digital ham-radio sends the text message to some ham-station that is connected to the internet, similar to Echo-Link, and the text is now sent just like any-other e-mail.
- (2.) The Radio-Shack store is closing in McComb after a corporate take-over. The Jackson store might remain open.
- (3.) An announcement about the Katrina Memorial stations will be operating again, August 27th thru 30th, 2016. www.katrina5h.com Contact for Katrina 11 Years is Larry, AG5Z.

A review of 2016 Scheduled events developed when changes to one was announced. . . .
MS Tour for a Cure Bike road-run is still 2nd weekend in October, for 8th and 9th. No Change.
The Diabetes Walk, in McComb did CHANGE TO the last Saturday. October 29th.
The club pick-a-nick is scheduled for the 4th Saturday of October 22nd. No Change – YET.
We do need to find an alternate, or back-up location for the pick-a-nick. The pic-nic and walk were BOTH scheduled for October 22nd.

We also still need to get ARES applications up-dated.

There was a brief review of meeting protocol and understanding and membership status for votes.

No scheduled program with the predicted weather, apologies.

WB5ASP moved to close meeting at 1953, N4RUD seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Cullen Watts, AD7KJ.