



JULY 25, 2009 - CCARS CLUB MINUTES

The meeting was brought to order by our President at 8:06 am, and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Field Day Report

Terry reported \$0 spent. Score – 76 contacts on 20 & 40 meters. Half of the contacts were made by Nick, by his fearless and ruthless holding of the frequency and a small bit of assertiveness. In all, our score was 522, which included 154 points for operating, 400 for emergency power, 2 rigs were set up, and 100 points for being in a public place. It was lots of fun and we used the same antennas as last year. 40m had a lot of static, 20m worked good. Temps were hot. Jim & Terry suggested getting more interest up for Field Day next year.

IRLP – Internet Radio Linking Program

Our program speaker was Bob, K4GRW. He spoke on IRLP, which is radio-repeater-internet-repeater-radio, in a nutshell. He gave 2 handouts. An “up” tone means that something has been turned on. A “down” tone means that something has been turned off. An extra beep means that IRLP is up.

Bob gave a demonstration by connecting to node #5097 on the NE coast of the UK, connecting to the Las Vegas reflector (#9250), and then node #9350, the LAX reflector. He stated that tones, announcements and squelch tails are not transmitted across IRLP. If you hear a courtesy tone or squelch tail, the party is on the repeater not IRLP.

Andy reported on the 440 repeater. It is presently off the air, but he & Bob have plans to work on it. He's getting a mount for the antenna.

Bob reported on the trailer. He has someone to paint it and is fixing a soft spot on the floor.

The testing team reported that they had 3 attendees at their last exam session: 2 upgraded, and 1 was new.

The website is up and running.

The Tuesday night net is needing check-ins.

In an emergency, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be relaying for the Coast Guard to ARES, if needed. They have a net on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Seventeen persons were in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Frost, K4YYR