



Sinewaves



STONEWALL JACKSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month, 1930 hrs at Saint Marks Lutheran Church RT19/98 Clarksburg

SJARA Tuesday Night Net

This net meets each Tuesday evening at 2100 hours utilizing the N8FMD Repeater on 147.210 MHz with PL Tone of 103.5

13 June 2016

<u>Net Control</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. WD8NSC/WD8NSC.....	June 7, 2016
2. WC8CC/WV8CC.....	June 14, 2016
3. K8TPH/K8TPH.....	June 21, 2016
4. K8TPH/K8TPH.....	June 28, 2016
5. K8TPH/K8TPH.....	July 5, 2016

SJARA Meeting Minutes May 19, 2016

The meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association (SJARA) was called to order by the president, KA5NYN, at 19:36 Thursday May 19, 2016.

The minutes from the April meeting were read by KA5NYN, and a motion was made to accept the minutes as read by, K8TPH and seconded by KD8IZC, passed by a unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's report was presented by KD8IZC with a balance brought forth of \$1079.41 with a debit on May 9th of \$125.69 for insurance leaving a balance of \$953.72. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by K8TPH and seconded by WV8SM and accepted by a unanimous vote.

Old Business: Report was made by KA5NYN that he would look into SJARA and possibly other ham clubs in the area participate in the CAP activities in 2017 or what date

the determine to hold the next exercise and KA5NYN will keep on top of it and keep the club informed as planning progresses.

KA5NYN reported that he and N8YPE attended the memorial service for WV3G and the service was very well attended.

New Business: K8TPH EC Harrison County reported that the ARES met will be held on each Friday starting on May 20, 2016 and will continue as long as there is interest. The time is each Friday at 21:00 on a frequency of 146.685 Mhz the Clarksburg repeater in the HAMTALK system. Anyone can check in via any of the HAMTALK system repeaters.

K8TPH also presented the fact that since the treasury had dropped below the \$1000.00 mark there should be some effort to investigate how the club expenses could be reduced so that the dues would cover them. Other than the normal obligated payments for the Web Site, the corporation registration, and insurance stay basically the same from year the other large

outlay of money is Field Day. It was discussed that there will be an effort to assess or ask for donations at Field Day to cover the expense of the Portable Toilet and the meal will be a covered dish . Field Day expenses have been in excess of \$250.00 in the past the club can not sustain the payment for Field Day.

KA5NYN also pointed out to the membership that a few members of the club had to go to Lowndes Hill last year and repair damage done to the grass because of all of the rain in 2015. It is recommended that vehicles will not be allowed in the grass area beyond the tower. When loading and unloading the vehicles will be removed from the grass area for parking. after loading and unloading equipment.

It was also recommended that after Field Day the club would attempt to have a dinner meeting to see if attendance could be improved.

The meeting adjourned at 20:55 Those in attendance were: KD8TRA, WV8TIM, his daughter Isabella, KA5NYN, N8VCF, WV8SM, KD8IZC, K8TPH

Clubs

There seems to be the three types of people that become members of clubs. These are **Joiners** and **Spoilers**. These two are the individuals that lock horns. Then there are **Other Members**. Stop and think, which category do you fall into?

Joiner

The joiner is an individual that asks to get into a club because he/she wants to see the club progress in the field for which it was organized. The joiner helps, does work to support what the club is doing and volunteers to encourage the other members to participate and promote the purpose of the club. A joiner does not try to change the core of the club but supports what has worked well in the past. The joiner sticks in with the club in good times and bad. The joiner can always be expected to be there and not quit.

Spoiler

The spoiler is an individual that asks to get into a club because he/she sees all the faults in the club. Always criticizing what the club officers are doing and keeps making suggestions to change the basic core of the club. Never supports others, even though club operations are running smoothly and have for quite a while in the past. A spoiler becomes more and more active in changing the club and not supporting it. After a spoiler gets changes made they become uninterested in the club because there is nothing more to change, other than the spoiler has caused upheaval and discontent. The spoiler then leaves the club and goes on to other endeavors

Other Members

Then there are the other members. They are the larger group in the club

that seem to just go along with everything. Joiners and Spoilers suggest. These are the individuals that do very little except pay their dues and are the majority of a club. Other Members. are the voting membership and are needed or the club will die. This is the group from which Joiners come. You never find Spoilers in this group. This group doesn't know how much power they have. Don't be afraid to vote "NO" if you disagree with what is going on in your club. Stand up and be heard.

Special Event Station PA100FDM

Special event station **PA100FDM** will be active during 28 days from June 28th to July 26th 2016 and is made possible by several amateur radio operators from the Nijmegen region. The team of special event station PA100FDM is busy with the preparations of the activities. Please have a look on the corresponding website:

<http://www.pa2p.nl/pa100fdm/> .

Ham Radio

Like Fishing

Making a rare or difficult contact with someone, or making something work that is a challenge. It's a good adrenaline rush, just like winning a game, ham radio is like fishing, meaning you don't always know what, or who, you will catch or where you will catch the big one. Just imagine catching the same fish over and over, just turning it back. After a while, it would get pretty boring. It would lose its challenge. The same goes with using a cell phone, or your computer over the Internet compared to using a ham radio to reach out and touch someone else. It's the challenge of it all.

Some of it is pure luck, some of it is pure science, and a lot of personal

effort to talk to someone you have never talked to before. Keep up the great work and you will get the big one to hold up and brag about. .

Field Day 2016

Field Day this year will be held at the same location as previous years, on Lowndes Hill in the park directly behind the YMCA. Antennas and shelters will be put up on Friday evening. Set up for Field Day equipment and logging system will begin at 9AM on Saturday morning June 25th. Operations will begin at 2PM local time and will run continuously until 2PM on Sunday June 26th. At present it is expected to run 3 station plus a GOTA station operation as a 3A under 150 watts. There will also be a testing session on Saturday afternoon. For more information please contact N8FWD@hotmail.com A meal will be served in the evening and will be a covered dish participation. Complete and final Field Day planning will be accomplished at the June 16th meeting at St Marks Lutheran church at 7:30PM. If Field Day isn't supported by the local Ham community then the only thing that can be done is reduce Field Day to just a couple stations, one for CW and one for SSB or just give up on it. SJARA just can't spend money that they don't have on people that done care.

Editor's Note:

This is my last year. My term as Secretary expires on December 31, 2016. I will not be running for any other office. I am also giving up on writing the Sinewaves and I will be resigning as Web Master of sjara.org. I think I am giving the club enough notice. This notice will appear in all Sinewaves of 2016.

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