

February Meeting Notes  
2013-2-4

1. Prior to the meeting, a testing session was held for three candidates: Ron Herring, Steve Beckman, and Kent Haven. All passed their Tech, and Steve went on to pass the General as well.
2. The meeting started promptly at 7:00 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those who are ill, Patrick made the following announcements and comments:
  - a. We have secured Hunt Fountain Park for Field Day.
  - b. He reminded the group that dues were due if you have not yet paid.
  - c. The club purchased a 20-meter band pass filter, and will now purchase a 15-meter band pass filter for use on Field Day.
  - d. For the benefit of those who could not attend the picnic held at the Circle B Bar Reserve last month, he mentioned that during that event we held three successful fox hunts.
  - e. There will be at least one more picnic between now and Field Day. The date and venue will be determined later.
  - f. We were reminded that HamCation was this weekend
  - g. There will be a BBQ at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. This will be a celebration after our Field Day event. More information will follow.
  - h. We are still looking for a source of batteries for Field Day.
  - i. We are in the process of organizing a Simplex Day. Details will be forthcoming.
  - j. June will be a "Bring-A-Friend" night. June was chosen because of its proximity to Field Day, in the hopes that the friend might join us there as well.
  - k. On February 16 there will be a Hamfest in Sebring.
3. Don made a presentation on an upcoming program he will be giving on constructing small project boxes using simple hand tools. He showed several samples of what is possible.
4. Three representatives from the Ozaukee Radio Club made a pitch for help with a Ham Class at Sun-N-Fun.
5. Patrick informed the group that he, Ernie, and Bill visited with Robert Scott W9CBN and family to take possession of equipment he has donated to the club.
6. There was a surprise birthday party for Charley Gribble KI4CRI including cake and ice cream.

7. The main speaker for the evening was Al Sheppard. His topic was Crystal radios. At the conclusion of his very informative and interesting presentation he made germanium diodes and coil forms available for those interested in building their own.