

The Yale Amateur Radio Club - W1YU
Meeting of March 22, 2006

Meeting Notes

The meeting began at 7:30 pm at the Becton Faculty Lounge. Attendance:

Michael (Misha) Reznikov, spending sabbatical at Yale Applied Physics
Joe Wonoski N1KHB, Staff, Med School
Ralph Colavolpe N1XCB, staff, Fire Marshal's Office
Jim Didriksen K1VJL, Former staff
Martin Ewing AA6E, Visiting Fellow Electrical Engineering, former staff
Tony Niesz N1ESZ, Faculty, German Language, W1YU station trustee
Kailas Purusthothaman ex-VU2PKN, Faculty, Med School
Peter Kindlmann, Faculty, Electrical Engineering
Hy Chantz W2HY, Student (DSR) Electrical Engineering
Terri Yu, Student, Physics
Alexander Pine, Post-doc, Med School

We began with introductions, a review of what ham radio is all about and the history (ancient and modern) of W1YU at Yale.

Further discussion about what kind of a Club we should be:

- A "traditional" club with a physical room somewhere with a HF and other communications capability and antennas. (Several of us say Yes.)
- An outreach to the public schools, for example, demonstrating radio communications and identifying kids who might want to go further.
- Emergency services capability, in conjunction with Yale security services. A repeater? (only if tied to specific Yale need, not to duplicate other local services)
- Support for special events at Yale.
- Technical Education -
 - Helping our members to become licensed and/or upgrade
 - Sponsoring presentations by Yale researchers on topics of mutual interest.
- Members' special interests

We do not have a current constitution or by-laws, but we do need them in order to become an officially recognized Yale organization that can hope to get floor space or other resources. Even before we have those documents, we need some officers who can speak for the Club. After a brief show of hands, the following were elected by acclamation:

President: Martin Ewing, AA6E
Vice-President: Joe Wonoski, N1KHB
Secretary/Treasurer: Ralph Colavolpe, N1XCB
Trustee: Tony Niesz, N1ESZ

The next order of business was to set up two committees:

Constitution & By-Laws Committee:

Jim Didriksen, K1VJL
Hy Chanz, W2HY
Martin Ewing, AA6E

This Committee will improve the present draft documents in conjunction with our alumni members to try to design an organization that will pass muster at Yale and provide a good basis for future activities.

Site Committee:

Joe Wonoski, N1KHB
Ralph Colavolpe, N1XCB

The Site Committee will look for good potential locations for a W1YU club room. It is possible that we could share space with some other organizations, placing a rig in a locked cabinet, etc. The "natural" sites, near the Engineering or Science areas, may not be suitable for us because of potential interference with sensitive research instrumentation. Also, we need to consider which Yale departments control a given space. Some departments (PD or Fire Marshal?) may be much more interested and supportive than others. Of course, it would be good to have a central location easily accessible to students and all other Yale folks.

For the time being, the Becton Faculty Lounge is a very comfortable place for meetings. We agreed that we should aim for two meetings per term, with another meeting hopefully before the end of the Spring term. However, as long as we have no undergraduates, the scheduling may not be a crucial issue.

We concluded with a collection of amateur radio videos:

- CNN International's coverage of ham radio during the Tsunami event
- Morse vs Text Messaging (Jay Leno)
- ARRL Goes to Washington (Walter Cronkite)
- BPL Interference Story (ARRL)
- Amateur Radio Today (ARRL)

73 to all, Martin Ewing AA6E