

CARS MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JACK, KZ6ZZ. ROSEMARY, KI4VO, JOANNE, KC8CLY, LEE, KA8VMJ, LINDA, KA8ZHV, DICK, KA8VLN, DICK, KJ8C, EVERETT, KV8ZVH, STEVE, KD8HIW, TIM, WD8PMD, FRED, KD8IXP, MARK, N8CDK, BILL, KD8AAD, JIM, K8EXF, JIM, N8RWK.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer not present.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None added

GUEST INTRODUCTION: KD8BOQ-Cory, a guest from the Lansing group.

PRESENTATION: Youth in Ham Radio, Cory serves with a southern Michigan amateur radio group. He spoke on how hams can draw more youth to Amateur Radio. Hamming is something all youth can do and it is free. He also stated that the word, "amateur" radio is a better sounding name to the youth than ham radio. How to keep the kids' interest into hamming was another problem, but that is because they need mentors to teach them and they need equipment. It doesn't matter how old the mentor is, but the youth should be made to feel welcomed and to have their interest kept. To convince parents to get their kids into Amateur Radio, they should be told that there is an educational aspect to this, and hamming will help them be less shy and they'll gain confidence when on the air. The youth's communication skills will also increase. Networking skills are also good, as they talk to anyone in any profession, which could help in trying to gain employment in the future. Emergency preparedness is another asset for youth being in Amateur Radio. How to approach youth with the idea of getting interested in Amateur Radio, is to first get the schools involved.

Youth net was started by Cory just in the Lansing area, then he decided to go statewide. Getting youth interested in checking into the net is going okay, but youth really want only youth only to check in so that all youth will be comfortable in knowing they are the only ones on the net. Cory asked for help in printing flyers to get the word out. The youth net meets on 145.47, Thursday nights at 1900, on the Link System. You can find more information about the Link repeaters at W8HVG.org. To find information to print off the flyer, go to [tinyurl.com/mraynetwork](http://tinyurl.com/mraynetwork).

There is also a lady's page on CMAR website: [centralmiarc.com](http://centralmiarc.com)

Cory asked for help as the youth, guys and girls, are the future hams, and if there isn't an interest in hamming, it could die out.

During the question and answer period, things that were addressed were the best way to teach the youth classes, how long to have them and how frequently. Cory suggested Saturdays from 2-4 PM with a break in between, would be one suggestion.

BUSINESS MEETING: After refreshments, Tim stated that some of the club hams helped with putting up a tower for Steve.

VP REPORT: Still has county maps if anyone needs one, plus a larger map for tabletop.  
REPEATER COMMITTEE: will come out to adjust the squelch level on the repeater.

VE TESTING: Two showed up and both passed.

NET CONTROL: Fred is net control for this Thursday and on Sunday. Members should check the club website to see when they are scheduled to be net control.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Civil War Muster: next weekend at the Cascade Falls, on the north side. Due to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary they are having an extra re-enactment activities, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Tim said he sent everyone an email about club members helping out and wanted to make sure it was received, and the members agreed that they have.

He reminded club members that a couple of members would be needed to walk around to check on the Civil War participants' belongings.

Public Service Net is on Sunday Night.

Eating Meeting on Friday night is cancelled for this week at Cherry's, as members will be eating at the Civil War event. Please use the repeater if you want to, since the repeater will still be available.

September 15 is next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosemary Gunsett KI4VO