

ARCNEM

Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum

K3NEM - - W3GR

Minutes of **August 8, 2019**

Attendees:

Mike Birdseye - K4DUM

Jim Nowotarski - N3GOO

Steve Stitzer – WA3ZWC

Fred Heath- AI3Z

Fred Kuss - KA3CXQ

Kathleen Orrson - KC3FWF

Richard MOELLMANN - N3MOB

Jerry Richards - W3GBR

Jim Smith - AB3CA

Ted Bauer - WA3AER

Mike Birdseye K4DUM, President convened members at 6 PM.

There was an early start to allow for an early End to purchase refreshments.

The cost of doughnuts has increased to \$10, so please adjust offerings to the kitty.

The July 11, 2019 Minutes were approved

REPORTS

Treasurer --

After having purchased the Palstar Auto-tuner for \$1727.57, There is \$2410.69 in the bank.

Note that Amp/Tube funds have been moved into the general fund.

Station Equipment and Operations

• **NG Net Wednesdays 3:00pm** - - Jim, AB3CA, that propagation was very poor. There were 10 checkins. It was so dead that 2 special event stations K5K and WW2IND dropped by to advertise their events.

• Station Equipment/Issues –

Fred, AI3Z had purchased a new cable to interface with the AL-1300, Palstar tuner, and FT-1000MP. Having been misinformed as to the part number, it was returned and the correct one purchased from HRO. Port B is wide open. NOTE: Yeasu RF power at 100% will overdrive the new Amp.

Tom Chistovich, K3YH, has a PDF station operation procedure that is now on the desktop of the right hand side of the station. Once we have the auto-band select interface installed and working, these manual changes will diminish to selecting the proper antenna for the band in use.

We have another (donated) FT-1000MP slated to go into the station once Rol has completed testing it.

Among the donated equipment are a couple of Drake and Dentron amplifiers that the club may sell. They are excess to our needs and we do not have storage space for them.

Training Report – A new Technician class will start September 7, 2019 in Pioneer Hall. Melanie is advertising 7 Thursday nights. Contact Rol Anders, K3RA, for more info.

Special Event Report -- ARC NEM operated as W3A for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Lunar Landing on July 20, 1969.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kevin, KC3KZ, was not present; there was no update on the Web page. The infrastructure for the new Web presence is in place. What he needs now is help to move content from the existing Drupal site to the new WordPress site he has set up. Instructions on how to do this are needed so that volunteers know how to help. Briefly discussed how much of existing content needs to be moved. This requires a separate meeting. With all the recent web attacks in Baltimore and nationwide this needs to be done now.
- The Sabreliner move is on hold. The footers are in place. A lot of preparation work was done but the aircraft remains on the runway. Hopefully the move will be rescheduled so it is relocated to NEM and not scrapped.

NEW BUSINESS

Should the left hand Icom station be sold when the new Yeasu is installed? There are extra amps and equipment that need storage space, which we lack, that could be sold to generate income (for other club projects).

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is September 12, 2019 at the National Electronics Museum. Respectfully submitted by Kathleen, KC3FWF.