

JSCARC Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2023

1. Call To Order

President Terry KA5TBB called to order the JSCARC regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Inspiration Room JSC Gilruth.

2. Attendees:

KA5TBB (Pres) Terry Quick
KI5LQT (VP) Danielle Plauche
W5OC (Sec) David Lee
K5KGH Kelvin Hickman
KG5URA David Kimbrell
K5KUA Joe Gibson
N5FWB Jerry Steward
KD5DYZ Bob Eaton
K5LLE Leslie Eaton
KG5LJZ Jayant Ramakrishnan
KD5JRR Ron Kollman
KB5PGY David Fanelli
KG5U Dale Martin
AB4ME Jeff Harbor
KD5RBN Phil Burley

3. Treasurer's Report (mailed in) by Treasurer Ken K5RG

Financial

1. Total Club Funds \$4,993.27 (see attached for account details)
2. The yearly web hosting bill will be automatically paid on 8/13/2023. QTH.COM \$60.00
3. No other known expenditures thru August 2023

Membership

1. GFY 2023 Paid Membership 72 (2022: 80 members, 2024: 17 members prepaid)
2. GFY 2024 Dues will be due on October 1st. I will send out a reminder mid-September.

4. Old Business

Shack Benchtop Safety Issue

Action Terry KA5TBB:

Implement steel welded supports for benches.

Status: Too hot to perform. Wait for cooler weather.

Action Open

5. New Business

JSC Open House

JSC Center Ops (Lisa Gurgos) has requested the JSCARC to support the JSC Open House scheduled for October 14. JSCARC volunteers will be sought to perform traffic parking and crowd control. Several club members commented that this date overlaps with the Ellington Wings Over Houston, which also seeks volunteer assistance from the club. More details on the subject as time gets closer.

Emergency Preparedness.

KA5TBB announced a general note of the need for preparedness, especially amid our ongoing hurricane season.

Hamvention update:

Dale KG5U passed out vendor catalogs from his trip from Hamvention @ Zenia, Ohio. He offered stickers and a \$5 ARRL store coupon. He also mentioned his attendance at the Contest University- a daylong event, ongoing for 10-15 years, with various seminars related to contesting. He was asked if he had any issue driving the long distance with his battery powered Tesla, and answered that Tesla provides status locations of nearby charging stations despite his ~8 needed recharge stops along the way.

QSL Cards

Dale KG5U proposed the need for updated JSCARC QSL cards, because the current version does not depict current NASA space vehicles nor mission objectives (e.g. Artemis, Gateway, etc). KA5TBB suggested that Dale lead this effort. KD5JRR offered to help.

New Action: KG5U to draft new QSL card design.

Visit to Univ Michigan ARC

Jayant KG5LJZ statused his visit to the UMich ARC, W9AXZ, last week. Located on the 4th floor of the EE building, their club station included a Steppir antenna and various radios. Jayant reported that his visit didn't include operating on the air, but he conversed with his host about the UMich history which dated back to 1813 and also included past member who was the founder of Ten Tec. The UMich club was excited to have a NASA visitor and extended an open invitation to attend their Sunday evening VHF net on Echolink.

"Pedal for Peace" bike ride status

Status per Jayant KG5LJZ: Ham radio support no longer needed. The organizers have decided to use conventional cellphones.

iCloud fees

Dave W5OC reports that the new Amazon AWS Free Trial Tier is approaching the limit and will incur costs soon. Usage limit is 2000 requests; we're currently at 1821 requests.

Action: W5OC determine potential costs after AWS Free Trial Tier usage limit is exceeded

VEC Licensing Exam status

David KB5PGY confirms that another licensing exam will be held at the Gilruth this Saturday

CLARC status

Kelvin K5KGH announces that CLARC (Clear Lake Amateur Radio Club) is ongoing it's effort to relocate their new repeater location at UTMB. A first article test is impending.

Field Day status

David KB5PGY reports that our scores have been registered and we're in competition with another east coast club who also entered the "10F" category. He recapped our registered scores as

302 CW QSOs

712 SSB QSOs

208 Digital QSOs

1730 Total Score (including bonuses)

POTA Activation Road trip

Jerry N5FWB announces his plan to travel to Huntsville next weekend along with a few other ham friends. He will attempt to activate multiple POTA parks along his route and hopefully announce their activations on our groups.io.

NOTA-POTA

Jayant KG5LJZ suggests the activation of a NOTA-POTA, which will entail getting NASA NOTA stations to visit a local POTA park for a concurrent activation.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM, by Terry KA5TBB