

HARK Minutes
October 11, 2011

Fifteen members and one guest, Jason Rovey of the EAA Club attended the meeting at Doug & Joyce's home. (see sign-in sheet)

In the absence of President Larry Francis, VP Ron James called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Ron announced: "The Thunderbird 150 Air Race on October 8th was our first, ALL HARK operation. The largest previous operation has been our participation in the annual SKP North Ranch parade. Although the Search and Rescue trailer was donated for our use for the Net Control operation, all operations were strictly HARK." About a dozen HARK members helped.

REPORTS:

President - None. Larry Francis may not be in Arizona until December.

Past President - None.

Vice-President - Ron gave special thanks to Roy Shelso for instigating our participation in the Thunderbird 150 Air Race, and initiating the co-ordination and organization of the project. The operation went well. We will evaluate our participation, performance, and organization under new business as we make initial plans and recommendations for next year's race.

Secretary - Joyce Linnerud corrected the treasurer's report in the September 13th minutes - there were no donations received. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer - The current balance is \$308.60. The club received \$2 from Ed Wade's ARRL renewal and a \$1 donation for the past month. It was moved and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried. Joyce passed out copies of the forms for joining or renewing ARRL membership through the club for those needing them.

VE Sessions - Chuck Carter has changed the note in the Yellow Pages to read: HAM radio testing on demand, call # (his phone #). He will add Roy's number also. The Wickenburg paper still needs to be changed.

Education - Art Bross is prepared to give a WWV presentation following the meeting.

Interference - Chuck Carter has had no reports.

ARES/Races - Doug Jarmuth reported that there will be a Hospital exercise on November 4th which has grown into a county wide exercise with a major power outage. More information will be given on the nets in the next week or two on 147.260, Mt. Union.

Search & Rescue - Pat Brown reported that training is on-going. They participated in the Congress parade and their trailer was used by HARK for the Air Race.

Old Business:

School/Boy Scout presentations - Doug Jarmuth has nothing to report and Davis was absent.

Membership - None.

New members - One guest tonight, Jason Rovey.

Badges - Roy Shelso needs one with a clip.

Contesting - None.

New Business:

We may need a stand-in secretary for December.

The election of officers will be in December. Ed Wade has agreed to be on the ballot for Treasurer. There is a possible for VP, but a volunteer is needed. Chuck Carter volunteered to have his name put on the ballot for VP.

A discussion and evaluation of the Air Race operation and recommendations followed. Jason Rovey said they hope to have 15 - 20 planes next year. It was suggested that next year each turn be given 1 minute to announce which planes have gone by - taking turns to avoid some of the confusion on what to report. Jason also said he would like to set a separate date for the Air Race next year. The Communications Trailer could be set up closer to the runway with a flat screen TV or white board to track planes for those watching. We may also need a second portable repeater to split the traffic up.

Roy Shelso has a 2m handy talkie for sale. It is a Yeasu FT270. Art will put it on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Art Bross passed around handouts and gave a short presentation on WWV which continuously transmits official US Government frequency and time signals on 2.5, 5, 10, 15, and 20 MHz. A demonstration will be given at a future meeting.

Next meeting is November 8th at the Activity Center.

Barbara Wade, N5IXU for secretary Donna Francis.