SPARC monthly meeting minutes 10/17/2024 by Cathy Fields KN4YDA

* 1906 EDT, meeting called to order by Doug Benknight, K4GKJ
	+ Pledge of Allegiance
	+ 14 in attendance
	+ Welcomed everyone.
* September minutes read prior to meeting. Mark KO4URI motioned to accept minutes. Mike K4CRO seconded the motion. All agreed.
* Treasurer’s report for October 2024.
	+ Balance $ 1139.38
	+ Deposit $82
	+ Expenditures $ 51.14
		- $51.14 Talquin Electric for repeater power bill.
* Old Business
	+ Index Card provided at each meeting for comments and suggestions. August/September meeting suggestions included: learn how to communicate with space station (Doug K4GKJ said he is willing to do a presentation in January or February); request to learn how to use 7M repeater; appreciation for soldering demo.
	+ Nomination committee reported nominee for President is Ken Fields W4KEF, nominee for Vice President is Gerald Bell KG4BLL. Unable to identify a nominee for Secretary. Allen Patterson KE5YES volunteered for the position. Voting for officers will take place during 11/21/24 meeting.
	+ John KI4EUB will do presentation 11/21/24 on Ardwino-30 days lost in space kit with microprocessor.
	+ Fox Hunt scheduled for November 16th at Ochlockonee State Park at 9am.
* New Business
	+ Discussion regarding Christmas Party. Members agreed to December 12th 6:30pm at Wakulla Springs Lodge. Doug K4GKJ said he will call to make reservations.
	+ Fox Hunt discussion. Need a volunteer to be Safety Officer. Last fox hunt there was a discussion about wearing safety vests. Suggested purchasing vest. Doug K4GKJ said he can get 10 yellow vest for $24. Mark KO4URI motioned to purchase vests out of club account. Allen KE5YES seconded the motion. All members were in favor.
	+ Discussed planning Winter Field Day for January 25th and 26th. Doug K4GKJ said he will send out an email for interest in participating.
* 2000 EDT, meeting adjourned upon motion by Mark KO4URI and seconded by Allen KE5YES
* Following the meeting:
	+ Stacey N4UAV provided presentation on morse code using Morserino 32 code machine and Elecraft KH1 Hand-Held, 5 Band Transceiver. Also discussed using CW Academy online course for morse code training.