

Minutes from 2/9/2014

Second meeting of the semester

Official Business

- The movement that AUARC work with Laurel to provide free license testing was passed. We only have to cover the cost of printing and mailing the tests; the test takers won't have to pay anything.
- We're working on cleaning and inventorying the shack and Broun roof closet. An inventory has been started and can be found on the wiki, but we're hoping to get serial numbers and info on all AUARC-owned equipment into a manageable spreadsheet. <http://wiki.eng.auburn.edu/k4ry/doku.php?id=wiki:inventory>

O-Days Prep

- Our sign will be painted on a microwave dish, since there isn't enough time to order a banner for Thursday.
- Part of the setup will be solar powered, thanks to Zeb.
- There will be multiple radios on display, as well as a small foxhunt for interested newcomers.
- SueAnne will leave the painted sign, flyers, and canopy in the radio room the night or morning before O-Days for participants to pick up.
- All day-of communication will be on the 2m repeater, so bring your handheld. We don't know which table we'll have yet; it's first come, first serve starting at 9:30.
- Be sure to stop by from 10-14 Thursday and Friday on the Haley Concourse!

Events

- Next Monday, the 8th, the Heart of Dixie Amateur Radio Society will be hosting a testing session at 19:00 across from the medical center in Opelika. Anyone looking to upgrade should head over and test! \$15 per person.
- Next Tuesday, the 9th, will be the new member intro meeting. We'll be discussing general radio topics, such as licensing and uses, as well touring the radio room if there's time. Also, free pizza will be served.
- October 11th is the Simulated Emergency Test. This is a Saturday, and we will definitely be participating as a club. This is a great opportunity to work with the community service side of radio. More info: <http://www.arrl.org/chapter-2-simulated-emergency-test-set>
- The ARRL School Club Roundup Contest is scheduled for October 20-24 this year. The rules can be found here: <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>
- The "I Tappa Key" tailgate was proposed for October 25th, a home game against South Carolina. An away game tailgate at the Shelby Center was also proposed, though no particular game was suggested.
- All of these events will be added to the Google Calendar and added to the wiki/shared this weekend. It's a work in progress currently.

Presentations at Upcoming Meetings

- Ben is preparing a talk for DefCon about how amateur radio enthusiasts got into the hobby and where it's going in the future
- Chris is working on a good, efficient way to teach licensing info; he'll present on that sometime
- Once we get the HackRF and/or BladeRF, we'll have a meeting to learn to use/play with those.

Purchases/To Do

- Tent maximum cost: \$100
- Going ahead with plans to send in request for SGA funds
- The repeater's time needs to be fixed; it is approximately an hour and sixteen minutes off.