

FOUR SEASONS BEAUMONT

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2022

Members Present: Pete Hersey KJ6NRR, Fred Plenge K6FXP, Bill Taylor KM6CIU, Harry Henderson AC2LZ, Jim Peterson K6JWP, Henry Ciesielski KN6CQL, Mike Mendoza KK6BUW, Fred Weck KK6HBQ

Club President Pete Hersey called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Pete asked if there was any interest in having a club Christmas Party. The members present voted to have a Christmas Party. The agreed upon requirement is that it would be a non-weekend evening, have a 6:00 pm start time, and that we may need to decorate the area. Pete asked for volunteers to work the coordination with the Lodge for a date, time, venue and proposed menu. No one volunteered so Fred KK6HBQ volunteered to do the coordination with the Lodge. Fred initially coordinated with Stacy Dean, manager of the Kopper Kettle, however, Stacy announced her leaving her job shortly thereafter. Coordination with Cindy Graves resulted in dialogue with Thomas Catering and a date of December 13, at 6:00pm, in the RCN building was the result. Fred sent an email with pertinent details to the members about the event on Sept. 21, 2022.

Pete mentioned that on November 3, Thursday, there would likely be a test or drill pertaining to earthquake preparedness. Referred to as a "Shake Out", the goal is to be prepared, communications-wise, for this event so folks should check their batteries for this event.

Pete then brought up the subject of 'renewing' our Ham licenses. He stressed the importance of knowing your FRN number that is on your existing license. During the renewal process, you have to link up the FRN number together with your password initially. He suggested that you use the security question to log-in.

Pete then mentioned that we need volunteers to check the batteries in the radio room. Pete said that he had a 6 amp charger that could be used. We need a load on the battery, either a headlamp or a resistor. Jim K6JWP suggested using an inverter to change 12 volts from battery to 120 volts. Henry and Harry will check batteries.

Pete showed a ground-plane antenna that he uses when he uses 2 meter and it works well.

Jim Peterson mentioned that he has a solar generator that provides 1300 watt-hours and cost around \$1,000.00

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:15 pm