

27 July 2022

FIARC Meeting Minutes – 23 July 2022

Attendees:

K1GCF – Gail Ferguson	K7CRZ - Jeff Ferguson	N7BRR – Brian Hevly
KJ7RVR – Jane Tollett	KJ7JCB – Paul Thorpe	AC7QN – Chuck Kemmer

The July 23 FIARC meeting was convened at 10:10 am - thanks to all for attending and to Gail Ferguson for the cookies. We had many great discussions, mostly radio-based, highlights below.

1. Minutes from the last meeting, May 28, were unanimously approved.

2. July 30 EOC-EOC Exercise Participation – Jeff Ferguson

- For those who would like to participate in the exercise at the field-deployed ARES Go Kit location you can park at 592 Eagle Ridge Rd (Gail Ferguson's house) and then walk up the hill/back yard of her neighbor to the West, bearing left up the tractor trail. The radio station will be in front of a large outbuilding located to the left of the neighbor's home. (grid 47.25805, -122.64403).

- This is the first time the Go Kit will be deployed in the field, and they are trying to test for digipeater coverage, hopefully for the entire peninsula.

3. Field Day – Tacoma

Chuck Kemmer attended this Field Day and reported that it was a good, active Field Day. They had coaxial cable going out to six stations with no noise. Lots of takers for the GoTA (Get on The Air) as well as Chuck's bicycle-powered generator (which he had previously donated to the Tacoma Radio Club) for the GoTA. Additionally, there was one big generator at the event. Antennas had in-line filters which worked better than stubs.

4. Antenna Shootout – July 23 at 1pm

The shootout was a big success, several of us attended (Chuck Kemmer, Paul Thorpe, Jane Tollett, Jeff Ferguson). Jane tested three antennas on her Alinco DJ-VX50 measured at 4 W power: Extended whip antenna TWAYRDIO RH660S dual-frequency 70cm/2M, same antenna in the compressed state, and a 7" Rubber Ducky antenna. Received Signal Level (RSL) results in order were: -10, -19, and -17 dBm. A nice event and many impressive antennas and helpful Hams.

5. Other Discussions

- Baofen UV5R radios are available on Amazon - currently \$21.55 - a good deal for anyone who would just like to monitor various frequencies and is near a good repeater. Although only in a personal emergency could someone without a license transmit, listening might be a way to get interested in pursuing a license.

- The FICRA Fair will be 13 August 2022, and Hal will be sending out a note asking for ideas as we will have a booth at the fair.

5. Next meeting August 27, 10am, Nichols Center.

Respectfully submitted,

 EJ Tollett – KJ7RVR