

NRHARC Club Meeting
11/21/2008 7:00 pm
NRH Fire Administration Building, NRH

26 total present, 7 visitors.

Dave called the meeting to order and welcomed our visitors. In John Dossey's absence, Tom Phillips took the minutes.

Doyle gave a financial report. We have \$1656.55 on hand. This includes approximately \$800 in scholarship funds (\$500 2009 and \$302 2010).

Our new repeater is up and running and it's a great machine! Most people at the meeting indicated that they have 440 capability and had tried the machine. It covers all of Tarrant County and folks have worked it from numerous "DX" locations such as Godly, Bridgeport, Dallas and Denton.

Dave thanked the repeater committee for their hard work; especially, Jim Lee, Ron Boyk and Steve Arntz who stood to applause.

Dave mentioned the web site saying that there are some new pages out there, including a "For Sale" page. Tom Armstrong has some equipment listed. In Harry Monck's absence, Dave also covered the Scholarship program saying that we will be going to the 3 High Schools next week with an offering. We will be looking for a senior who is (ideally) a ham. If we can't find one in the 3 high schools, we will look for candidates intending to follow a technical major in college. Dave also covered the potential General and Technician classes in the Spring. We will announce classes when we have sufficient committed students.

Our guest speaker was Mark Hooper N5WEB. Mark purchased Force 12 antennas in April and showed a slide show about the antennas. He has many issues to overcome, including creating a more stable manufacturing environment. He cited an example of the rivets in the elements. In the past the first of 3 rivets was precisely drilled. However, the other 2 were hand drilled and this resulted in being unable to replace element parts left to right or as replacements. He now drills all 3 holes with a single tool so they are all in exactly the same location. He is now including parts lists. The previous owner has not yet passed over all the machinery including a heavy duty welder. It was a good presentation with lots of good questions and answers. He will be sending Dave a PDF file about antenna diagnostics (now on the web site).

The December meeting is on the 15th with John Dossey. We'll be meeting at Hoffbrau's restaurant on 377 (south of 820) on January 26 for our Holiday meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to Adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm.