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EGYPTIANFEST 2007 VERY SUCCESSFUL

Egyptianfest 2007 has come and gone and many people are glad to see it go. A number of ERC members have worked very hard to get to this point. The end result is that the ERC is richer by **\$1030.69**.

Some members have complained in the past, "Was it worth all the work"? Considering the end result, I say, "Yes". Bill Coby, KB0MWG, took a job with the Coast Guard in St. Louis and was unable to give as much time as needed to the position of Hamfest Chairman. Our ERC president, Bill Dusenbery, N9OQK, asked the Secretary-Treasurer Wally Wise, WA9BRQ, to take the job and do the best he could. I took the job with no past hamfest information as a guide.

The first thing to do was ask as many members as I could, what they remembered from past Hamfests. We finally found some information from the 2004 event written by Pat Riley, W9PAT (SK). Pat had written a synopsis of the 2004 hamfest; but no details on cost or how he went about doing the necessary details.

Over time the details made themselves apparent. Members began to volunteer but I still worried that we needed more.

In the end, we had a very good Egyptianfest 2007. Not only did the club make a small profit; but lots of people had a good time. We had four commercial vendors: Al's Radio Shop, D & L Antenna, Audio-tronics and Frank's Radio Repair. Every possible foot of wall space was occupied. Five tables were occupied by local hams with much to sell.

I have heard many compliments from those who attended and only one complaint. All in all, we did good, we did very good.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Do we have your telephone number on file? Is your number unlisted? I understand a person's reluctance to give out personal information; but there are times we may need to contact a member and that member is not on the air.

Please notify the Secretary of the club, WA9BRQ, of your phone number if it happens to be unlisted. This will make my job a lot easier if I have a way to contact you in an emergency. Your number will not appear on the roster of members. It will be in my files **ONLY**.



HAMFEST PICTURES



With the large room the vendors had many visitors; but it did not seem crowded.



Al's Radio Shop did a good business.. It seems everyone wants to improve on their antennas with more wire.



This is Marsha, KC9KTS, working at the food table. This is one area where there were no complaints. Good food at reasonable prices.

My cell phone camera isn't the best; of course, it is a radio telephone first and a camera as an add on. I would have brought a real camera; but I didn't have the time to take good pictures.

These are the only three of the seven I took; but the others were not of sufficient quality for publication.

Hey readers; how about volunteering to help out at Egyptianfest 2008. Help is always needed.

FIELD DAY

Field Day is just around the corner. Do you have any plans to operate in the event? Our club does and we sure would like to have you "come on down" to the college and work a little Field Day, eat a couple of grilled Bratwurst and drink a few soda's with us.

Marty Schultz, N9PPJ, is the chairman and has a great event planned. We are going to operate two stations and stay up all night in our attempt at making the most contacts and be on the top of the 2A list. How long has it been since the Egyptian Radio Club was on the list of Field Day stations?

Come on down to the college, eat a brat and drink a soda and enjoy the camaraderie.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The July issue of this newsletter will contain a complete up-to-date listing of ERC members. We picked up a new member at the hamfest.

NEW MEMBER

We gained a new member at the hamfest. K7RMJ, Frank Shears has joined our ranks. Frank is an Extra Class ham and operates the local 2 meter repeaters as well as HF. We welcome him to the Egyptian Radio Club.

HOLLINGSWORTH TALKS, HAMS LISTEN

If you have not heard the RAIN Report of May 25 and June 1, you missed a great talk by K4ZDH, William R. Hollingsworth. Yes, the same Riley Hollingsworth that many hams fear may send them a pink ticket from the FCC.

Riley gave his talk on Sunday morning at the 2007 Dayton Hamvention. He said that rather than walk the flea market, his audience chose to come to church.

Riley spoke of tolerance and understanding that should prevail on the ham bands. Field Day is coming and a few of our fellow hams do not like the contest that takes up so much room on the ham bands. Riley suggested those hams should wash the car or cut the grass, rather than complain about a contest that they do not like.

Another highlight of his speech was when he quipped that those who wish to operate wide band SSB or AM should go get a broadcaster's license. In other words, play by the rules.

I wonder, how many hams could take a message on ham radio and send it on with 100% accuracy.

COULD YOU?