

# Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of September 2024 Meeting

Testing at 5:30pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

34 Hams present

Call to order by President

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

President's Report:

Get ready for FT-8 from Jeff (K3DI) and information on the Fox Hunt on 28 September.

Secretary's Report:

For the October meeting the excel based check-in sheet doesn't want to print, it is either too big in size or tiny print that for some would need assistance from a seeing eye dog. We are still trying.

Treasurer Report:

Issued via e-mail Club account summary, was taking dues and raffle ticket payments. 50-50 raffle was held.

VE Testing:

Three Hams took the challenge and we now have one new Technician (yea) and two new Generals who are ready to take on the HF bands that they now can work. Talking to one of the new Generals tested they said were going to start study for the Extra exam for next month.

Arrl:

An update on the HOA restrictions relief bill in Congress and information about a Delaware bill if Congress drags its feet, efforts to link repeaters via C4FM. Applied for \$25000 grant for Winlink upgrades. HOA bill was reported to have support in Congress. An attempt to get some interest in the schools in Radio with 2M/70Cm radios (Boafeng UV-5r), problem is getting into the schools. Sorry to say it will take a major weather event (like Sandy II) to get the schools attention.

Ares:

An appeal for new members for ARES, information is on their web site. 13 April is a local Hospital drill along with the EOC and a call for volunteers for a Sett drill 26 October. This is a good way to get out into the public eye and generate interest in ham radio. See the ARES web page for up-to-date events.

### Auxcomm:

Call for volunteers for the Apple-Scrapple in beautiful, historic Bridgeville on 12 Oct, suggest that Amateur Radio operators provide valuable public service during an emergency and this is use of the MCU as the net backbone. CERT Trailer on display in Dover for Kent County CERT Team establishment on 14 September, Auxcomm was very busy in September. Also have a call for Hams for the Dewey Race on 7 December (great, a race on Pearl Harbor Day). See the Auxcomm web page for more detailed information

### Lewes Repeater Appeal:

The Lewis Amateur Radio Club repeater needs a new Antenna and \$1450 to fix it, looking for area clubs help and donations to get back up. No new update on Lewes repeater

### Old Business:

Was dealt with the usual SARA speed and brevity. Hail Ming

### Guest Speaker:

Jeff (K3DI) took us into the land of FT-8 that in 1991 was invented by Frank Taylor to deal in weak signal communications. It needs a computer and a time stamp that is accurate for the data stream to be accurate. While the radio signal doesn't need to be strong there is a heating element of components that can be an issue. A sound card is needed to work FT-8 and some receivers have a built-in decoder. The internet is your friend with lots of You-Tube videos.

### Next Meeting:

17 Oct 2024 at  
Mulligan's Point Golf Club  
22426 Sussex Pines Road

50-50 Draw

Adjournment