

CCARA meeting Tuesday March 6. 2024

Meeting called to order at 6 pm. by President KC8YXY . 8 members present include, KD8UXI, KA8BJA, AA8BN, KC8ZWR, KL7RF, KE8WIP, KC8YXY and N8MXX.

Treasurer report- KE8WIP reports that cost of 3 memberships were deposited and a check sent for the annual cost for the repeater site. KA8BJA made motion to accept and KL7RF seconded the motion.

Web page report- KL7RF presented the bill for the cost of the website. AA8BN motioned to accept and KA8BJA seconded the motion. KL7RF also gave us a reminder that the TUSCO Ham Fest is next month.

Repeater report- It was brought up that the ARES repeater makes a buzzing noise when first transmitting of a session.

KE8WIP commented that it occurs when it has not been in use for a while and that the buzzing sound eventually dissipates. Also mentions the 440 site is not working and KE8WIP is not sure why at this point. It was reported someone was climbing on antenna for what may have been a repair, and the next day it was not working. The issue will be investigated.

Old/unfinished business- Discussion continued from last month's meeting on how to get Echo Link up and running. KE8WIP said he may be able to get additional equipment ready to accomplish the task at the station of KA8BJA. KD8UXI said our ad was published in the last issue of The Beacon publicizing our meeting to attract potential new members. He said he will tweek the ad to include that anyone interested in learning ham radio is welcome to attend and to give directions on our room location so anyone entering the building can easily find meeting room.

New business- AA8BN said items were given to him to digitize so that the library will have information about all members of CCARA going back to 1987 for archive purposes. He asks members to suggest other items to include in the archive.

ARES report- It was brought up that we will have a state-wide test of the tornado warning system. Test from Coshocton will be on March 20 at 9:50 am. Members are asked to report if they heard it and where they were located at the time. There will be a net held on the 145.230MHz repeater starting at 9:30AM

Presentation- KL7RF presented members with a power point presentation on The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS). This is a volunteer project that has interested persons collecting rain, snow and hail samples from their home and report the information daily to the organization so that collective data can be given to the NOAA in Pittsburgh to assist the government in completing an accurate measure of precipitation in our area, and to other weather forecasting organizations. The program helps citizens understand our weather and how it can impact our lives on a daily basis. Currently KL7RF is the only volunteer in Coshocton County. Anyone interested can visit the website at www.cocorahs.org for information on how to be a part of the program. Volunteers will use low cost rain gauges that KL7RF showed to accurately measure precipitation each day. You can also contact KL7RF with any questions.

Door prize- KA8BJA donated a set of coax cables and antenna insulators. Prize was won by AA8BN.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Mendy (KD8UXI), secretary

