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**KCRC**



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## Minutes of the December 2017 KCRC Meeting, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Our December “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was a very lively affair this month. There was no particular topic discussed: everything from antennas, to Standing Wave Ratios, to “reading” more than 100% wattage power output on transmission lines with standing waves present!

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM, by our President, Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice President Howard N2GOT, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Members At Large Milen KG2C, and Howard K2IGJ, Dan KC2TRX, Lloyd K2JVX, John WB2LFU, Joe AC2AE, Sam KC2LJC, Laura KB2VDV, Simon KS2LQE, Gene KY2MY, Marty W2MPR, Joe KD2MLY, Joe WK9K, our new member Alan KD2OMG, and our newest member Bob KD2NVB!

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$877.14 in assets in our bank account, with \$86.49 in our Club PayPal account, for a total of \$963.63. Since last month Alan KD2OMG, Donni W2BRU, and Bob KD2NVB have joined our Club—our Club presently has 63 members in good standing, and 35 members have paid their 2018 year dues!

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported approximately 14 check-ins to recent Nets. Consistent low noise transmissions continue to be an unmet goal for our Net Control Operator, and he was once again strongly impressed with the need for a good, clear and strong signal for any Net’s Control Operator. Fellow Club members will help evaluate his QTH for a better compromise transmission set up.

10 Meter Report—Our Net Control operator, Joe AC2AE reported that the 10 Meter Net was a local affair, due to 10 Meter’s poor propagation conditions. Recent Nets have accrued 15+ check-ins a week, and informal post Net QSO have been known to continue as late at 3 PM, so if you are “late” for the Net (11 AM Sundays, at 28.380), still throw out your call and Club members might still be around to “chew the rag”.

KCRC TechNet —Our Net Control Operator and Host, Roy AC2GS, reported that the TechNet is doing well—this month Roy AC2GS plans to offer two short discussions on Software Defined Radio—the first will be a practical overview, the second will be more about the technical aspects of this new, exciting branch of radio technology. Roy, once again, urged Club members to participate with either questions, answers, or comments. Technical Nets are NOT dusty lecture sessions, they are living, breathing reflections of the interest or disinterest of their participants. Please listen to our TechNet and PARTICIPATE!

KC2RC FusionNet—Our Backup Net Control Operator Joe AC2AE reported tonight, while Jason KD2LQE is away on vacation. The Net is lively. Our Digital Wires-X link and Internet analog stream are up and running again. There are still some bugs left to be fixed with an FM analog access on KB2NGU’s Repeater at 448.375, -5 MHz offset, PL 162.2 Hz. The Fusion Net group continues to work on this feature.

Field Day 2018 Committee Report—Was tabled for January’s meeting

Old News: Our VE Liaison Officer Milen KG2C reported that our most recent VE Session was very successful.

Two examinees gained their Technician license, five were able to upgrade to their General license, and one smart fellow came in with no license and left with his Extra license! A Hat Trick! Our next VE session will be January 21st, 2018 at 1 PM in Room 6B of Wesley House 501 6 Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue. We are still awaiting acknowledgment of approval from New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, which provides space for our Club functions, for our 2018 VE Session schedule. The Club is always looking for new VE's to join our VE Sessions. For ANY interested individuals, please contact any Executive Member of the Club or the return email address for these emails of our Club Meeting's minutes. People took time out of their busy lives to help get you licensed - pass on the favor!

Repeater status was reported by Mitch N2RGA—Our Yaesu DR-2X is back in action, but there remains a problem getting our Arcom controller to play nice with our DR-2X Repeater. For now, our controller is offline and with it its courtesy tone and recorded messages. We hope to have this problem fixed with some creative firmware modifications from Yaesu. James KB2FMH has been kind enough to offer some test equipment for the Club's use. We will have to get it checked for calibration and then we will have more equipment to make our Repeater a better experience for all users!

Our new Club Bylaws were voted upon, and passed by unanimous vote! Nominations and elections for all Club Officers for the 2018 year were held. By unanimous vote, Mitch N2RGA (President), Howard N2GOT (Vice-President), Richard KA2KDQ (Treasurer), Roy AC2GS (Secretary), Milen KG2C, and Howard K2IGJ (Executive Board Members at Large) were re-elected for another term of office—why argue with success?

Roy AC2GS offered a Door Prize for the night, a pristine copy of the Radio Society of Great Britain's "Stealth Antennas". It was raffled off for \$1 a chance and a lucky member won a useful book!

We wrapped up the "Meeting" part of the meeting and went to our annual holiday/Merry Christmas/Happy Chanukah/Year End Celebration. Much food and beverages were consumed, and good conversation was had by all. We had loads of extra food and conversation, so to you members that were not able to make the Party this year... There's always next year and you're all invited!!!

At 10:30 PM the meeting was adjourned.

So, much for 2017, THAT'S A WRAP!

See ya all in 2018!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, December 6<sup>th</sup>, in the two thousandth and seventeenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

# Welcome to the Party!

## The 2017 Club Party



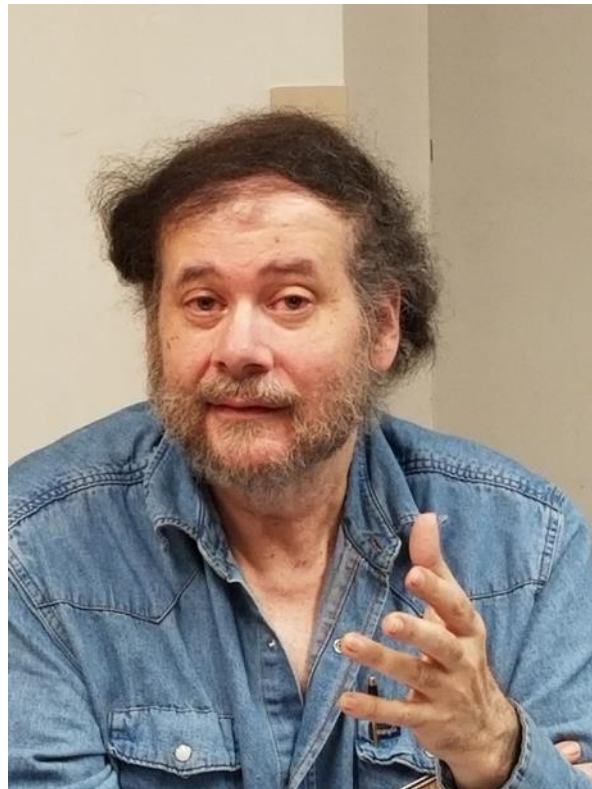
Our President Mitch N2RGA enjoyed the party!



...as did our Vice-President Howard N2GOT.



Don't let our Treasurer's expression fool ya, Richard KA2KQDQ was having loads of fun at the party.....



...as was your humble author, and General Secretary Roy AC2GS!





Simon KD2LQE, Joe WK9K, Joe KD2MLY, and Sam KC2LJC enjoying a 'nosh'.



Simon KD2LQE, Joe WK9K, Joe KD2MLY, and Milen KG2C (perhaps recalling the *Antenna That Got Away?*)



Bob KDNVB and Marty W2MPR



Our intrepid photographer Joe AC2AE offering a self portrait!



Milen KG2C, Dan KC2TRX, and Lloyd K2JVX



Laura KB2VDV, Alan KD2OMG and Howie K2IGJ





Gene KY2MY and Bob KD2NVB (discussing antennas?????)



Howie K2IGJ



John KB2LFU

Our endless thanks and appreciation to Joe AC2AE, who took the time and the trouble to “whip out” his cellphone and capture this all for posterity!

# What, No Article?

(Are there articles in this darn thing?????)

Your humble Editor thought that he might spare you the monthly article this month. Not to worry, for those intellectually curious we have articles ready for 2018 that might offer some insight into how impedance “works” and why it seems to do the things that it does to us (as opposed to what we would like it to do for us)...

But that’s for another day, another Newsletter...

I just want to express how pleased I am with the growth of our little Club in 2017. All clubs that exist long enough go thru their slumps, and we might have had one a few years ago, assisted by the untimely loss of many valued members that became silent keys.

But, we are back bigger than ever today! Our membership grows monthly, and I cannot recall these many members in my memory of our Club.

But it’s not just guys (and GALS!) that pay their dues and are never heard from again. Our membership is growing more and more active. Over the past year, we have instituted a Yaesu Fusion Net, a Technical Net, and made our 10 Meter Net a vibrant, active oasis in these evil days of sunspot inactivity! We have built and maintained Internet audio feeds for our Nets, and audio archives for some of them, as well!

We have made and maintained a vital and living Internet Web presence, where new or old Hams can go for up to date information!

We have built an efficient and *well oiled* VE committee, with annual bi-monthly schedule, and it is seeing more successful examinees every session!

Who knows what great things we will all think up for 2018!

The dues money is very nice! Ya know, ya can’t live on the *love* for this hobby alone, but the MOST important ingredient, that has made this Club so great, is the generous dedication of its members.

Our President Mitch N2RGA, who keeps fighting mankind’s general inertia, slugging away with Joe AC2AE to make our Repeater as great as it can be! Our Vice-President Howard N2GOT for his constant help and support of Club events. Richard’s perpetual job of Net Control of the Club’s original 2 Meter Net, as well as keeping the *books straight*. Milen KG2C’s ceaseless efforts as VE Liaison Officer, past Net Control Operator, and voice of wisdom on the Executive Board. Howie K2IGJ’s valued wisdom, that he is kind enough to share to with us *youngsters!*

And those are just the elected members.

There are many of our members who straddle ARES and our Club and are able to participate in both organizations to their fellow Ham’s and the community’s benefit. There are Committee Chairman, like our Field Day Committee.

There are participants on our growing list of Nets and the Net Control Operators that keep them running so well, as well as our annual events like Field Day and the Club Picnic.

There are SO MANY people to thank, that for fear that I would leave one or 7 out, I will not list them here—you know who you are!

We couldn’t have accomplished all this without ALL your efforts and help.

Thanks!

But our collective job ain’t done yet! 2018 is a new year and hopefully, we will grow bigger and better as it unwinds, but we will need YOU. We will need your creativity, your hare-brained schemes, your suggestions, your efforts, your continued interest in this hobby and this Club.

Will you answer the call?

- Your Humble Editor, Roy AC2GS