

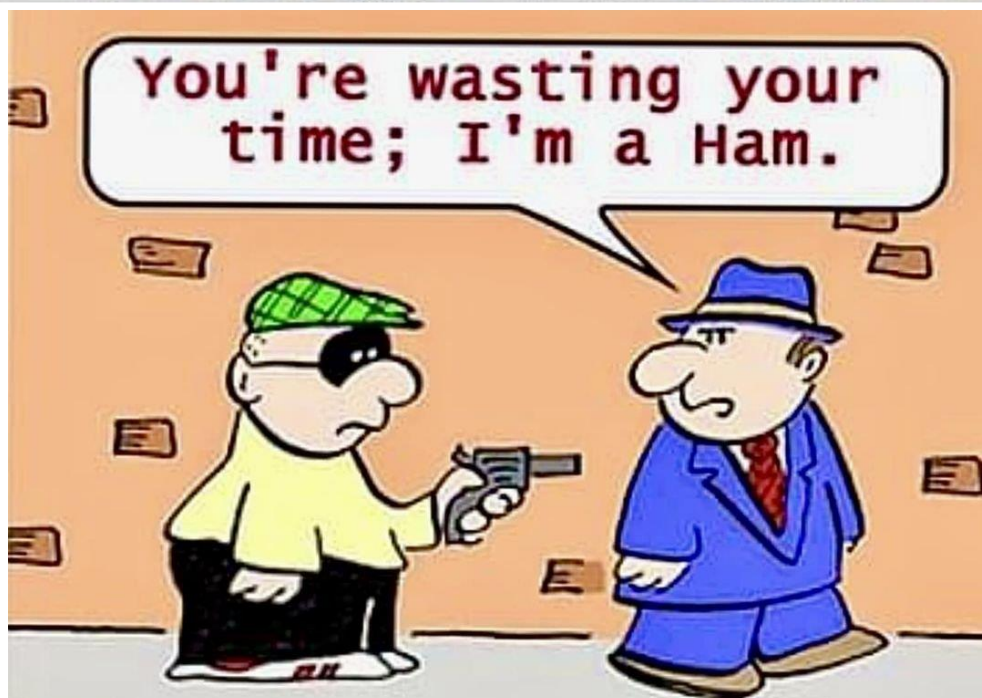
Minutes of the SARA (Sussex Amateur Radio Association) monthly meeting at Mulligan's Point Country Club

August 17, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 19:02 with 33 in attendance
2. Pledge given to the flag
3. Moment of silence for the fallen protectors to our country, county, community and silent keys
4. **President Report Butch WA0CIE:** Introductions and spoke about tonight's program and up and coming events/activities
5. **VP Report Deb AJ3L:** Nothing to add
6. **Secretary and Treasure Report:** Both reports were accepted by the membership
7. **Testing Herb W3BW:** One extra tonight
8. **ARRL (Section Manager) John K3PFW:**
 - 8.1. Dues going up at the ARRL, basic membership will have the online edition of QST included. The printed flavor of QST magazine will have an additional charge if you wish to get it mailed. Postage and printing have gone insane
9. **ARES Jim N3XKJ:** Steve KC3DSO filling in for Jim tonight:
 - 9.1. Spoke about our pending storm season with updates and training on the use and application of the ICS form(s)
 - 9.2. Beebe exercise on August 26th
10. **RACES / AUXCOMM Bill N3ID:**
 - 10.1. 10/13-14 Apple Scrapple
 - 10.2. 8/19-8/20 Light House event
 - 10.3. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the EOC in Georgetown at 7:30
11. **Sky Warn Steve KC3DSO:** Training opportunities coming up
 - 11.1. Spoke about the possibility of 18 storms this time and be prepared to be an operator

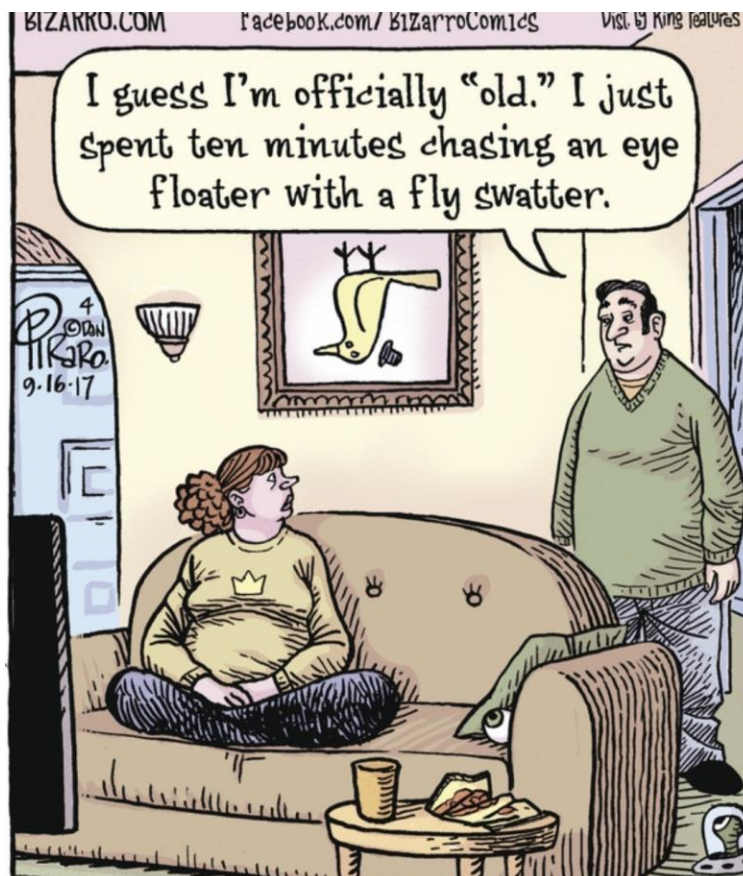
- 11.2. Don't need to have formal training but a three-hour online info/course would make understanding things much better
 - 11.3. Report any bad weather, if a net has not been activated monitor the repeater.
 - 11.4. We need net control operators
 - 12. Repeater(s) John K3JL:** "We had some minor problems but they are in the process of being resolved."
 - 13. Old Business:** No old Business
 - 14. Program Jon Zaines AA1K:** Chasing DX, FRC and the Joy of never having enough Towers
 - 14.1. You can do mobile DXing - even 160 meters!
 - 14.1.1. Find a high spot, go near salt water and keep logging simple – paper works for mobile
 - 15. New Business:**
 - 15.1. Elections coming up, voting is in November. Takeover is in January. **PLEASE be aware that after many years the President, Treasurer and Secretary will NOT be running again**
 - 15.1.1. Christmas party locations and ideas needed, looking like Grottos is in the lead due to cost and many of membership on limited funding – Please speak to our VP Deb AJ3L with any suggestions
 - 15.1.2. Delaware section manager voting is coming up
 - 15.1.2.1. John K3PFW and Steve KC3DSO are running
 - 15.1.2.2. Ballots going out in early(?) September to ARRL members this is a two-year position
 - 16. 50/50:** Was won by Pete KC3MVS
 - 17. Motion to Adjourn:** Was given and approved by the group at 20:27
 - 18.** Next meeting will be on September 21th same time, same location
- Respectfully Submitted by Donna KC3IHV

*** Smoke Signals ***





Hams were doing Robots before it was cool!





Yes my dear, this was why hams were in such good shape back then. Those light, small Japanese radios of today that you can carry with one arm have made us flabby