

Loose Gravel

Newsletter of ROADs
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Greetings from the desk of Coyóte, your unlikely, but willing, editor-in-chief and President of Vice. The meeting of 9 June was productive and informative, as usual. Nearly less than ½ of our membership showed up to hear Vince, K7VV, share his knowledge of Part 97. Those of us who were delighted to be there at the Polk County Court House for the event were treated to a wonderful presentation of little-known information about the history of wireless communications, and the early formation of what has become Amateur Radio. As a resource person, Vince has much to offer to our HAM community. We look forward to your return sometime, Vince, and thank you for coming to share with us. You are welcome in our group any time.

Here are the minutes of the meeting of 9 June, 2005, as compiled by our secretary Feryl, KE7BII:

Roads Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

Attendance: Dudley Berry, Feryl Downs, Coyote, Boswell, Rick Kiter, Jim, Gary, Bob Winston, Chris Portal, Steve Pickering, Don Bowers, David Moellenberndt.

Irene Kouber wrote a check for membership in the amount of \$20.00 check # 502, Bob Boswell made the announcement of her surgery. We wish her well. Dudley received the check for deposit.

Feryl then went over some issues in regards to the non-profit application. The first being that due to the amount of income within the first 4 years being over \$10,000.00, the application fee would be \$500.00 instead of \$150.00. It was agreed that we send the fee. Some other issues were addressed, and after an audit is completed we will be able to complete and send in the application along with all the forms required to accompany it. Then the newsletter was discussed, the name being Loose Gravel, and that its contents would be exactly as the minutes and all other news is reported.

The rest of the meeting was a presentation by K7VV on Part 97 and all that is involved. It was very interesting, due in part to the information about the 1890's, about Marconi and Cornwall from England to Newfoundland with many different things happening including the 1912 ratification, this also being the year that the Titanic sank in April.

He gave us handouts to follow, along with the information that he was reading from. It was very informative.

He spoke also of FCC Law / ARRL Band Plan / Gentlemen's Agreement and a FCC re-structure. He also said that there will more than likely be a new ARRL plan to have a new entry level license.

Boswell adjourned the meeting at 9:43 PM

As you can readily see, ROADS has been dynamic from its beginning in late 2003, and will continue to be an important resource to its members and the local community. No radio-related gear was presented for sale at the meeting, but a regularly scheduled offering may be a highlight on future dates.

Our next meeting, 14 July, has as its main feature a presentation to be given by Jim Pardey, WA7ZAJ, concerning sources of alternate power...including Solar, Wind, Generator, and others we may not have even heard of! It should be very interesting, and I encourage all to attend who are able to do so. These days, with the rising cost of not only transportation

fuels, but utility costs as well, it behoves all of us to be thinking about ways to enable other means of powering our stations and our dwellings.

A recent event in the Dallas area has been noted: Dudley, W7NLI, sustained a crushed lower leg while at work about the middle of last week (6 July?), and will be non-ambulatory for an unknown period of time. He had a short stay in the hospital and is back home at this time, being administered to by our good nurse, Feryl. Any questions you may have about the circumstances of the injury should be addressed to Dudley, as he was there at the time. We wish you a quick recovery, Dudley! Another note: there is plan afoot to enable his bedside radio manner...Bob, W7LOU, will be glad to explain the plan, and I'm sure there will be more than enough volunteers at the ready to do this adventure!

Seaside and SeaPac...my first time at the event...was interesting. Shadow and I traveled there with our friend Larry, KD7UXA, from Dayton, and had a mostly great time wandering around among all the vendor tables, shaking hands with old friends and new ones, and collecting business cards. My total purchases amounted to one used headset for \$2...I consider it a lesson in "You Get What You Pay For"...yes, it turned out to be a dud. We learn from our mistakes, eh? My biggest one of that day was a Chili Dog from the 'food' area. After ingesting that gut bomb, I had all the symptoms of undigestion...cramps, headache, and it lasted for a week! Right up to and including Field Day, which I spent mostly in bed. Next time, I will take my own lunch!

I understand Feryl has drawn a Logo for our club, and should have it available for viewing at the 14th meeting. It will be on our QSL cards, letterhead, and this newsletter in the near future.

I remind you that this [space] is available to anyone who wishes to contribute to the newsletter...items of interest,

items for sale, giveaway or trade, needs for the 'shack', or any news-worthy bit to pass on to the members who may not have heard it on the air. Suggestions as to content or structure of these monthly pages will be noted and carefully considered.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting!

73 de Coyóte

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