

MINUTES OF MAY 11, 1989 MEETING

THE MAY 11, 1989 MEETING OF THE BRANCH COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT LARRY CAMP, W8SR, AT 7:30 PM. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED THE INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS NOTING THESE ABSENCES: JIM VOSS, K68D, SECRETARY, AND AMOS FLEMING, W8LGO, TREASURER.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT JACK ASHER, K86XL, RECENTLY PASSED HIS GENERAL EXAM, ALSO THAT JACK WHITING, K88HET, HAD RECEIVED HIS NEW CALL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HOMER UNTERKIRCHER, W8DDOP, TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING AS POSTED IN THE CLUB NEWSLETTER. SECOND WAS BY CHRIS PAVKA, N8JHE, AND THE MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

NO TREASURERS REPORT OR REPEATER REPORT WAS GIVEN DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS.

THE ARES/RACES REPORT WAS GIVEN BY CHRIS, N8JHE, AFTER WHICH HE PASSED OUT SHIRTS TO THOSE WORKING THE CAR SWAP MEET. MORE VOLUNTEERS WERE ASKED FOR.

AT THIS TIME AMOS, W8LGO, GAVE THE TREASURERS REPORT STATING THAT THE CHECKING ACCOUNT CONTAINED \$403.04 WITH ALL BILLS PAID. MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS, N8JHE, SECONDED BY CARL HALL, K8PRD, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT WHICH WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS IT WAS HAPPILY NOTED THAT AMOS, W8LGO WAS CELEBRATING HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE JUNE AND SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETINGS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN ROOM 101 OF THE BRANCH AREA CAREERS CENTER. A DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR FIELD DAY 1989 FOLLOWED WITH SOME DECISIONS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

CLUB ROSTERS WERE PASSED OUT COMPLIMENTS OF JIM, K68D, A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MATT GODELL, N8JWC, SECONDED BY JIM BLACKMAN, K8MPM AND WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING WAS AN AUCTION WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, CHRIS PAVKA, N8JHE, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY.

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MUSA MANAROFF (U2NIR) VISITED W4PUJ AND OTHERS FOR AN "EYEBALL" QSO

ON THE EVENING OF MAY 12, DICK DANIELS (W4PUJ) ALONG WITH TOM CLARK (W3INI), JOHN SHEW (N400), MARTHA SARAGOWITZ (XYL OF W400), RICH ZHIRKO (K1HTV), AND THE XYL'S OF W4PUJ, W3INI, AND K1HTV, ALL HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING THE AIR SPACE STATION COSMONAUT MUSA MANAROFF (U2NIR). MUSA WAS IN THE US TO VISIT WITH NASA SPACE MEDICINE SPECIALISTS AS A "SPECIMEN" TO PROVE THAT HUMANS CAN SURVIVE 366 DAYS IN SPACE WITH NO LONG TERM ILL EFFECTS. THROUGH THEIR CONTACTS IN NASA, W3INI AND W4PUJ WERE ABLE TO ARRANGE A DINNER PARTY FOR MUSA AT W4PUJ'S QTH.

DURING THE DINNER PARTY, MUSA TOLD MANY HUMOROUS ANECDOTES ABOUT HIS YEAR LONG STAY IN OUTER SPACE. HE COMMENTED ABOUT SPENDING "366 TIMES 16" LOBBITS/DAYS NIGHTS AWAY FROM HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN (AGES 7 AND 8). MUSA TALKED ABOUT THE SIZE OF AIR WHICH WAS ABOUT TWO NORMAL ROOMS. MUSA EMPHASIZED THAT WHEN THE YAESU FT-296 TRANSCIEVER ARRIVED IN NOVEMBER OF '88, AMATEUR RADIO OPERATIONS FROM AIR PROVIDED A GREAT DEAL OF ENJOYMENT. ALTHOUGH MUSA IS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, BEFORE HE WAS LICENSED IN SPACE ABOARD AIR, HE WAS ONLY A SWL. MUSA SAID THAT HE HOPES TO REMAIN ACTIVE IN AMATEUR RADIO AND KEEP HIS U2NIR CALL.

LATER IN THE EVENING MUSA HAD A CHANCE TO SEE W4PUJ'S HAMSHACK AND ENJOYED TUNING AROUND THE 20M BAND AND ALSO LISTENING TO THE DOWNLINK PASSBAND OF AO-13. TOM CLARK SHOWED MUSA SOME OF THE RECEIVER MODULES HE WAS BUILDING FOR THE MICROSATs AND ALSO THE "LITTLE" PACKET UNIT (TASCO/HEATH HK21 TNC) WHICH ASTRONAUT RON PARISE (W4SIR) WILL CARRY ON A FUTURE SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION.

IN SAYING "73'S" FOR THE EVENING, W3INI ON BEHALF OF AMSAT, PRESENTED MUSA AN HONORARY "LIFE-MEMBERSHIP." MUSA ALSO RECEIVED ONE THE NEW MICROSAT PATCHES.

IN SUMMARY, IT WAS A VERY ENJOYABLE EVENING FOR ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THIS "EYEBALL QSO," AND IT ONLY PROVES WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT AMATEUR RADIO CERTAINLY DOES PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP.  
(VIA PACKET)