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# NORTH AUGUSTA BELVEDERE RADIO CLUB

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MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2016.

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The meeting was called to order by President Greg Godsey.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT - DAVE WB5NHL

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A motion was made to permit a \$41.45 deduction/reimbursement for a 35 foot extension mast for Field Day was made and accepted.

The motion to accept the report by Treasurer Dave WB5NHL was made and concurred with.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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In the absence of Secretary Albert KM4MMT, Greg stated he would put last month's report on-line later tonight.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB REPORT - KENT KQ4KK

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Kent KQ4KK stated the final results of the student competition verified that Schofield was still #1 in the nation, with 1,051 contacts. Texas A&M came in second. On May 10, the Aiken County school board will recognize the school and students at the 1000 Brookhaven school building. Three students and one parent took the ham license test. Discussion for the need for a large file cabinet to secure all of the ham equipment resulted in a motion to spend \$150 for a cabinet, and to spend \$300 for a new one if a quality used one could not be obtained; both motions were passed.

Additionally, discussion of the SEED event to be held at USCA on October 1, the first Saturday in October. The Science Education and Enrichment Day (SEED) last year had about 3,500 kids to attend. Last year, there were several Ham exhibits demonstrated Code, PSK-31, OSCAR, and QSL card coloring for the younger. This important outreach event takes 30-35 volunteers, currently 17 are signed up. The SEED event is from 10:00 to 3:00.

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## REPEATER REPORT

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Carl reported about an important repeater-related lawsuit before the North Carolina supreme court that could have wide implications. N1DMR was banned from using the repeaters as he was conducting commerce over the repeaters. He claims exemption from FCC jurisdiction for repeaters, as they are an entrance to the internet, which he claims entitlement to. This case may be heard soon.

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### NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR - KENT KQ4KK

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Kent KQ4KK gave an update on the NPOTA year-long event, with South Carolina leading with 219 parks worked, and that he himself has worked 136 parks.

An additional comment was from a visit to W1AW in Connecticut, that any ham may work this station at the heart of ARRL and the Ham community. Was a lot of fun!

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### ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED WAY HALF-MARATHON

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Charlie AE4UX reported that there were about 500 runners, and all went well. The Edgefield-Aiken Development Authority used a DRONE to follow run progress.

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### FIELD DAY

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Kevin reported on the progress and expectations of Field Day to be held on June 25 and 26. Instructions on amelioration of interference were given. Series 6000 FLEX radios will be used, and local network logging operation will be used. Lightning safety reminder: When warning lightning is given STOP operation and Disconnect antennas immediately!

Kevin went over the operation of the software that will be used for logging contacts.

Carl will be the Public Information Officer, and Greg will do the Real-Time Social Media input. A sign-up sheet is circulating for other volunteers. Participants are encouraged to test or try out any antennas, please bring them!

Last year, we were the 1<sup>st</sup> in South Carolina, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 5A region and 99<sup>th</sup> of ALL Field Day participants.

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### NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2016, in the Conference room of Aiken County Hospital at 7:00, with the meeting starting at 7:30.

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### END OF MEETING

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Greg made a motion to adjourn, passed by acclamation.