

ARKAN Meeting notes 1/28/08

The meeting was held at Northwest Technical Institute in Springdale.

Meeting was called to order by Scott Anderson KD5KZJ. Paul Dixon KK5II is filling in as Secretary in the absence of Mose Howard KB5BV.

Upon recommendation by the board, Scott presented Brian Wilson KE5JMT to be voted on by the club for admission. The motion was passed. Brian is now an official member of ARKAN.

The program presented by Billy Graham N5QEM on the Northwest Technical Institute Near-Space Project. The balloon was launched from Helen Tyson Middle School in Springdale on November 20, 2007 at about 1:40 in the afternoon. The flight lasted approximately four hours and it traveled some 124 miles to near Mountain Grove, Missouri. The payload weighed 5.2 pounds and reached a maximum altitude of 96,185 feet. At times the balloon was traveling more than 50 miles per hour. An APRS beacon was used to track the balloon and chase teams were able to recover the payload intact. The beacon was heard in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Mississippi. More launches are being scheduled for 2008.

After the presentation the business meeting called to order. Joe Dunn KD5TLSH, Treasurer, reported that the club had \$791.19 in its account. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by KK5II and accepted by Patrick O'Neal KE5MUL.

A motion was made by Scott Anderson KD5KZJ to reimburse Hal Long K5NOW for the cost of registering the ARKANHAMS.ORG domain and for 3 years of web hosting in the amount of \$151.51. The motion was seconded by Joe Dunn KD5TLH. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Paul Dixon KK5II to reimburse Hal Long K5NOW for registration of additional domain names (ARKANHAMS.COM / .NET/ .BIZ & .INFO in the amount of \$84.71. The motion was seconded by Patrick O'Neal. The motion passed.

The 2008 Christmas party has been scheduled for December 12th. Cost will be \$15.00 per person and all monies must be paid to the treasurer by the end of the November meeting because the money has been paid to the Arkansas Missouri Railroad in full by December 1st. Joe Dunn advised that we are only paying for the meal. The actual cost of the dining car is \$1,200 per night and is

being graciously given to ARKAN at no charge.

Upon general discussion and consensus of those present it is decided that ARKAN will hold Field Day 2008 on the Northwest Technical Institute campus in conjunction with the NTI Amateur Radio Club – N5NTI. Operational details are yet to be worked out.

Scott advised that chairmen are needed for the following events:

- ARRL Field Day
- ARKAN Parkfest
- Memorial Day Troop Train Special Event Station W5T
- ARKAN Christmas Party
- Arkansas QSO party

Scott announced to those present the passing Delphard Taylor KC5ZKH. Delphard became a silent key on January 2nd.

A motion was made and seconded to dismiss the meeting.

License testing began with three VEs present: Scott Anderson KD5KZJ, Joe Dunn KD5TLH and Paul Dixon KK5II. Four individuals tested with two passing the general exam and one passing the technician exam.