



WAARC September 13, 2016 meeting minutes

President Bobby, N5VCU, called the meeting to order and welcomed all. There were 37 attending. Ted's (W3TB) treasurer and Dan's (WG4F) secretary reports were approved. Ted asked for someone to fill in for him during Oct-Dec and Ken, NU4I volunteered. Ted indicated we have reserved the meeting room at the current cost through 2017 but the price will increase after that from the current \$10 to \$30.

Bill, NR4C, reported that the club Yorktown special event would be on October 15 by the path to the monument.

Toby, KLOSS, gave a report on the QSL state including a pack of cards from the bureau. She indicated we have card QSLs from 45 states. Research continues for a new club QSL card as we are running out of the old low quality cards. Toby indicated that Bill, NR4C had volunteered to help with the graphic software work for the card.

Chris, KC4CMR, reported on the Triathlon event September 10, and that he would be participating in one session of the JCC CERT class. Mike, W4NYY, announced the ARRL VE session would be Oct 8.

Ed, K1NUH gave a Blast from the Past on Reginald Fessenden who is responsible for transmitting the first voice message over radio in 1900 and the first radio broadcast in 1906. Ed reported Reginald Fessenden in January, 1906, employing his rotary-spark transmitters, made the first successful two-way transatlantic transmission, exchanging Morse code messages. Fessenden eventually became the holder of more than 500 patents.

Ted, W3TB, announced he had received a letter from a resident of Williamsburg Landing asking for someone to talk about Amateur Radio. Chuck, AI4WU, volunteered to have a talk with them. Ken, NU4I, discussed the current effort in Congress for the Amateur Radio Parity Act which has passed the House and on to the Senate. This legislation would help amateurs facing Home Owner Association restrictions on antennas. The ARRL has information and support for writing your senator. Ted, W3TB, indicated an alternate approach would be to send a letter to the local office for the senator for more direct access.

Bill, NR4C, showed a tape measure that was marked in antenna frequencies. Dino showed some nice equipment cases he had purchased.

For our program, Kyle, KK4BMZ, put together a nice presentation on Software Defined Receivers, specifically focusing on the RTL-SDR receiver.

Attendees:

AB2AN	John		KI4SNN	Paul		no call	Randy
AF4QG	Jim		KJ4TJI	Tom		no call	Patti
AI4QQ	John		KK4BMZ	Kyle		NR4C	Bill
AI4WU	Chuck		KK4OXB	Jeff		NU4I	Ken
AJ4XV	Dave		KK4RPA	Betty		W3TB	Ted
AK4MV	Rick		KL0S	Dino		W4FAF	Jonathan
AK4XH	Martin		KL0SS	Toby		W4NYS	Bob
K1NUH	Ed		KM4JRG	Bob		W4NYY	Mike
K2QJ	George		KU4FO	Carl		WA2YFZ	Jeff
K4MI	Will		N4MW	Dave		WA3RWP	Wally
K8LF	Jerome		N5VCU	Bobby		WA4LMG	Bill
KC4CMR	Chris		no call	Leslie		WB4AHD	Warren
						WG4F	Dan

Respectfully submitted, Dan, WG4F. Please send any corrections or additions to me.