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### **Attendance:**

N7DJE Timber  
KB7POT Mikel  
N7ACW Keith  
AL1Q Jeff  
W7UB Don  
KK6FVG Avis  
K7LRF Ted  
KC7JIX Dave  
WA7LKF Mikel  
K7RO John  
Jim Myers  
KJ7GIP Darrell

There were ten Members and two visitors.

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### **Secretary's report:**

Mikel KB7POT read the minutes.

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### **Treasurer's report:**

Keith N7ACW reports that the clubs balance is \$1558.12 in the bank and \$40 in petty cash. Two payments for electrical power were made, one for \$14.43, early June, and one for \$15.88 posted today. There were purchases of materials and parts from the back table, and dues payed.

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### **Building and Grounds:**

Dave KC7JIX sprayed weeds and mowed. Dave was asked if he had all materials needed. He said he did not need anything.

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### **Repeater Report:**

Jeff AL1Q reports that we still have occasional noise from the N7LZM repeater. It may be due to a cross-band repeater in the area. No status on the site lease change. Dave and Jeff went to sight to trim back weeds, spray, and clean the ventilation screen.

Lewis Peak Amateur Repeater Association dues are due. The account is healthy, but we did just purchase the generator that is out back. Jeff is confident that we will keep the repeater at it's current location, but not sure what the costs will be.

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### **Health and Welfare:**

Timber N7DJE repots that Jason's dad had a pretty bad stroke. He also had 70% of his prostate removed. He is in Spokane and recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.

Davena had her cast removed from her hand.

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### **ARES Report:**

Keith N7ACW reports that ARES is alive and well. Starting to plan for the Simulated Emergency Test in October. We could use more ARES members.

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### **VE:**

Jeff AL1Q announced that the next VE test session is the 21st of July. If you intend to take the General test, be sure you are studying the new question pool.

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### **Announcements:**

Jeff announced that Heidi KC7CCL is selling one of her packet stations. It includes an older XP laptop, a KPC3 TNC with cables, an iCom HT, Printer, and a portable Deskjet printer with batteries. Contact Jeff if interested.

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### **Misc:**

Much of the Field Day supplies and equipment, including the new generator, are now being stored in the back of the clubhouse. Timber still has the old generator. It still has a problem where it will start and eventually die. He thinks it is electrical.

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### **Old Business:**

Mikel KB7POT withdrew his suggestion that we participate in the VA Stand Down in October. We already have two events in October.

Timber reminded us about the upcoming Tailgate, September the 15th. There will be BBQ. He will ask Brian K7BDT if he will start promoting the event.

National Night Out will be the 6th of August at Pioneer Park. We will have a single 10 x 10 space and will brochures to get information out to people. Our booth will be next to EMS again. We are looking for volunteers. It's only for a couple hours in the evening, 5pm to 7:30pm. We might set up a 2M radio and showcase some other radio equipment.

Timber reviewed Field Day. It was a lot of fun. Compliments to Jeff AL1Q for his efforts. He lead the building of a 20 meter antenna Saturday that was stretched to 40 meters Sunday morning.

Keith N7ACW was interviewed on Valley Viewpoint, Blue Mountain TV. The first half of the interview was about emergency communications. The second half was about Field Day, with pre-recorded interviews with Brian K7BDT, Jeff AL1Q, and Don W7UB.

Jeff AL1Q sent our Field Day report into the ARRL. The preliminary score is 2098 points. There were 270 odd contacts: 126 CW, 43 digital, and 106 phone. We sent six messages by radio using an ICS-213 form. We had plenty of publicity, an article in the Union Bulletin and a YouTube video. Still need some photographs. There is an album setup on the [groups.io](https://groups.io) page. Please upload them, or contact Jeff if you have any to contribute.

Timber said that we had several dignitaries show up: the local mayor, some people from Columbia County, and Liz Jessee and Pat Purcell from Emergency Management.

Keith said that one of the people who showed up was the owner of the building that we need to attach the EOC's HF antenna: Jim Johnson. Keith suggested to Liz and Patrick that now might be a good time to hit him up for permission for the anchor point. Has not heard back yet.

The antenna will probably be an end fed on 80, 60, and 40 meters.

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### **New Business:**

Jeff AL1Q and Don W7UB would like to start having nets on RTTY this coming winter. RTTY is a simple mode that can be set up using software, and a computer's sound card. It would be straightforward to have a local net on 10 meters.

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### **Show and Tell:**

Keith N7ACW showed his new Rig Expert AA-600 antenna analyzer. He tested it earlier on the club's HF antenna. He also showed a case with foam inserts that he purchases separately. The analyzer will be available for member use, with Keith's supervision.

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### **Education:**

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### **Meeting adjourned:**

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Respectfully submitted, Mikel KB7POT, Secretary

*Mikel D Potts*