

TCHC Meeting Minutes - September 6, 2016

Club president Shawn Smith, WA5VQP, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. There was a total of 14 present at the meeting. The membership is 33 as of this date.

In the absence of Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA, Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, gave an updated treasurer report.

Duffy Frantom, KD5IGZ, gave an ARES report. He notified the group of the changes in entry to the gate and EOC building. A person must have a card to gain entrance.

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, gave a news update from ARRL.

Mark Ketchell, K5ER, stated there would be a meeting of the Louisiana Contest Club at the Alexandria hamfest. This hamfest, sponsored by the Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club (<http://CLARC.us>), will be on September 24. On September 10 the ARRL VHF contest takes place. On September 24 the World Wide DX RTTY contest take place.

Shawn Smith, WA5VQP, reported that he and Jim, W5LA, would be making a presentation to the Boy Scout Troop 59 in Ruston. Also the possibility of working with them on Jamboree On the Air, October 14-16, was discussed. He also reported to the club that RC Conley, KC5WA, would be available to do W5YI testing at club meetings from now on. There is a web page (<http://twincityhams.org/testing>) for people to sign up to take a test.

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, notified everyone that a Technician Ham Cram has been scheduled for September 30 - October 1. If anyone knows of someone who is interested in attending, they should register at <http://twincityhams.org/technician> as soon as possible.

Shawn Smith, WA5VQP, mentioned again the Winter Field Day in January 2017. More information can be seen at <http://winterfieldday.com>. The possibility of setting up a station for NPOTA at Poverty Point was discussed but no decision was made. Shawn will call Poverty Point to see if any particular weekend would be better.

Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, gave a presentation on "Loop Antennas."

Shawn Smith, WA5VQP, closed the meeting at 7:30 PM.