SwMsARC meeting minutes Thursday, October 13th, 2016 Brookhaven, Mississippi

The meeting was called to order by Club President, N5ZNT at 1858. There is a separate sign-in sheet for 18 present, highest this year.

AD7KJ read the meeting minuets from September 8th in McComb. KD5RGT read the treasurers report. There were no corrections, questions or comments. Approved as read. KD5RGT presented a sample W5WQ qsl card for viewing.

The MS-Tour-for-a-Cure bicycle event was Saturday and Sunday October 8th and 9th. The event began in Hammond and went to Percy Quin State Park and back, organized thru SELARC, in Hammond. N5ZNT thanked KD5RGT, KF5TQG, AD7KJ, AE5FK, KG5HZU and himself for assisting both days.

The Diabetes Walk is scheduled for the morning of Saturday October 29th in McComb. A request for final communications participants was made and request for shirt sizes. A 730 AM lineup for coms to prepare for 8AM run-walk start. HTs will be great. We are stationed along the route during this event, usally at water stations, not as a "Walking Event."

The ARRL Mississippi Section Day in the Park is just north of Columbia on October 15th this Saturday from 8AM to 1PM. It is usually great meet and greet and tailgating. State Section officers are all in attendance. The first year in a-while it has been south of I-20.

The 2016 annual club pick-a-nick is at Friendship Baptist Church, east of Summit, for October 22^{nd.} A discussions for the BBQ-Grill-on-Wheels included an alternate plan. The church is on Hwy 44 apx 5 miles east of McComb. Cooking is planned for food at 2PM, for 15 to 20 people. Operational opportunities' can be had on the digital modes.

Up coming events calender. Some on same day as local activities:

October 15 – Ham-Fest in Greenville, Tennessee

October 22 – Ham-Fest in Chatanooga, Tennessee

November 11 and 12 – Jackson County Ham-Fest in Ocean Springs, MS

November 12 – New Orleans Computer swap-meet and Ham-Fest

December 10 – Pearl River County Ham-Fest at Poplarville, MS

December 17 – Minden, Lousiana Ham-Fest

January 27 and 28 – Jackson Ham-Fest at TradeMart Building Club will have one table for general rest-stops, club gear and Burnett estate equipment.

No date - early January - "Last Free Ham Fest" Hammond, Lousiana

New Business included meeting locations and dates for 2017.

The 2016 annual December 8th, Christmas Dinner is to be catered by Romas Deli at 8PM, with a traditional Holiday Dinner. (Ham, Turkey and Dressing with fixings.) Dinners should be pre-paid to club treasuer at \$14 per person. A "Dirty Gift Swap" will take place after the meal where each person (member) brings a \$10 valued gift preferred to be Gift-Wrapped. Packages will be assigned a number, then numbers are drawn for a person in turn to claim that

numbered gift and un-wraps the gift. The second person opens their package and has the option to "STEAL" gift number one or keep number two. Number three has the option to "STEAL" number one or number two (who ever actually has number one or two could be mixed, now.) Like-wise number four can "Steal" number one, two or number three, so-on and so-on till the last gift if taken and opened and-or a "STEAL" is stolen. These words makes me hope someone brings a "German Stolen Cake." (Added post meeting. :)) At meeting time there are twenty people scheduled to attend. Scheduled at regular December location, Brookhaven.

Next meeting in McComb is November 10th. Annual membership dues will be due at the January 12th meeting. Each primary membership is \$24 and a second member-person is \$12.

WB5ASP moved that the meeting be closed and WU5U seconded. None apposed for a very short program review of an electronic circuit being critiqued by engineers.

Respectfully submitted by Cullen Watts, AD7KJ.