



# Solivita Radio Club

Meeting of Thursday, October 29, 2020

President: Reg Thomas, KD8THB

Vice President: Jerry Sheldon, W9MET

In addition to the SRC Officers, the following Members were present:

Marty Strakhovsky, WA1GVH

Doug Bennett, WB8ZNL

Norm Zubick, KD2ICH

Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR

George Baltz, N3GB

Steve Mizel

Kenny Zail, KZ4MTV

Reg KD8THB opened the meeting promptly at 7:00pm after circulation of the attendance sheet. He welcomed new members Norm Zubrik (present) and Lisa Bresnowitz (Paul's wife)

**Minutes** The minutes of the September meeting, having been circulated previously by email from Secretary Mike Urban KD4PTT, were approved as written. Motion by Marty WA1GVH, Second by Paul N2TTR

## **Old Business:**

Reg KD8THB advised he, Marty, Jerry and Wayne again visited the K9YCG repeater installation in the Solivita Tower, in an attempt to learn more about the VHF antenna installation and general operation of the UHF repeater (currently not working). We may want to reposition the VHF antenna, after transition to SRC control, to achieve a more uniform coverage pattern.

A brief summary of the October 14 Foxhunt was given by Jerry W9MET. We decided to have future Foxhunts on a schedule to be determined by the Board.

Jerry mentioned the "Club Library" collection of Reference materials available to all members.

Doug WB8ZNL contributed 25 cents to the "I forgot my Solivita Radio Club Hat" fund

## **New Business**

Reg KD8THB discussed the preparation of a chart that would summarize the Club's abilities to monitor various Radio Services during an emergency'. Jerry W9MET circulated a draft of this chart, identifying FRS, GMRS, CB, Amateur Radio HF, VHF, and UHF services that currently can be monitored by members and Repeater(s) that the Club intends to monitor in the future. The objective of this exercise is to support the Polk County CERT and the ARRL West Central Florida ARES communications effort in times of need. The Draft chart will be further developed to include specific frequencies and identify specific Club Members who volunteer to monitor these frequencies. A copy of the Chart (draft) is appended to these minutes for reference.

To help us capture the capabilities of each member's station, Reg suggested we prepare a spreadsheet which when completed can identify how each member could contribute (if interested) in the abovementioned Emergency Frequency monitoring effort. An example of this was circulated by Jerry, identifying the various bands and modes available at his station. (copy appended for reference)

Jerry identified several activities suggested by various members during the 5:00 pm Mon – Fri net. These are:

More Fox Hunts,  
Winter Field Day,  
Road Trip Mobile Radio Operation/Portable off road-off grid operation,  
Aeronautical Mobile Operation via Jeff WA4LLL offer to take members up in groups of 3 at a local airport,  
International Space Station monitoring/Repeater contacts. Contest for First, Most, Farthest  
Christmas get-together with Members families  
Visits to members QTH's to compare and learn about outside antenna installation  
Kit building  
CW code classes  
Study sessions for license class upgrade

Motion to Adjourn was raised by George N3GB and seconded by Marty WA1GVH. All agreed and meeting was closed at 7:35 to progress to the activities portion. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 19, 2020. Note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday not the 4<sup>th</sup>, our usual meeting date. The meeting was advanced a week to avoid a conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **Activity**

This month's activity consisted of installation testing and operation of the "Echo-Link" mobile phone APP to enable access to local and worldwide Amateur Radio Repeater networks via one's cellphone. To demonstrate, Marty WA1GVH contacted a station via the Lakeland K4LKL repeater. Jerry showed the group a QSL card he had received from his first ever Echo-Link contact, a station in Southern Ireland.

Submitted by W9MET on behalf of Secretary Mike Urban KD4PTT

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Jerry Sheldon  
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