

SwMsARC meeting minutes
Thursday, November 10th, 2016
McComb, Mississippi.

The meeting was called to order by Club President, N5ZNT at 1904.
There is a separate sign-in sheet for 10 present. 2 new Generals from VE tonight.

The meeting minutes from October 13th in Brookhaven were read by AD7KJ and approved with one correction. Dinner in December is at 6PM. KD5RGT read the treasurer's report. A request for comments, questions and with none a phone message apology from WB5ASP for his absence was expressed.

In old business, N5ZNT gave thanks for MS Tour for a Cure. The Diabetes Walk-Run went great, even with the multiple routes AND the parade intersection at water stand number one. All the confusion was handled with grace by Carolyn and Donnie. The communications participants were thanked, AD7KJ, N5ZNT, KD5RGT, KF5TQG, N9ZAB with a first harmonic Colt and WU5U and a second harmonic. Photos to be sent to web-page. The organizer expressed thanks and want communications from us again next year. Thanks to N5ZNT and WU5U for representation at the ARRL Day in the Park in Columbia. Light participation but a great facility. The club Pick-a-nick was also another great event. Thanks to Bob and Nancy for hosting and taking care of all the details. They made purchases that need attention. AD7KJ made motion that the receipts be refunded and N5ZNT 2nd motion with none opposing. A request for the same location for October 21st, 2017, if available. N5ZNT stated he would provide the ice-cream, if it was not a scheduled dessert.

Up-coming events were reviewed:

November 11 and 12 – Jackson County Ham-Fest in Ocean Springs, MS
November 12 – New Orleans Computer swap-meet and Ham-Fest note same date
December 8th is Our Christmas Dinner and there will be a “ Dirty Santa Gift Swap.” If anyone wishes to participate, bring a gift in \$10 to 15 range, non gender.
December 10 – Pearl River County Ham-Fest at Poplarville, MS
December 17 – Minden, Louisiana Ham-Fest
January 21st - “Last Free Ham Fest” Hammond, Louisiana
January 27 and 28 – Jackson Ham-Fest and the Club will have one table.

Other old business, AD7KJ made a request for more VE's. Questions were “What does it take to BE a VE? How many are needed and what grade VE's can test for each grade? How can anyone become a VE?” It was an eye opening few minutes, with a limited number of examiners burn-out is happening and going to get worse. The hard message eventually was stated. “Everyone that has sat in a test and tested needs to step-up, upgrade and send in for their VE credentials. If you have a W5YI badge an ARRL badge can be had by completing one piece of paper.”

N5ZNT asked for new business. AD7KJ presented the 2017 draft schedule and

location under the continuing rotation, after being greeted by the manager for SouthWest Reginal's meeting rooms on arrival. Under present rotation:

Jan. - 12 gen meeting and elections	McB
Feb. - 9 gen meeting	BrK
Mar. - 9 gen meeting	McB
Apr. - 13 gen meeting	BrK
May - 11 gen meeting	McB
June - 8 gen meeting	BrK
June - 24 th Field Day Weekend	at Brookhaven Rec-Office
June - 25 th Field Day Weekend	
July - 13 gen meeting	McB
Aug. - 10 gen meeting	BrK
Sept. - 14 gen meeting	McB
Oct. - 12 gen meeting	BrK
oct 14 th n 15 th ?	event MS Tour4aCure
oct 21 st ?	event annual Pick-A-Nick location to be determined
oct 28 th ?	event Diabetes Run-Walk in McComb
Nov. - 9 gen meeting	McB
December 14 th , Annual Christmas Dinner	(normal schedule Brookhaven)

The 2017 dinner had several suggestions thrown out as possibilities should we want to do a town or city rotation.

With no other business, N5ZNT moved to close our meeting and N4RUD seconded, at 1958 for a program by N9ZAB on how he built an in progress "Fat-Fifty two meter Hamo-Can." It uses a 10-25-65 watt Yeasue, a 1600Ah gell-cell battery, connectors including power to radio, for charging and a USB via switches for routing selections.

Respectfully submitted by Cullen Watts, AD7KJ.