



Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

The November 13, 2023 monthly meeting of the W9PVR Amateur Radio Club was held at the Galaxie Skate Center in Richland Center.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Kaufman, at 7:00 P.M.

The following members attended in person: Mike Kaufman (WB9SLI), Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Earl Streeter (KD9YCQ), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), Casey Marshall, and Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF).

ZOOM participants included David Schoettler (W1MOZ), Les Hyland (KA9USV), and Ray Gill (WX4RAY).

Visitor on ZOOM: Len Kreyer (N9QIP)

The minutes of the 10/16/2023 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Phil Wallace, seconded by Earl Streeter. Motion carried.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

The Net Control Operators for the month of December will be as follows:

December 3-Jeff Williams; December 10-Jeff Williams; December 17-Earl Streeter; December 24-Phil Wallace; December 31-Chris Kanable (both 7:00 p.m. and midnight nets on New Years Eve)

Club's sandwich board bill further update: no new information available.

Len Kreyer (N9QIP) made a presentation on ZOOM about BlueDV. This is a complement to the D-Star system. It would be necessary to connect to Len's server to access the system. The Ambe server allows the operator to connect to most digital reflectors (user must specify reflector, touch connect, and start talking to use). The user must have Windows10 to use. Len is hoping to put at least 1 channel on every D-Star system. The equipment, which the Club would need to install if interested in pursuing this option, would cost \$285.00 and would provide 3 channels. David Schoettler commented that there is DroidStar software available, as well, to consider.

Website update: Phil Wallace will make new audio files (meeting information, etc.) for the W9PVR website. Ray Gill is using his own personal computer to start the website update process—website will be mobile compatible. There should not be any cost to have the website on DreamHost.

Chris Kanable commented on the recent ARES/RACES Conference from what he has heard. They are trying to get more involvement from the Counties.

As mentioned in last month's meeting, Phil Wallace has again graciously offered to host the Christmas/holiday party at the Galaxie Skate Center to coincide with the monthly meeting in December. Therefore, it was confirmed that the monthly meeting date on December 11th will include a social time beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the pizza being served starting at 6:00 p.m. Information will be sent to the members and asked to respond whether they can attend or not to give an approximate number to Phil for food preparation. The regular meeting will follow at the usual time of 7:00 p.m.

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The Scouts' Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) event was held at the Richland Airport on October 21st from 10-2. Phil Wallace handled the transportation of the Club's trailer to the Airport. Jeff Williams, Chris Kanable, and Ray Gill assisted the Scouts with their activities at the Airport. There were 4 Scouts participating in the event.

Chris Kanable spoke of the upcoming National Weather Service Storm Spotter annual event in La Crosse, Wisconsin. This year, the event will be on December 2, 2023. It has been a nice event in the past with amateur radio operators setting up some equipment and making contacts. Ham clubs (possibly 2) can set up 4-6 radios for contacts in the NWS building. Weather forecasters may explain their equipment to attendees depending on their workload. For more information, you can check the National Weather Service website.

There was not much severe weather in Richland County this year, but we do not have a connection to the Richland County Emergency Management department anyway at this time. It was announced that Darin Gudgeon has taken another position and will not be the Emergency Management Coordinator any longer.

Casey Marshall explained about the drone usage in police and fire calls. Thermal imaging is an important part of the drones to locate persons. The drone companies are DJI and Autel. There are specific requirements for a drone pilot used in the emergency services such as licensing, maximum flight elevations, and frequencies.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. was made by Jeff Williams, seconded by Ray Gill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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