

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024

Meeting Attendees (Total of 30 in-person and on Zoom) – Bob (W4FK), Paul (N0US), Ken (KO4DHJ), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Tim (KC1TWR), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Mark (KR3AM), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Aurora (KN4VXB), Bill (N8BR), Randy (KF4O), Jose (KD4JWF), Doug (KA5ETS), Fred (KN4QBZ), Sam (KJ4VWG), Charles (KY4HU), Kent (KQ4PES), Pete (N4KW), Chip (KF4WBK), Charlie (KD4UCZ), Patrick (KO4QLU), JR (N4JQR), Dee (KU4GC), Mike (KQ4PEC), Steve (KZ1X), and Wilson (W4BOH).

Opening Comments –

- Aurora reminded everyone about the Handi-Finder RF Sniffer build scheduled for Saturday, March 16. The event will be held at the Efland Baha'i Center, the membership meeting location. Folks who offered to bring tools to help with the build were asked to be at the Baha'i Center at 1:00 with the build scheduled to start at 1:30. Thank you, Aurora, for all your work putting this event together!
- Bob announced that DFMA has a picnic planned for April 13 at the Ford Fews picnic shelter in the Eno River State Park. The shelter is at the end of Cole Mill Road. The plan is to have a fox hunt (hidden transmitter) and to set-up a few radios to operate. [The Handi-Finders that will be built on March 16 will be useful for the fox hunt!] Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting. You can also send Bob an email indicating what type of dish you will bring. His email is bonsairad@gmail.com.
- Dan reminded everyone to check to see if they are current in terms of paying club dues. There were several folks who renewed dues in March 2023, and those dues will expire this month.

Presentation –

- This month's meeting presentation included two topics – (1) Home and family emergency preparedness and (2) types of opportunities you have to get involved in public service and emergency communications. The Fred and Bruce were co-presenters.
- To see the full presentation and subsequent discussion, please reference the link below to the meeting video on the OCRA YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqgrSElb1RQ&t=17s>
- Please note: The presentation starts at about 9:30 in the video.
- Homework was assigned to everyone! To ensure that OCRA members have the opportunity to choose which emergency communications options they would like to participate in, everyone was asked to update their profile on the OCRA website. You'll see the details of the request and actions to be taken on the video. The discussion starts at 1:18:57. The output of the information will be used to inform where training is focused going forward.

Closing Comments –

- Bruce – The April membership meeting will be held on April 9. Thank you all for attending the March membership meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
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