
OFARC Monthly Meeting Minutes 2026_0926

The meeting took place at the American Red Cross building and was kicked off by Mark Landress at 9:15 am. The attendance was light. Three people came for testing, all passed.

Dom brought a go-bag that he is using for parks on the air and other get out of the house type meetings. The bag included a mag-mount vertical telescopic antenna, loading coil and radial attachments.

October 6-7 was mentioned regarding Amazon Days Fall Sale. Introductions were done and Roger discussed sun activity and how it has affected HAM signals the last few years.

Mark brought up the www.ofarc.org website to show the new HAMS our website. The website was explained including where to find meeting notes and upcoming meetings. Other HAM radio meetings such as HAMfests were shown along with other club meetings in the Houston Area Clubs section of the website. The HOUSTON AREA WEB NETS section has an Excel spreadsheet has other area nets available to HAM radio users.

Roger brought a copy of the "The Ultimate Baofeng Radio Bible" which is available from AMAZON. <https://chirpmyradio.com/projects/chirp/wiki/Home> is the homepage for Chirp Software for programming your Baofeng Radio. You can download frequencies from the "Repeater Book" directly and put them straight into the Chirp software to plug into your BaoFeng.

Don had a show and tell regarding CHECK WASHING, using acetone to move the payee to another name, or change the amount to a different amount. UNIBall 207 pens are available from AMAZON . Look for WASH PROOF Pens.
https://www.amazon.com/uniball-Retractable-Medium-Point-0-7mm/dp/B0GJTV7B6P/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?crid=218HP2WYWUYH9&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.NO1_sVYKWMjPz7t4nRMDo6wWXzdTCj1vRs8BFEHVYe_qFcHXGjn8omF_opxBWw4XU03rj5aUo_jVziO3y-bXadGeB0py0MQYXCNOvRrgS1NEQDtV6FD2kL19h59IC34EwePqBqbFRAqwOlzbe-u-WlJrXBznm9u5oHba9_rWeXRci_bQlqjADsrVFcNhPzTU2fN9vj51lh_VDOMKSYT0iRnKyjdH9D8OF_tfLES7_TqbgbTmrX4uhRgN4wQ5ephUGwfemwRGpAeCj5wwfrnV84L9ppC2uPODrzTzzq2uDs.F3qbEAmxcXQ1CppP4VBfPnFVvRzpDzDGqkXEP7Qc4JQ&dib_t_ag=se&keywords=uniball%2B207&qid=1790436797&srefix=uniball%2Caps%2C161&sr=8-1-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&th=1 is the location to find the Wash Proof Pens.

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:30 and some of the members and newly passed future licensees were headed up to the radio room where all were able to make their first QSOs.

From Barry:

For those of you who are wanting to add a soldering station to your workbench, here's a good one with good value that has just about everything you'll ever need:

<https://www.digikey.com/en/products/detail/sra-soldering-products/AO888A/10709792>

I suggest that 5 of you get together and place a single order and save a few bucks. I have a Digikey account and am willing to facilitate the order.

Minutes Recorded by Ken Wenzel, KW5KEN