

From your President (August 2018)

Well, it has been a busy summer and it's been very hot! We have had several events this year and all of them have been very successful, with August bringing the County Fair parade and the Radio in the Park Day. Coming up in September is our Annual Club Meeting, when we elect the Officers for 2018-2019. Up for election are the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. I encourage anyone that is interested in running for any of the positions to contact the current office-holder in that spot and ask them what the position encompasses before throwing your hat into the ring. I also encourage you to monitor the club's website for information on who is running for the different offices. The position of Vice President will have no incumbent as Ron Schwartz (K2RAS) will be focusing his efforts on the Technical Chair position as he provides direction for our repeaters and the upgrades being made to them. If you are interested on being part of any of the various committees we have, please contact any Board member. The main committees, with Board representation by the committee chair, are Membership, Publicity, Technical, and Planning. In addition, anyone interested in helping the Education Committee would certainly be welcome too.

Our Education committee, made up of Kat (W0UM) and Bryon (AF0W) has had a VERY successful season and we want to thank them for all their efforts. We also thank Aaron Rees (AJ7R) for his efforts in coordinating the VE sessions. Their work through the year has resulted in many new hams and several upgraded licenses being issued. Keep up the great work!

Ron Schwartz (K2RAS) and Mark Skelton (N7TCM) have done a great job on coordinating the repeater. We are in the middle of work with the City on possible relocation of one of our repeaters. As information gets more solid we will update all members on the status. You may wish to keep your eye on our website and attend our meetings for the latest information. Improvements are on the way and the architecture we have set up should greatly improve the repeater operations and function.

Please also consider signing up for the Thursday Night Net Control Operator function. We are looking for people to sign-up to serve as Net Control. It is fairly easy and if you are interested, please contact Jerry Schmidt (N0OUW). We need people to become familiar with Net Control operations in case we need to support the city in the event of an emergency. The Thursday Night Net is a great way of practicing and learning the operation.

Please check with any Board member if you have any questions or comments on the Club Operations. Any ideas on what you would like to see will be considered. Any input is welcome.

73's and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings!