

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes  
Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2014

**Meeting:** The club meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Brian Rozelle – AB3RW

**Attendees:** There were 11 attendees. A List of Attendees is attached to the Minutes.

**Last Month's Minutes:** Approved as read

**New Licenses:** None

**Upgrades:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Mark Whitmore - AB3KS - reported that the total in the checking account, is \$15,104.87.

**New Member Application(s):** None.

**Old or Ongoing Business:** No reports.

**New Business:** Brian Rozelle - AB3RW- said that the discussion of Field Day will take place at the June meeting. He believed that the location would be once again at Walmart. Brian suggested that the club consider sponsoring a 2 meter FM Simplex contest. The club might operate several stations that would count for extra points. It was felt that the clubs from surrounding counties should be alerted of the contest so they could participate. The club would prepare certificates for the winners. Next, Brian suggested a Fox Hunt be organized for the club. It will be necessary to obtain a suitable transmitter to use. Lou Popowsky suggested that club members consider making their own antennas for use in the Fox Hunt, especially given the small size of the antenna. The consensus of the members present was to hold the FM Simplex contest in September and the Fox Hunt in October. Lastly, members were reminded that the July meeting will take place at the Golden Corral.

**Committee Reports:**

-RACES- No report.

-ARES- No report

-SKYWARN- No report.

**Other :** An interesting presentation was delivered by Lou Popowsky-KB3RNT- on the subject of Batteries and Charging. Lou provided an extensive 18 page handout to each member. He also brought examples of different battery types to pass around. The presentation was thorough and well-paced with much practical information for the ham radio operator. The handout is a good source of reference information for future use as well. The presentation lasted one hour.

**End of Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM, followed by Lou Popowsky's presentation.

**Attendees:**

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD  
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW  
Tom Kline – KC3CEC  
Keith Elkin – KB3TCB (presenter)  
Louis Popowsky – KB3NRT  
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL  
Herb Palm – K3HCP  
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS  
Mel Schall – KB3ZVB  
Ben Nardi – W3ZUP  
Henrik Johansen – KE3YP (visitor/prospective member)

Respectfully submitted,  
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD