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# NORTH AUGUSTA BELVEDERE RADIO CLUB

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## MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2016.

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The meeting was held at Public Safety Station #2, in North Augusta. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Greg Godsey K5CVD.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT - DAVE WB5NHL

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Dave WB5NHL gave an abbreviated report.

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT - ALBERT KM4MMT

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The report of the previous month's meeting was given. A correction of last month's minutes is that Field Day is from 2:00 PM Saturday to 2:00 PM Sunday, a full 24 hour span.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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#### SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB REPORT - KENT KQ4KK

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Dave WB5NHL gave a report on the Schofield School Roundup with following statistics:

1,051 QSO's in 23 hours (avg. of 45.hr)

49 States contacted

23 SC counties

58 schools

18 clubs

428,808 POINTS, which was the FIRST in the NATION! WELL-DONE!!

Additionally 3 "Big Mouth" awards were given to 3 student.

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## QSO PARTY

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The 2015 State QSO Party was recognized by the Edgefield County Council, with a statement of appreciation and a picture of 4 participants. This event was sponsored by the Columbia, SC, club.

The 2016 State QSO Party occurred in February, and was sponsored by the Swamp Fox club. Our club got 98,958 points.

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## REPEATER REPORT

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All of the areas repeaters are working OK now.

Kent KQ4KK reported that all of the equipment for the new 600' elevation repeater which will include D-star is on hand, and that the sponsor John Crockett said it should be installed and working by August.

Dave WB5NHL reminded that the Aiken repeater for 2 meter and 60 meter are behind the OLD Aiken hospital has D-star capability, and that he has instrumented the equipment room with a Pi to monitor the conditions via web.

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## AIKEN COUNTY ARES REPORT

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Kent KQ4KK reported the state-wide exercise started today activated the Aiken County EOC and the Aiken hospital. The EOC radio trailer was positioned at \_\_\_\_\_ International Airport.

Dave WB5NHL reported the state EOC has very rugged laptops, and that they can communicate over radio via Hi-Fi to relay through the EOC trailer.

A caution was raised that SCHEART, Aiken County, and a itinerant repeater are on the same frequencies.

Other discussions focused on the relatively minor problems and opportunities that arose during the exercises.

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## OTHER EVENTS

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Orlando ARRL. Hamfest: Dave reported on the new Icom ID31A \$99 D-star Handheld, the DV4 10mW Hot Spot USB dongle compatible with Windows.

The year-long National Parks On The Air (NPOTA) will go on until 12/30/2016.

Waynesboro Hamfest on 4/23.

April 17: Best Dam Ride will be held, and volunteer help is being solicited.

Saturday April 30: Aiken Half-Marathon will be held, and HAM members are being solicited to help coordinate: See Charlie AE4UX.

Carl AJ4AU related that the Nancy Carson library in North Augusta has 3 display cases highlighting HAM radio until the end of this month.

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## NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting shall be at the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Aiken Hospital, Ragchew on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 with the meeting starting at 7:30.

## END OF MEETING

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Meeting ended at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Albert KM4MMT - Secretary