

CARS MEETING  
February 16, 2010

Jack Gunsett called the meeting to order at 1900.

Introductions were exchanged.

Changed: A pre-printed sign-in sheet for members and visitors.

**Members Present:**

Bill Tate, Bob Howard, David Foster, Dennis Byrne, Dick Stanley, Harlan Cooley, Jack Gunsett, Jim Baker, Jo-Ann Van Alstine, Lee Van Alstine, Mark Nikucki, Mike Hall, Rosemary Gunsett, Steve Rauscher, Tim Blair, Carl Canfield, Bob Berger, Larry Phillips, John Hart, Jim Keesler, Dave Weese.

Computer Interface: Jack, KZ6ZZ, passed around a computer interface he built for Slow-Scan TV and Digital Modes.

Slow-Scan Demonstration: Carl showed a picture of damage in Williamson. Slow-Scan, a computer and radio, make up a complete package for sending pictures back to EOC. Color can be sent as well as black and white.

MMSSTV is a program for sending and receiving pictures. It is not as fussy as other programs. Radio data can be passed through repeaters. MMSSTV is a free program. Audio signals can be acoustically coupled into a radio. It does not require a hardware interface, but will work better with one.

“Easy Pal” is another program for sending and receiving pictures. It is fussier than MMSSTV, but has more features. Images are really sharp compared to MMSSTV. Easy Pal is free ware. Easy Pal is a digital based transmission. MMSSTV is an analog transmission.

Presentation was well received. All present found the presentation had something interesting for them. AB8ZL clicked on SST for lists of programs and what is happening with the mode.

On Wednesday nights there is a Digital Net on 146.49 simplex, in the Jackson area.

**Break For Refreshments:**

**Old Business:**

Minutes always on the web.

Two copies of Treasurer’s report for review.

Read proposed changes to the By-Laws. No comments. By-Law changes will be read at the March 16 meeting, and voted on at the April 20 meeting.

Newsletter: Nothing happening at this time, and a portion of our website will display the newsletter. Send articles and information to Mike WB8ICN, or Dick, KA8VLN.

Net Manager and Adopt-A-Highway: has been filled. The 2010 dates for Adopt-A-Highway: April 10-15, July 10-13, September 25-October 3.

Club equipment: list has updates but still outstanding equipment not listed.

Tim's software list is growing and will be moved to web page.

911 test: still needs to be completed on the repeater.

HF Station: Nothing changed, no new news.

Club VHF/UHF Radio: Steve still needs to make contact with the Michigan State Police.

**New Business:**

ARRL renewal can be done through the club. The club will receive a small compensation for it.

Boy Scouts: as a club project, hams may instruct interested scouts in earning a merit badge. Dave Foster, W4IGT has volunteered as mentor.

Ham License Classes: Dick, KA8VLN may hold classes in the fall.

John Hart: attended as a guest and is looking for someone to help him obtain his ham license. He needs help with reading.

Used Microphones: Club needs 2 microphones for the Alinco radios. Jim, N8RWK may have one.

Ham needs help: Tim announced Roger LaMothe is in need of a climber to straighten out wiring at the top of Roger's tower.

QRP Michigan Club Breakfast: Mike, WB8ICN, Dennis, KC8IJZ, and Fred, KD8IXP, attended the last one. Meeting was interested to all. Suggested a meeting in Ann Arbor in April. Meetings are always first Saturday of the month.

Livonia Swap Meet: Sunday, February 21.

History of CARS: Steve requested earlier meeting minutes and notes on club for historical section on Web. Denny has information and so does Lee, KA8VMJ, and they will pass them on to Steve.

Larry N8BNE made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Harlan, N8RDP, at 2045.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dennis Byrne, KC8IJZ