

TVARC Minutes **05-27-08 Meeting**

Carl Sherman, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Fourteen members were present.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The secretary read the Minutes from the April 29th meeting, which were accepted, with one correction: Under “New Business” on page 2, #1, the date for the May meeting was incorrectly listed as the 26th.
2. Marline reported that our treasury balance stands at \$184. The report was accepted as presented. With recent heavy withdrawal activity, including payment for Liability Insurance and flowers for two funerals, our balance is suffering. Contributions from members present at this meeting were solicited. Marline plans to investigate possible merits to moving our bank account from American National to Wells Fargo.
3. Personal Reports—
 - a) Club members from long standing, Tom Sewell and Gayland McNeil passed away, and TVARC sent flowers to their funerals.
 - b) Bill Norris has been absent the last two meetings, and he has been missed. Marline or George offered to provide transportation to Bill for the next meeting.
4. Newsletter—Katy prefers to send our newsletters by e-mail, whenever possible. The spring newsletter has been distributed.
5. HamCom—Katy brought three mockups of the tri-fold poster to be displayed at this convention June 13-14 in Plano. After members reviewed them, the consensus was that the poster with the sunset was most favored. When finalized, the 48”X 36” poster will be laminated, so that photos may be changed out from year to year. Marianne volunteered to deliver it on Friday morning, June 13th, and Carl will pick it up on Sat. afternoon, the 14th. Membership applications and TVARC information sheets will be available, as well. The purpose of having this exposure at HamCom was questioned, with regard to how effective it might be in attracting hams and keeping them interested in our Club. This subject was tabled until the June meeting.
6. Cables—Carl has discovered a great place to buy cables on the Internet: mycablemart.com Katy agreed to add this link to our web site.
7. Field Day (June 28-29)—Marianne, Katy, George and Carl attended the last RARC meeting in Rockwall to learn more about planning for this event at a school in Royse City. Those who expect to participate were asked to notify Leo Lucker of their desired times for operating the Field Day stations. Carl mentioned several items that RARC will need, in addition to CW operators. Everyone should bring their own lawn chairs to Field Day. Katy and Mel need to discuss publicity as soon as possible.

The person who handled this last year, Fred Bayse, has had a family emergency and will not be able to handle that task this year. However, Congressman Ralph Hall, the Sheriff, and the Rockwall Mayor were invited to the event in 2007. Letters to appropriate dignitaries need to be prepared and mailed, since Field Day is only a month away. Katy agreed to help with this publicity effort and will be taking pictures at the Field Day event.

8. Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL)—This issue is dead in Dallas. The company that purchased the equipment has gone out-of-business and has sold their inventory to Oncor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Our next meeting at CiCi's will be on June 24th. Ruth will make our reservation.
2. Bequests—David suggested that, in the future, when a Club member dies, a memorial charitable donation be made, rather than our sending flowers to the funeral. A vote at the next meeting will decide the amount and organization selected.
3. Adjourn—The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Members in Attendance

Johnny Ballard	K2YKQ
Marline Ballard	N5VVM
Arlie Edwards	KE5DYD
Ruth Hall	KE5NEJ
Otis Hanby	W5TKK
David Jones	N5UFG
Marianne Marsden	KA7CZX
Rusty Mott	WK5R
Katy O'Mary	KE5CGL
Randall Pease	KE5NXU
George Purnell	K5SXE
Ted Scherbel	KF5HV
Carl Sherman	W5SBH
Linda Sherman	KC5QKN