

**April 4, 2012**

The Casper Amateur Radio Club business Meeting  
Called to order at 19:10 MST.

Those present were:

Josh - KA7JUN

Mike - KE7WQP

Mike - AE7EC

Andrea - KF7OPT

Mike - AE7LS

Shawn - N7RRB

Brad - KC7YRA

Tate - KA7O

Sean - KF7OPS

Bruce - KF7CFY

Mike - KE7AZF

Charles, "Chuck" - N7RQW

and two interested future hams, John and Jim.

### **Wyoming state Hamfest:**

The website is up. Updates on what will happen, when, and everything else should be coming soon so keep an eye on the website for that.

Brad, KC7YRA has gotten Bob Heil for the speaker, and that will be held over Skype. It will be an hour long Q&A session and will be one-on-one.

Now, because of the times, there will be a small fee but everything is being done to make it as small as possible. Goal is to make it a \$5 fee at the door.

There will not be a catering type dinner, however, there will be a restaurant and a bar there if you want to do a meet and greet. The swap meet will be in a parking lot that the Natrona County Int. Airport.

You will have to bring your own table and chairs, or use a camper if you like.

Parking is free at the airport.

There will be a VE session in a different room along with the other meetings that take place during Hamfest. And we have a vender or two coming up from the south.

One of the vendors will need about 12 tables.

We will also have a few radios listing to air traffic, and a HF antenna on the roof of the building.

### **Field Day:**

Field day this year will be at the fairgrounds on the west side.

We will have one confirmed, three possible, towers with beams.

Area is fenced off and secured.

We will have a very large tent from Kistler Tent & Awning which they will be setting up for us.

We have a lot of coax, generators, and spots for campers.

Josh and Brad will be there the day before with their campers.

Field Day for us starts at noon on Saturday, so we cannot start setting up before noon on Friday.

We will also have a fire ring, and other stuff to cook food.

Mike, KE7AZF, will be the GOTA Station. (Get on the Air Station)

We will also have a chance to learn how to safely put up a tower.

Brad will do most of the climbing though because he has done it "too many times to count"

and he has a harness.

We will also have an outhouse set up there.

Brad and Josh went and talked to House of Printing and got 250 postcards printed with the Field Day logo on them and they will be sent out to Hams that live within about 50 miles of Casper.

We also hope to get stuff in the paper and TV news.

Field Day is a dry event. If you want to drink, it can be done in your camper, but not near the radios.

### **Pony Express Re-Ride:**

The Pony Express will be coming through Wyoming on 18 & 19 of June.

They should be leaving the Utah/Wyoming state line at 0200 on the 18.

Discussion took place on what we want to see, what we should do, what to use as far as car vs. truck. And why they would like to have us follow them.

There was also talk of a special event call sign for the re-ride.

### **Casper Marathon:**

Sunday, June 3.

We had no info except the date.

Last year we made contact with them and they said cool, have fun.

Tate talked about what happened last year, what we learned, and how we helped them in past years, including getting them supplies at their aid stations.

Sometime during May, a club officer will make contact with the marathon folks and offer our help, again.

### **Civil Air Patrol Repeater:**

John with the Civil Air Patrol asked about setting a CAP repeater on the same tower on the mountain that the 94 is on.

Tate informed John that the tower is not the club's and can't offer to set up the repeater on it.

There was talk of how we could help them get the repeater up and going.

### **Field Day Practice:**

There is talk about going out and playing radio before Field Day and seeing what we need to work on. What works, what doesn't, where we want to go and do this. And who may want to go and have fun and play.

### **Secretary:**

Because Kirk has been sick many times, Mike, KE7WQP has been made temp. Secretary until we find out more info.

### **Mototurbo repeater idea:**

Josh and Brad are talking about putting up a Mototurbo repeater.

There was talk of price, how they worked, getting one and setting it up.

Along with being able to talk to other states.

### **Adjournment:**

With no other further business for the club, motion was made by Mike KE7WQP, second by Shawn N7RRB.

Meeting adjourned at 2020 MST.