



Solivita Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

September 30, 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, N3GB	Alan, KI8JV	CJ, KO4CCB
Wayne, KJ4FXB	Stu, K3RZB	Norm, KD2ICH
Joe, KC4JRH	Mac, KB7SFY	Mark, KC4ZVK

The meeting was called to order by President Reg, KD8THB at 7:05 pm.

Old Business:

SRC Board Meeting:

On September 17th, there was a SRC Board Meeting consisting of all the SRC Officers held at Jerry, W9MET's QTH.

Items of discussion:

SRC tour of Polk County EOC (1890 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven, Fl 33880). Scheduled date: Sept. 28th, 2021. Anticipate carpooling from Freedom Park.

Suggested to participate in the upcoming ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) anticipated for October 2 – 3, 2021.

Communications with non-active Club members, to verify continuing interest/precipitation in the SRC. (Paul, N2TTR to submit via email a survey of those "members" with un-paid dues at-this-time, to confirm their interest to continue or decline)

An action plan for our ARRL Membership party... i.e., who, what & where.
(Possible Luncheon @ the Grill – Individual checks)

Status of repeater battery bench weatherizing project. Who is going to do what?
(Still not done... Reg suggests putting bench up on blocks).

Status of Balloon antenna project. Est. costs: Balloon \$50, Gas \$200, Wire Antenna \$30. Do we still want to do this? (A 100 ft wire antenna – to go aloft for the duration of a Field Day (like) event. Est. 36-inch Mylar Balloon; Helium gas for lift).

Polo Shirts: Currently have an order of shirts and hats for >\$550.00.

Jerry, W9MET has purchased a VHF Foxhunt transmitter. Don't mind funding the purchase but would like to discuss this becoming a CLUB owned gear.

On-Going:

We have the Pavilion at Freedom Park reserved for the last weekend in January 2022 for the next scheduled ARRL Field Day event.

Balloon Antenna – Jerry, W9MET has purchased some of the material for the proposed vertical wire antenna the Club anticipates utilizing for Field Day events. ATT, he has the wire portion with plans to procure the Balloon and Helium at later date closer to the event.

Jerry, W9MET provided further information regarding the 2021 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). The event is scheduled for October 2 -3, 2021, and reiterated the same information previously listed in last months "Meeting Minutes".

New Business:

VP Report:

Fox Hunt transmitter... Purchased. Personally funded by Jerry, W9MET. Would like to recommend this item become a Club material asset... with reimbursement of his procurement expenses. Jerry gave a brief demonstration of the transmitters signal tone.

Polo shirts are here. Distribution and receive payment after meeting.

ARRL Antenna Kit. Build an End-Fed Half Wave Antenna from a Kit. As an after-meeting project. Asked for anyone's interest by a show of hands – 7 replied.

The intentions are to see if there is any deal to save on shipping cost if buying multiple kits. Otherwise, the kits are \$69.95/ea., plus shpg \$12.50/unit & Tax (FL. @ 6%) \$4.95 = \$87.40.

Wayne, KJ4FXB reported on the EOC Tour for six of our SRC Members on Tuesday, Sept. 28th. The tour of the EOC was very informative to all with an in-depth presentation from the EOC staff on the set-up and operations of all the various participants involve and needed for emergency activations especially during severe weather activations and any/all emergency situations that warrant. The SRC members were taken on a guided tour of the facility, including the Media Room (for TV and Radio reports convene for broadcasting details of events). The Media Room is also set up with a podium, microphones and an appropriate "Polk County" back-

drop (as seen on TV). We were also shown the radio equipment room and the antenna arrays and one of their “Go Bag’s” encased in a Pelican case.

Also, Gary Bishop of the Lake Ashton, CERT and Radio Club gave a brief talk about Win-Link.

Topped off with a nice lunch at the local airport diner on our way back to Solivita.

Treasurers Report:

Paul, N2TTR, Club Treasurer reported on:

- a.) Sent emails requests to non-paid (dues) members regarding their intention of remaining as a member of the SRC. Asked to comply with payment of current dues if so interested in remaining an active member of SRC.
- b.) Dues collected from three (3) members to date totaling revenues of \$90.00.
- c.) \$0.00 Expensed this period.
- d.) Account Balance: \$385.69
- e.) Continue to collect outstanding dues for the April 2021 – April 2022 accounting year.
- f.) Will continue to send follow-up letter(s) to those non-paying members for whom having already received the emailed request(s) for SRC membership compliance.

President Reg, KD8THB brought forth the question for consideration as to a change of venue (location) for the SRC General Meeting. First consideration for thought was for the 2nd floor club room located in the Riviera Spa & Fitness Center, commonly referred to as RFS2.

The pluses for this location were the size AND it has available Audio/Visual capabilities. And just more accommodating to the Club’s needs.

Currently, the Club is needing to schedule the Art Gallery in 3-month increments. Hope to be able to schedule something on a yearly schedule.

With no further New Business and/or general discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40pm

Next Meeting will be October 28, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Art Gallery.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Post-Meeting Activity:

SWAP Meet. Each member attending placed their name in a hat. A random drawing gave the member the opportunity to select any item on the “Free” table.

Items that were shown as “FOR SALE” were open to all members present.

END.