

SMARC MEETINGS NOTES 2022 August 22

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club (SMARC) 2022 August 22 meeting was held as a combined in person meeting at the United Steel Workers Union Hall, 339 South Hall Rd, Alcoa, TN and as a Zoom video conference.

- The SMARC August meeting was called to order at 1900 ET by President Bob Wilson [KK4XA]. (All references to "Bob" are to Bob Wilson [KK4XA] - *ed.*)
- A total of 44 members and guests signed the Attendance Log at the Union Hall; SMARC Secretary, Bob Loving [K9JU], a/k/a "That Chicago Redneck Yankee," recorded 10 participants on Zoom.
- Bob started the "Ham Roll Call" in which each person present at the Union Hall introduced themselves with first name and callsign. Bob acknowledged the names and calls of those on Zoom.
- Bob thanked those who provided snacks for the meeting. (Thank you to Karen Foley, wife of K4MJF, for the coconut bundt cake - *ed.*)
- Bob mentioned the club membership is up to 105 members including 2 non-voting members (not licensed). Plus, the club added one more member during the meeting.
- Charles [K4BAL], Health and Welfare, noted no known health issues with the membership.
- Bob asked for a motion to accept the July meeting Secretary Notes and Minutes. Motion made by Joshua [WX4KXT]; seconded by Bill [KY4KB]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Bob, in the absence of Dave [N9KMY], read the Treasurer's report on the spreadsheet (available at <https://w4olb.org/>). Motion to accept was made by Jordan [K4AVG]; seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. Motion to accept the report was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- The 75th Committee: Paul [W4LSM] is looking for operators for the on-the-air event marking the 75th anniversary of SMARC starting at 2:00 PM ET on September 30 and continuing until October 02, Home stations may participate. If you are interested, please sign up for your preferred band(s), date(s), time(s) and mode(s). Nick [KK4TID] and Charles [K4BAL] visited GoTeez on several items that will be for sale through the GoTeez website: keychains, T-shirts, baseball caps, and coffee mugs. The items will be bulk delivered for handout at a future SMARC meeting.
- Melvin [WB5KSM], Thursday Evening Net Manager, reported participation in the net has slowly increased. Mike [K4MJF] is this week's Net Control Station (NCS). Melvin called for more NCS even if only once per year. Please use the SMARC UHF repeater on 443.075, tone code 100.0-Hz for analog. The repeater

also works Yaesu Fusion digital mode.

- Kurt [KC4NX], Repeater(s) Manager, reported all is well with both of the repeaters. He welcomed all newcomers to the repeaters.
- Steve [K4DXV], representing the TN Contest Group, announced the TN QSO Party for Sunday, September 04, from 2:00 PM to 11:00 pm ET. For more information, see <https://tnqp.org/>.
- Bob asked for an editor for the newsletter.
- Josh [WX4KXT] mentioned the Skywarn net for September 04 at 8:00 PM ET. The net will be called on the 146.940-MHz repeater with tone code of 118.8-Hz.
- Bob said that David [N1ESK] will have an update for the SMARC Constitution later this week.
- Bob asked for a motion to close the business portion of the meeting. Motion made by Bob [K9JU]; seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Break for goodies started at 1935 ET; the meeting resumed at 1949 ET.
- Scott [N0EDV] gave a very interesting presentation on “10-GHz Basics – How To Do it and How Not To Do it.” Thank you, Scott.
- The August SMARC meeting was adjourned at 2038 ET.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Loving [K9JU], SMARC Secretary.