

QSY Society Minutes

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

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QSY Society Website: <http://qsysociety.org/>

QSY Society Yahoo Discussion Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/qsysociety/>

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Upcoming Events

Next Meeting – Tuesday August 7, 2012 at 7:30

Overview

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Tony, W1ZMB

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00 pm

Minutes recorded by: Jim, AC2EU

I was not prepared to take notes, having only one sheet of paper, coupled with inability to read my own writing; I apologize for any errors or omissions. [Jim]



Photos courtesy of: Bill, NG2D

Attendees

There were 19 members, 1 guest present:

Tony Castellano, W1ZMB
John Conklin, KA2PQJ
Tom Morehouse, KA2BFR
Kieth Johnson, KD2AOF
Ted Zulkowski, K2JMY
Mark Chitjian, WA2NYY
Scott Dunlavey, W2NTV

Chet Dziobkowski, AB2FF
Stan Levandowski, WB2LQF
Saul Rozinsky, WA2KOT
Julian Balir, WA2WMJ
Bill Walsh, NG2D
Paul Burnham, N2DXL
Jim McVey, AC2EU

Paul Rambusch, WA2JTX
Steve Hoffman, KC2YYF
Liz Solieri, KD2AOI
Bob Melhado, WA2JQK
Alice Castellano, W1ALI
John Davidson, N2OXV

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Business

Field Day Report

Scott, W2NTV, our Field Day coordinator gave a presentation of the QSO results. They are as follows:

Band	CW	Digital	Phone	Totals
80M	0	8	145	153
40M	345	0	142	487
20M	70	1	31	102
15M	27	0	0	27
10M	0	0	0	0
6M	4	0	12	16
2M	1	0	3	4
1.25M	0	0	1	1
70cm	0	0	1	1
Totals	447	9	335	791

The 791 QSOs were down substantially from last year's total of 1309.

Some of the possible reasons cited were no CW operator on 80M, plus an annoying intermittent antenna problem and equipment/software problems with the digital modes.

There were also other lost opportunities such as none of the FD bulletins were copied on any mode.

One remedy is to make certain that everyone knows how to use ALL of the FD logger software features, such as instantaneous mode tallies where it could have been seen that there were no 80M QSOs during the event. There is also a broadcast and messaging feature that could have been utilized to remind the operators to copy the bulletins and if attention needs to be given to a particular band or mode.

The wifi had inadequate reach to service all of the tents reliably, leading to lock-ups and drop outs. Several options were discussed, but Scott vowed that this problem will be rectified next year one way or the other.

Member Benefits

You never know what might show up at a QSY meeting to be swapped, given away free or be had for a nominal donation to the Society. Tonight, Tony Castellano brought in three analog power supplies.

Other Matters

Kieth, KD2AOF, made a donation to the club and took them home.

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Roundtable

- Jim, AC2EU reviewed some of the points that could use improvement next year, such as pre-event software training, A new club 3X8 banner that can be used at any of our public events which will only cost about \$60, and a better Wifi setup that will eliminate the weak signal problems we had.
- Ted K2JMY, ordered more QSL cards from W4MPY and did some tower work.
- Bob, W2JQK did his Field Day QSOs from home. Bog suggested that Dxwatch.com is also a good source for contest scores. He also worked Canadian RAC contest. He used a 20M vertical and dipole.
- Julian, WA2WMJ, had very good Field Day results with his 40M Delta loop and Moxon antenna. He reported that he copied a New Hampshire station at 30 over S9 off of the antenna backend!
- Tony, W1ZMB said that so far he worked Japan on less than 5W as well as 150 other countries.
- Liz, KD2LOI, enjoyed her first Field Day and working with Marcus.
- Saul, W2KOT, an OCARC member, was visiting.
- Tom, KD2BFR, Enjoyed his Field Day.
- Mark, WA2NYY, was working 15M on Saturday.
- John, KA2PQJ, Also enjoyed his Field experience is already looking forward to next year.
- Steve, KC2YYF made his rounds on Field Day, first at OCARC then later visiting the QSY site at Bowdoin Park. He offered to help solve our Wifi issues next year with a router that has a more powerful transmitter.
- Chet, AB2FF gave us a quick outline of Field Day expenditures. After all bills were paid there is a 936.89 balance in the treasury. He reported that Adam, KC2DAA who cooked for us also donated \$112.60 in food. Thank you Adam!



With all of the fiscal problems facing municipalities, he warned us that many of the fees for the public areas we use may increase substantially next year, so we need to be prepared for that. The park fee was already a large part of the cost, being \$300 of the \$626.72 spent.

- Paul, N2DXL, was with ARRL General Council, Chris Imlay (W3KD) and missed our Field Day.



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- Alice, W1ALI said that this was her first Field Day outing and she will be back to do it again next year.
- Stan, W2LQF told us about the upcoming July 12th K6KPH annual commemoration of the last commercial CW broadcast, “Night of Nights”.

He also enjoys the SKCC Sprint contests, which are only two-hour events. Since it is a straight key event, paddle users get only half score.



Presentation

Bill Walsh, NG2D presented a 10 minute slide show of the 2012 Field Day, including photos of his own and other members. He did a great job editing it, adding captions and music. Bill was also kind enough to bring DVDs of the show so that members could have a copy of their own.

Thank you, Bill!

Show and Tell

Stan gave us a demonstration of his new Elecraft KX3 using his portable antenna system, which in itself, was impressive. In the short time before the meeting, he had already racked up numerous DX QSOs (over 20?) using only 5W. It was a very enlightening demonstration of what can be done with CW QRP with the proper equipment. He reported that the base unit is around \$1000, but with all of the filters, accessories, such as the paddles, etc it costs around \$1500. He said that he liked everything about it except that the speaker audio is weak, but that is to be expected in a portable. Using headphones or an external amp solves this problem. Despite its small size, it can output up to 12 watts , covering the 160-6 meter ham bands, all modes-including digital!

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