

Sara Board Meeting held at
Perkins Restaurant,
Stafford, VA July 31, 2010

Meeting was convened at 0756 by the chair, Secretary Siegfried Gates, N4SIG in the absence of the president N0RMC.

Attendance:

Tom Harmon, AK1E
David Collins, N4WDC Treasurer
Emmett Price, K3EP Trustee
Siegfried Gates, N4SIG, Secretary

1. The Secretary reported that as of that morning there were 38 membership renewals.
(The additional membership applications for renewal provided by the Treasurer brought the figures up to 49 out of a potential 74 from last year)
2. The Treasurer reported that he had received
\$831 in dues for July.
\$140 in receipts from 50/50
\$4674.46 current bank account balance.
3. Tom, AK1E area of concern was a view to goals for SARA:
 - a. Verify that packet will work reliably in order to support the county's needs for EMCOMM.
 - b. Develop SARA's APRS capability in support of Stafford county's EMCOMM requirements.
4. Emmett's technical report discussed the following areas:
 - a. Boy Scout Jamboree at Camp AP Hill have been using SARA's 2M D-Star system with great success. Should generate some good will and support.
 - b. Echo link problems continue to plague, but a fix is on the horizon. The theory is that the current problem is being caused by skin effect on the hardline coming into the upper shack. The thought is to get toroids of sufficient size to clamp on to the hardline coming into the upper shack to eliminate the interference.
 - c. The Glendie installation is under way. The county intends to let SARA have space in their equipment rack, but currently the county's 700 MHz equipment is mounted along with their old system. As soon as the cutover to 700 MHz takes place, and the old gear is removed, the county assures that there will be sufficient adjacent rack space available for SARA's equipment. Until that time, SRA's gear will be stowed in a temporary portable rack. Once completed, the .375 and 440 machines will be housed at Glendie. The .270 gear will remain at the old location on Shelton Shop Road.

- d. Emmett requested and received permission from the chair to expend approximately \$250 (exact cost will vary) to purchase the necessary toroids to filter the hardline in the upper shack and to purchase a power supply for the .375 machine at Glendie.
5. For the good of the organization:
 - a. Question was raised as to what answers Rich, N0RMC, had gotten from the club about how to improve SARA.
 - b. There was a feeling that we should have more regular board meetings...a quarterly schedule was alluded to favorably.
 - c. The date of Saturday October 30 was proposed for the annual formal board meeting.
 - d. Saturday Aug 14 was proposed for a Repeater Party to get the metal racks in the upper shack off the concrete floor on to a more suitable surface – e.g., plywood.
6. Meeting adjourned 0845