

Meeting minutes for 09/14/2017

Marcus greeted everyone, traditional intros.

Welcomed Geno back to the club after his health-related absence.

Marcus mentioned the budget proposal discussion will be postponed until the treasurer returns.

Next meeting Marcus will do his presentation on tall towers. Later he will do a video on Bill Davidson's new tower.

Robert – Secretary Report

1. Mentioned Helena Hamfest
2. Reminded folks next test session is at the hamfest
3. Reminder of our social media.

Jim was absent, so no treasurers report. Congrats to him on new grandchild.

Geno talked about the Alabama SET. Last year we scored over 11,000 points. Oct 28th.
<http://ALARRL.com> website for more info.

Bob Thomas briefed us on the Hamfest. The theme this year is digital communications.

Some of the prizes include:

Icom ID-51A D-star – Grand Prize

Baofug HT – Prize

Alpha Antenna – 10 to 80 M antenna prize – Vertical HF

RF Guy - \$10 gift certificate

We're being loaned a popcorn machine, we need volunteers to help make and sell popcorn.

The Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air is the same day. We will work with the scouts to get them to come out and be able to work from some volunteer's stations.

Bob would like for some volunteers to setup digital stations for demonstration purposes. This could be as simple as an HT running D-Star, DMR, or Fusion, up to a complete station with laptop running PSK-31, JT-65, etc.

<http://helenahamfest.com> for more Hamfest info.

Robert to come up with a commercial of sorts. Will look at ARRL for media releases.

After the Hamfest discussion, Michael Spanos gave the presentation; it was a fun technology related quiz.