

The Starke County Amateur Radio Club August meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on the 15th. We had 12 members present.

W3ML, W9INS, AA9YQ, W9QN, KB9GPW, K9ILU, WB9CAO, N9QYK, KC8PKY, KC8OBH, WA9ZTP, WA9KRT

Old business:

K9ILU, Richard and others discussed the Fox hunt where Tom, W9QN was the Fox. Discussion revealed that he had found a good spot that fooled some.

New Business:

John, W3ML presented the treasurer's report that we have \$1188.59.

John said he paid the radio insurance. Cost was still \$75.00.

Foxhunts are on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Starting point is Shady Acres Park on the south end of Knox.

Members decided not to have the annual Auction this year. But, they did decide to have the annual Radioville Operation on the first Saturday of October. This year it will be on October 5th.

Richard, K9ILU reported the Balloon Launch is scheduled for Saturday from Argos. Start time is 11 am EDT. Which is 10 o'clock Starke County time? Balloon will be 6-8 feet across on launch and about 35 feet across on Bursting. Estimate height of 110,000 feet.

You can go to web site ARHB.org and see a listing of all balloon launches. You can also follow the balloons on website APRS.Fi

Equipment Sale was the next discussion topic. John, W3ML said that we have not used the Club's equipment in over 5 years and as it is getting older, it would be best to sell it off now before it is too old to get anything for it. After a short discussion, the members voted unanimously to sell off the equipment.

John also said as President the KN9OX Repeater Association he was going to start selling off the old equipment since it is not used, like the Motorola Repeater and accessories.

He continued to say that he is in thinking of turning off the Yaesu repeater and selling it, as it is not being used enough to justify the electric expenses. This has not been decided completely yet. No one had anything to say about this.

Presentation was a video on the WLW AM Transmitter and we tried to watch a video on an in-ground antenna system, but the computer froze up and would not find the Internet any longer. Comments were made that we should go ahead with plans to get a new computer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm, respectfully submitted, John, W3ML Secretary