

Solivita Radio Club, N4SRC
General Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2021

President: Reg Thomas, KD8THB
Vice President: Jerry Sheldon, W9MET
Secretary: Mike Urban, KD4PTT
Treasurer: Paul Bresnowitz, N2TTR
Club Station License Trustee: Jeff Saly, WA4LLL

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

George Baltz, N3GB
Doug Bennett, WB8ZNL
CJ Chiappone, KO4CCB
Stu Gallant, K3RZB
Alan McIlwain, KI8JV
Wayne Schoeffel, KJ4FXB
Kenny Zail, KZ4MTV
Norm Zubick, KD2ICH

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Reg at 7:05pm.

Old Business:

A motion was called for, seconded and accepted to accept the Minutes of the July 29, 2021, SRC General Meeting.

The new UHF - KD8THB Repeater, is now in testing phase by Reg.

Field Day After Action Review: A three (3) page After-action Review was provided to all members present. The review was discussed in length of the trials and tribulation of this operational event. All-in-all, the Field Day Event was a great success, there may have been a few “bumps”. Great cooperation was seen from all members attending. It was sited to have been laced with great opportunities for experience and training opportunities. The complete review was forwarded to ALL Members by Norm, KD2ICH.

A KX3... (radio) previously listed for sale, has a **reduced price of \$1,375.** Contact Doug, WB8ZNL for further details.

VP Report: Jerry, W9MET discussed the idea of utilizing a helium balloon for lifting wire antenna's up into taller trees. Necessary supplies would be a.) a weather (type) balloon; b.) bottle of helium; c) wire, line, monofilament. Cost: TBD.

The GMRS Repeater is still working – continue to adjust and “tweak”.

Proposal for Club shirts. The material would need to be of “all cotton” for the comfort of all who may have allergies. The “Logo” would be the same as that of the existing hats, but without the white background. The logo crest would be located on the left chest and include the individuals first name and call sign. The shirt style is to be “Polo”, color: a “light” grey; cost estimated to be <\$30.00. More specific details will be provided later.

Treasures Report: Paul, N2TTR reported \$0.00 revenues; \$0.00 expenses; Bal: \$295.69 as verified as of 20210824.

Trustee Report: Jeff, WA4LLL. The N4SRC repeater is experiencing a “hum” possibly (tone). Continues to evaluate and adjust. Now with 2 batteries and 30amp power supply.

Water proofing: Still needs work in tower to protect the batteries and power supplies. For now, they have been kept covered for protection.

New Business:

Letter of “Thanks”: The Solivita Radio Club received a letter of Thanks from Wayne Schoeffel, Team Leader, Solivita Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), “to recognize the tremendous support Solivita CERT has received...” “to re-activate the repeaters that CERT needs to use... in response to a wide-spread disaster.” i.e.,

- Becoming the VHS repeater (now N4SRC) Trustee
- Re-wiring the repeater systems
- Updating the batteries and charger
- Overseeing the tuning of the repeaters
- Re-equipping some UHF (GMRS) repeater components
- Re-mounting the antennas (top of tower).

“Thanks again.”

Norm, KD2ICH provided some brief comments on the presentation by the PCSO regarding an “Active Shooter Event”.

Comments: When an Active Shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation.

You’ll have three options: RUN; HIDE; FIGHT.

An “active shooter” is an individual who is engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area...

It’s NOT a matter of “IF” but “WHEN”!!!

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Mike, KD4PTT - ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET).

First, a little background info...

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is an annual exercise designed to assess the skills and preparedness of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers, as well as those affiliated with other organizations involved with emergency and disaster response.

The primary SET weekend is scheduled for October 2-3, 2021, but Local and Section-wide exercises may take place throughout the fall.

In addition to ARES volunteers, radio amateurs active in the National Traffic System, (NTS) Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES), SKYWARN, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and a variety of other allied groups... are needed to fulfill important roles in this nationwide exercise.

So, under separate cover, I had forwarded this info to the SRC Board, seeking if this activity/exercise would be something of interest to the Club along with our Solivita CERT group.

So, at this point I believe this may be an item for discussion at the upcoming board meeting, which is scheduled...TBD.

Reg, KD8THD wants to identify and standardize Solivita frequencies. TBD.

At next month’s general meeting it is hopeful to include a “swap-meet” to buy, sell, trade... for whatever radio gear you may have that you have an interest in... buying, selling or trading.

Reg, KD8THB announced that at December’s General Meeting the Club will be taking Nominations for New Officers. Followed by Voting at the January Meeting. And at the February meeting the new Officers will be installed.

Jerry, W9MET intends to procure an incased Fox Hunt transmitting devise. This idea was accepted with great interest by all Members present.



Norm, KD2ICH. For anyone interested, the 2021 Biker Bash will be held on Nov 5th. For any SRC Members interested, he would be able to buy tickets you (with YOUR monies). Contact Norm for further details.

With no other new business... called for a motion to adjourn.

Motioned/seconded/approved.

Meeting adjourned: 8:01pm

Post Meeting Activity: Jerry, W9MET presented a video of a Balloon Launch with payload of repeater and antennas. Duration approx.: 40 min.

The End.

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