

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2003

Submitted by Kristi Upton, KB1EPM, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by Shawn Upton, KB1CKT, President and adjourned at 10pm.

I. Announcements

II. Cable and Connector Clinic

III. Business

A. Flea Market

B. Ten-Tec Kits

C. Other Business

IV. ARES Update

I. Announcements:

-Field Day is 3 months away! Jerry, K1BBQ, will be leading up our effort again this year.

However, we need band captains and a coleader (at LEAST 1!)

-Next Meeting will be held at the Marconi Museum in Bedford, NH. Directions will be posted on the K1BKE website. People will be meeting at 5:30pm at Shorty's on Rt 101 for dinner. If you don't want to come for dinner, then be at the museum by 7pm. Ray, the curator, will be turning 87 the day after our visit so we will be bringing a cake.

-This month's business meeting will be held at Lee's, AA1YN's, house.

II. Cable and Connector Clinic

Dale, A1FT, and Lee, AA1YN, led an interactive forum on cables and connectors that hams use.

III. Business

A. Flea Market

-The Flea Market went well- everyone seemed to have a great time

-We don't have figures yet on the money; we are still waiting to pay for the HT

-To be discussed at the next business meeting- when do we want to set a date for the next Hamfest

B. Ten-Tec Kits

-we sold them at the last Hamfest and ordered them for this one, but they didn't come in on time

-Shawn brought them to sell at the meeting

-Contact Shawn @ kb1ckt@yahoo.com to purchase

C. Other Business

-The Field Day committee will hold their own, separate, meeting. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

-Skip will store food stuff from Hamfest

-We will cancel our room reservation for next month one-week before the meeting

- Rob received an NTS message for the CVRC c/o Kristi Upton, KB1EPM, from K1HEJ asking if the club would like to man a booth for one shift at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass on September 12.

IV. ARES Update

Rob, K1CFI, gave us an update on what's happening in ARES.

They are currently testing a new Rapid Notification System. Two companies in Concord are making PSMs available to ARES members. MCT Telecom has a list of members' numbers to activate messages (for training, nets, etc). A PSM is not required to receive these messages (also works with voice mail, cell phones, and pager), but the PSM does require caller ID. Next Monday there will be a test an hour before the 8pm net. The PSMs have been tested, the next step is to test PSMs and cell phones, then pages (will be like the call tree, so will get the message on the PSM, cell phone, or pager).

The purpose of these PSMs and the new Rapid Notification System is to reduce deployment time. They are also testing EARS units, which make digital recordings for dispatch centers (such as 9-1-1). A unit is currently in use at the EOC at the Red Cross. It monitors the 895 repeater, VHF Red Cross, and the telephone or HF. This provides instant recall of a message so that airtime is not wasted in repeating messages.