

First State Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2009

Next meeting: April 23rd, 7:24pm, Conectiv Corporate Data Center

[2009 Meeting Dates](http://fsarc.org/Minutes/Meeting%20Minutes.html) (<http://fsarc.org/Minutes/Meeting%20Minutes.html>)

I. Announcements

Next VE Session April 11th at the Bear Library. Full testing schedule can be found [here](#).

(<http://fsarc.org/n3uz%202009%20sked.html>)

Attendees: Wayne Smith, Bill Blatz, Pat Horner, Frank Filipkowski, Mike Federico, Scotty Moyer, Steve Worden, Dick Sanford, Craig Hodson, Will Schweinger, Wendy Kapochis, Jim Smith, Jim Campbell, Rich Dalton, Mike Raymond, Waye Hale, John DiGiovanni, Mark Wrobel, John Scoggin, Dave Drew

*I deeply apologize for any misspellings - I got the names from the sign in sheet :)

II. Old Business

- QSO Party rules rework - on hold temporarily.
- Constitution update - on hold.

III. New Business

- Members that have not paid their dues by the April meeting will be dropped from the roster list.
- Delaware House Bill 40 is currently tabled.
- The Sussex County Hamfest and ARRL Delaware State Convention will take place April 4, 2009 at Sussex Technical High School, 17099 County Seat Highway (Rt. 9), Georgetown, DE 19947. visit www.k3str.com for official updates.
- Our own Frank Filipkowski, AD3M, Delaware Section Manager will present an update on the latest news from ARRL Headquarters, Atlantic Division, and our Delaware Section. Frank will be joined by Bill Edgar, N3LLR, and/or Tom Abernathy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division Vice Director.
- Field Day June 27 & 28, 2009 - [ARRL Field Day Site](http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/)
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- Suggestions needed for this year's Field Day. Please send me (Mike kb3reu@mjfconsulting.net) your ideas/suggestions so it can be discussed at the April meeting.

- Please send me (Mike kb3reu@mjfconsulting.net) suggestions for April's meeting so an agenda can be put together.

IV. ARRL Items

- SOLAR UPDATE (from The ARRL Letter, Vol 28, No 12)

Tad "The Sun was warm but the wind was chill" Cook, K7RA, this week reports: Currently, USAF and NOAA predict a planetary A index of 8 for today, March 27, then leveling off at 5 (a very quiet, stable level) until April 9-10 when it jumps to 15, then 10. Geophysical Institute Prague predicts quiet to unsettled conditions March 27, quiet March 28-29, quiet to unsettled March 30-31 and back to quiet for April 1-2.

Sunspot numbers for March 19 through 25 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 and 0 with a mean of 0. The 10.7 cm flux was 69.1, 68.7, 70.1, 68.7, 68, 69.1, and 68.5 with a mean of 68.9. The estimated planetary A indices were 3, 4, 8, 4, 3, 8 and 10 with a mean of 5.7. The estimated mid-latitude A indices were 3, 2, 5, 4, 2, 6 and 7 with a mean of 4.1. For more information concerning radio propagation, visit the ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation page <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>>. To read this week's Solar Report in its entirety, check out the W1AW Propagation Bulletin page <<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/prop/>>. This week's "Tad Cookism" brought to you by Robert Frost's "Two Tramps in Mud Time" <<http://www.etymonline.com/poems/tramps.htm>>.

