

Secretary's Report – May 28, 2022

The website has been cleaned up a bit. References to past events were removed from the VE testing page in order to keep it current. Unfortunately, the Club member who is this real talent behind the website has told me that home schooling her three kids and her business obligations are such that she is pulling back from doing much in the way of additional upgrades and she has zero time to do updates. This is a bit of a blow, leaving me to do almost all of the updates. I do not have the skills to do planned upgrades so I am still trying to get my arms around how we continue to evolve the site with her limited participation. One possibility is use of grant money or business sponsorship income, something I am currently developing a proposal for; perhaps if we fund it, we can hire some of the upgrades and enhancements to be done. (If asked, upgrades would include tasteful display advertising by corporate sponsors, a more robust user forum with an easier to use interface and the ability to upload larger pictures, etc.)

Preliminary plans for a Q2 board of director meeting are being laid. Right now, the tentative plan is to do it following the VE session on Saturday, June 4th.

My bride Kathy pointed out that the most recent version of her ARRL ON THE Air magazine is almost entirely devoted to Field Day information. Particularly if you are new to the hobby and want to know what Field Day is all about if you will please let me know following our meeting today I can email you a link to a downloadable copy so you can read up on the topic. If you are not a member of ARRL I recommend that you join (compare to NRA). When you do if you are new to the hobby, you might find that magazine choice to be more relevant to your newfound interest.

I personally reached out to all of those that passed their test following Mel's class. I told them about our Club, the benefits of membership and invited them to meet us today. I followed up with them to make sure they knew of the meeting location move and I did get some positive feedback so I think we may get some new members out of that class group.

I continue to get positive feedback from people reference the little call sign list that I started making a couple of years ago. It has been updated and copies are being distributed. We have had quite a few people come into the area and/or the hobby in the last couple of years, so even old hands can benefit. Kathy and I keep one in our cars so we can look unfamiliar call signs up to confirm who we are listening to, talking with, etc. It is also available as a PDF file that can be opened and/or printed out from the Club website. Not really an official document, just a reference tool that I maintain.

Since the last meeting our domain hosting was renewed for another year and we filed our IRS tax return.

April meeting minutes were distributed. One error was pointed out and corrected reference the prize drawing. Does anyone have any other corrections?