

CARS MEETING
March 16, 2010

Meeting called to order: President Jack Gunsett called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. Introductions were made and members signed in.

Members present: BILL TATE, KD8AAD, DAVID FOSTER, W3IGT, DICK MCGUIRE, K18C, DICK STANLEY, KA8VLN, EVERT WELLS, KB8ZVH, HARLAN COOLEY, N8RDP, JACK GUNSETT, KZ6ZZ, JIM BAKER, N8RWK, JO-ANN VAN ALSTINE, KC8CLY, LEE VAN ALSTINE, KC8CLY, LEE VAN ALSTINE, KA8VMJ, LINDA STANLEY, KA8ZHV, MARK NIKUCKI, N8CDK, ROSEMARY GUNSETT, KI4VO, STEVE RAUSCHER, KD8HIW, TIM BAIR, 2D8PMD, LARRY PHILLIPS, N8BNE.

Visitors present: WILLIAM DOTY, W8WDD, MICHAEL CAIBON, N8MRC, JEAN YOUNG, AC8AR, KEN MCGUIRE, KC8LTL, BRIAN TATE, BOB BERGER, K8RDN.

Presentation: Jean Young, AC8AR, and Bob Berger, K8RDN, gave us a well-informed report about the National Traffic System, Michigan VHF Traffic Net, which meets on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at 2100 hours to pass traffic. Interested hams can visit their website, www.w8hvg, to find the repeater closest to them. Jean and Bob passed out information on the format and mechanics of the Net and explained it all in detail.

The following main points were presented:

- *Those interested in passing traffic need to be trained in handling, delivery, net control, management, and return of delivery.
- *This is a free service.
- *Time used is always Zulu time.
- *Special codes are used in radiograms.
- *Twenty-five words allowed in each message.
- *Three-day delivery is recommended.
- *Emergency messages have priority.
- *Respect and courtesy is expected.

A question and answer period followed. Since Jean is blind and doesn't read Braille, she showed an example of the message board she uses and how she reads it.

Break for Refreshments

Treasurer's report: dispensed with since Treasurer wasn't present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: dispensed with since they are posted on club website.

Old Business: Jack presented the slight change to the club by-laws and next month members will vote on them. The proposed revisions are:
Section IV: "At the annual election meeting a minimum of 1 member shall be elected for a term of 2 years each."

Section XIII Elections, c: "Elections shall be held at the regular January meeting. The election shall be written ballot, *if there is more than one nominee for that office*, and shall be decided for the candidate receiving the most votes."

No members commented on this.

Net Manager: Jim Baker suggested looking on club website to check for net control schedule. He also will announce the following week's net control each week during the net. Members can decline to run the net if they so choose.

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim was thanked for the excellent job he did managing this ongoing project. He displayed the two certificates that the state issued the club for their participation, one being the club having done this for twenty years. Steve will post these on the club website. Larry is the new manager and will show the mandatory video at the site on the date we work, since he has a laptop to use for the display.

2010 Dates Adopt-a-Highway: Not available until after the meeting are the following dates for cleanup: April 12, July 12, September 27, each at 1800 hours.

Club Property List: Jack urged members to get the information to Tim.

Ham Radio Software: Tim will compile and Steve will put list on website.

911 test: Jack did test the repeater and it worked fine.

HF Station and D-star repeater: Tim is still waiting to hear back from the Health Department.

Amateur Radio Classes: will be held in the fall if there is an interest.

Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge: Dave filed paperwork for Merit Badge Counselor. Jack attended Troop 424's recent meeting and explained what Amateur Radio does and invited any Scouts to obtain information and/or classes for a badge. He explained that CARS doesn't provide the Broadcast portion of the badge, but a possible contact for that that was mentioned at the CARS meeting; Dave Benson, WN8MUP, who is affiliated with Spring Arbor College. Jack asked for information about any other scout troops in the area. Steve offered to visit future troops with Jack.

Used Microphones: Tim will bring them to the next meeting.

Help with Tower: Amateur Radio Operator KQ8D, Roger La Mothe needs assistance and Jack said he would call him and see what the needs are. Larry and Jack volunteered to give assistance.

Marshall Hamfest: To be held on Saturday, March 21. Dave is aware of the new location and explained to the club.

ARRL membership renewal: Jack reminded members to renew if they haven't already.

Public Service-RACES: met last Saturday, March 13 at the Health Department. Tim reminded members that they would need to update their training for Skywarn if training was more than two years. The next training session will be held in April. Contact Tim if interested. Another meeting will be at the Wildwood Café on the second Saturday of next month, April 10.

April Meeting Program: Steve reported that the Michigan State Police haven't returned his calls, or for the radio install.

Civil War Muster: Frequency used will be 14.225, and workers for the special event muster are needed from 10-6 on Saturday, August 28, and 10-2 on Sunday, August 29. Hams that volunteered to participate are: Dick, KI8C, Dick, KA8VLN, Mark, N8CDK, Dave, W3IGT, Bill, KD8AAD, and Jim, N8RWK. Jim suggested issuing a certificate to the workers. Steve will come up with a design, such as a canon.

Meeting adjourned: 2025 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Gunsett, Secretary
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