

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2022

Check-ins (25) – Zoom

Dan Eddleman (KR4UB), Dave Snyder (W4SAR), Karen Snyder (KD4YJZ), Aurora Toennisson (KN4VXB), Dee Ramm (KU4GC), Fred Gvillo (KN4QBZ), Wilson Lamb (W4BOH), Ken Bigley (KO4DHJ), John Boone (KM4MDR), Doug White (KA5ETS), Paul Robertson (N2XZF), Joe Horvath (N4JHH), Bill Bischoff (N8BR), Mike Thorn (KN4ZHP), Kathy Chavis (KN4JYP), John Green (KX4P), Bill Creery (KI4RAN), Sherri Rapp (WB4OSU), Jeff Jagoda (KM4WXW), Joe Simpson (K4SAR), Bobby Cook (W4FK), James Reid (N4JQR), Virginia Enzor (NC4VA), Bruce Meier (N1LN), and Laurie Meier (N1YXU)

Meeting Comments

- Members of OCRA and DFMA were invited to this meeting since the primary focus will be SKYWARN Spotter Training provided by Virginia Enzor, NC4VA.
- Beginning with this month's membership meeting, we will no longer have check-ins on the OCRA repeater (442.150 MHz). This is due to the concern of increased hot temperatures and potentially overheating the repeater when there are long transmissions. The monthly membership meeting will be the only change to prior practices. For example, the check-ins for the Saturday AUXCOMM training net will continue to be taken via the repeater.
- The plan is to have the June OCRA Membership Meeting in-person at the Baha'i Center in Efland, the location where OCRA meetings were held before COVID. The plan is to also have the meeting available on Zoom, record the presentation, and post the video on the OCRA YouTube channel. Further information will be provided before the June meeting.
- The June OCRA Membership Meeting will focus on final Field Day planning. Dave will lead the discussion. Each band captain will give an update regarding the status of equipment and operator needs for their stations. Bruce will coordinate putting the band captain updates together. He will send the band captains a template for their reports.
- Bruce and Laurie will host a yagi antenna building party at their house on Saturday, May 7. The goal is to inventory, build, and test three antennas that will be used for Field Day operations.
- Wilson reminded everyone that John Boone will coordinate the Friday night potluck at Field Day. Please let John know the type of dish that you will be bringing. This will help avoid duplicates.
- Dave (W4SAR) commented that a VE session will take place on Saturday, May 21, at the Baha'i Center at 10:00.

SKYWARN Spotter Training – Virginia Enzor, NC4VA

- Virginia provided SKYWARN Spotter Training through a series of slides and discussion. The information was very well received, appreciated, and incredibly timely since we are entering into one of the busiest times of the year in terms of weather.
- Those who attended the training will receive follow-up information from Virginia regarding how to provide spotter weather reports and how to print a personalized training certificate.
- A recording of Virginia's presentation and the Q&A following her training has been posted to the OCRA YouTube channel. This is the link to the recording - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF4JOxVd_i8&t=5s
- Virginia – Please accept the thanks of the OCRA and DFMA for taking time to present SKYWARN Spotter Training! We truly appreciate it!

Note: Due to the priority of having SKYWARN Spotter Training, officer reports were not provided at the meeting. They are planned to be provided at the June OCRA Membership Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Meier, N1YXU, Secretary