

CGARC Minutes to Meeting 05/14/2009

The May 14, 2009 CGARC meeting was held at First Christian Church on North Houston Road and called to order by Scott Nolde, N4CI. Introductions were made with 24 people present. The April 9, 2009 minutes were reported on the club web site and accepted. The April - to - May, 2009 financial report was given by NM4D with \$1537.25 as a closing balance prior to the May meeting. The Heart of Georgia Hamfest has \$891.84 as a balance.

- David, KD4KLF suggested the club purchase Fox Hunt trophies to pass around to each month's winner. It will be discussed more at a later date.
- Brett, WD4BRB announced the next Fox Hunt will be Saturday, May 16, 2009. All future hunts will be the Saturday following the club meeting.
- In Larry Keith KQ4B absence Bill NM4D gave a report on the Heart of Georgia Hamfest. There were \$816 in ticket sales, \$60 in table rental, and \$15.84 profit in soft drink sale. This sum of \$891.84 will be held by CGARC for the three clubs (Macon, MGRA, & CGARC) to seed the 2010 Hamfest. Cedar City Sales from Tennessee had a great day and plans to return next year. Rescue Tape said they would be back as well. The club discussed raising tickets to \$5 next year and Bill NM4D suggested we have a 3/\$10 offer to increase winner chances and improve ticket sales.
- New club members Mike Hall, KJ4LAC and Roy Wood, KJ4LAM were voted in by a show of hands.
- Net reports indicated good check-ins with the VHF Net, Hole In The Wall, etc.
- The repeater report was given by Dave KN4DS in Mike WM4B absence. We are having some de-sense problems. It is being researched to correct.
- The ARES net is the largest in the state now and will soon be linked to the 145.43 repeater to increase it even more.
- The VEC test session had no applicants this month.
- Field Day – Tony W4AGS made a motion that MGRA and CGARC have a combined Field Day, seconded by Dave KN4DS. Preston WR4PM requested that CGARC host it. Preston requested using tents to combat mosquitoes, also. Everyone agreed and the event will be held at Central Baptist Church again this year. Dave KN4DS will apply for a 1 by 1 special call, asking for W4R first. Operators will be scheduled so more people can participate. It was requested that the June CGARC be held at the Field Day site on Saturday after the second Thursday. Because of VE testing it was rejected.
- Dr. Wil NM4W discussed the June 13 Ham Cram at the Peach County Fire Station at the west end of 247 Connector. He stressed hams support the attendees by being there. A discussion was held about a follow-up class after the Ham Cram classes to help “Elmer” the new hams. Buck (W4ABT) Rogers's son will attend.
- John WB4EEL discussed ARES concerns about people ignoring the Swine Flu fever.
- Jozsef W4JPD won \$14 in the \$28 half-n-half drawing. He donated it to the club repeater fund. Thank you Jozsef for the donation.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted – Bill, NM4D