

Minutes from 26/8/2014

First meeting of the semester

General Business

- We are now meeting Tuesdays at 18:00 in Broun 235 unless otherwise noted. Dinner outings to follow for all who are interested.
- Weekly nets are back! Be sure to check in 9:00 on the 2 meter repeater (147.24 MHz +0.600 MHz with PL tone of 156.7 MHz.)
- Besides AUInvolve, we also have a club wiki! All meeting minutes, starting with this one, can be accessed there. <http://wiki.eng.auburn.edu/k4ry/doku.php>
- Laurel VEC is an organization that will sponsor AUARC's administering of the licensing tests, provided we have enough VEs. The club will vote on this at the next meeting.
- There are two "new" computers in the radio room, courtesy of Engineering Network Services. Big thanks to them.
- The digipeter equipment may be relocated to Davis Aerospace soon, since that building is much higher up than Broun. Also, it would clear up space in the radio room.

Recruiting

O-Days are September 4th and 5th from 10-14 on the Haley Concourse. Ben has already signed the club up for a table. Some proposed "attractions":

- Fox hunt
- SDR Station
- HF radio (with batteries for power)
- HTs
- APRS
- Flyers with contact and meeting info (draft will be emailed to club members)

Ben will be sending out a spreadsheet via email for members to select when they'd like to man the O-Days table.

Within a week of O-Days, we hope to have an info/intro session with free food to attract new members. See below, in "Upcoming Events".

Purchasing

Getting funds from SGA via O-Funds to purchase things including the following:

- Canopy (for O-Days, Field Days, and emergency response drills)
- Banner (for O-Days and other university events)
- ARRL Test Study Guides (to educate members and prep them for license tests)
- More radio equipment (HackHF, BladeHF, and/or portable HF)

SueAnne will also be purchasing two pieces of wood to build the "frame" for the display of QSL cards we've received over the past few decades. The cards will be clothespinned to twine running between the two vertical boards, so as to be versatile and not damage the cards.

The club's QSL cards are currently being ordered.

Upcoming Events

Dates and times for TBA events to be chosen within one or two weeks

- O-Days (September 4 and 5; see above, under recruiting)
- Info and Intro for Newbies (Hopefully within a week of O-Days; free food?)
- Build night (official date TBA)
- VE study session (goal is to get veteran members qualified to give license exams; official date TBA)
- Technician exam review for new, unlicensed members (official date TBA)
- Club tailgate (perhaps for the San Jose State game, September 6?; official date TBA)
- Atlanta Maker Faire (October 4-5 in Decatur, GA)
- Simulated Emergency Test on campus (October 11)
- Stone Mountain Hamfest (November 1-2 in Georgia)
- Presentation for ELEC 3030, RF Lab (official date TBA)

Reminder for those of you who would like license upgrades: W4LEE in Opelika holds testing sessions the third Tuesday of every month at 18:00.

- SueAnne Griffith, KK4UWV, AUARC Vice President