

8/4/15 solar meeting

Attending: Bruce , Patrick, Charles, Jack, Meli, Jenny Sunshine ,Eric, Sue ,arriving later: Toby, Jaime, Rob

Agenda=Projects:

Xericraft next activity

KMKR project. Patrick hasn't contacted Jeremy yet about stand alone project and CFS use a few times a year. Challenge of where to put it up. Cannot use roof. Want a trailer mount system anyway. Could get a harbor freight model or even build our own at xericraft. Batteries will be the largest expense to run a system large enough. Bruce has two panels if that would be enough. Patrick said antennae is just 50 watt. Could possibly just be a battery system that will be a charging station.

Catalina State park ramadas not ready yet. Will be similar to others, only need to see where it would be mounted for max sun. Battery boxes working flawlessly. They are put into ammo boxes. Charles said he could drill the holes and put screens in.

Potluck:

Bruce has contacted several promoting groups, magazine, online calendars and Tucson foodie. Wants to get teva with some electric vehicles. Bruce emailed the list to Cheryl to call.

Plan to take one trailer pv system to the event for demonstration purposes.

Rob is doing music.

Meli mentioned Bruce wanted \$20 fee from vendors to get solid commitment, refundable if they don't succeed with sales. Also know to list them in a trifold flyer to hand out to visitors at event.

Still need to get confirmed vendors, Speakers, cooks, etc. Charles will ask about xericraft to have a table. Eric will give use of tables and chairs as before.

Need to just get confirmations for participation.

VOM & Celestine event:

Jenny wanted to thank those who came out and made a commitment to their activity. Very happy with commitment to acoustic music for the potluck for keeping peace with neighbors.

Is there a press release to get out to VOM connections? Bruce has something he will email. Maybe some airtime at a radio station. She can speak, but wants a CFS person for an interview. Bruce would be our voice for potential interviews, publicity.

Toby said Robert attempted to put together a list at the last event, sign in for guests, etc. Most are on meetup groups. Jenny will send out email to the VOM list as well for the event.

New items:

Meli mentioned about changing meeting focus to having a program.

Bruce said Eric had suggested a solar in the park idea of having cooking events on a roving basis to bring up interest and members. Bruce said they were very successful in past. Need to do more hands on activities as the meetings are too dry for most people. Wants to have some utube for website. And reminded that we are now a distributor for solar ovens.

Patrick said he hasn't seen any meeting go less than an hour and a half. Toby said the Chinese ban chairs and the meeting really goes fast.

Bruce said now that we had so many people build the ovens at Toby xericraft workshop would be nice to have them bring the ovens and cook at the potluck. Patrick said he would like to see a solar oven Olympics. Bruce said he would like to contact the ua for students to put such a thing together.

Patrick said the key for growth of the group could really be xericraft, as they seem to be a receptive target market for the group concepts.

Jenny asked Rob about the music for the solar cooking event. Rob said not a full list as yet.

Toby said he has a statement from Savano project= net zero project from east side. Is the third piece of land not

yet developed for savano. The houses in the other two developments were all self efficient systems. Has been complete for 10 years master plan community. Rob said each plot was for sustainability for a particular concept, medicine, gardening, etc. There is a large network of bike trials and local users are worried about development not being linked to the concept and lose the essence of the area. Different home builders were represented, KE&G, Poultly.

Random discussion:

Building a panel from solar modules

Tube oven workshop planned by Meli will be after a design concept meeting. Rob gave contact name for making the stainless steel inserts for tubes Meli has already purchased.

Fresnel lenses