

**CARS MEETING MINUTES**  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

JACK, KZ6ZZ. ROSEMARY, KI4VO, JOANNE, KC8CLY, LEE, KA8VMJ, DICK, KJ8C, STEVE, KD8HIW, TIM, WD8PMD, FRED, KD8IXP, MARK, N8CDK, BOB, N8JFH, BILL, KD8AAD, JIM, N8RWK DAVE, W3IGT, DENNIS, KC8IJZ, AND APRIL.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** DENNIS GAVE SECRETARY REPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST. SEE ROSEMARY FOR INFORMATION.

**TRAFFIC HANDLING- NATIONAL INCIDENT COMMAND (NIC), VOICE COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES AND DIGITAL MESSAGE SENDING:** TIM PASSED OUT VOICE COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE AND GENERAL MESSAGE FORMS TO THE MEMBERS. HE SUGGESTED THAT ALLEGIANCE HOSPITAL RUN COPIES OF THE GENERAL MESSAGE FORMS TO USE DURING THEIR EMERGENCY EXERCISES AND THAT A MEMBER OF THE CLUB TEACH THE STAFF AT THE HOSPITAL HOW TO USE THEM. TIM WAS ASKED TIM ABOUT THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM WHETHER ANYONE AT THE HOSPITAL HAD TAKEN THE TRAINING? HE SAID THAT WAS NOT THE CARS CLUB PURPOSE, THAT OUR PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE A BACKUP COMMUNICATION FOR THEM.

**VOICE COMMUNICATIONS FORM:** ESSENTIALLY, THESE FORMS REQUEST THAT ONE MAKES HIS/HER POINT WHEN COMMUNICATING ON THE RADIO, THAT IS, DON'T RAMBLE. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY BEFORE YOU SPEAK. THIS SHEET SPELLS OUT THE TOOLS NEEDED TO SPEAK CORRECTLY ON THE RADIO.

**ZULU CONVERSION CHART:** TIM HAD COPIES AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS.

**GRID LOCATION MAP:** STEVE OBTAINED THIS MAP FROM UNIVERSAL MAPS FOR MEMBERS TO KNOW THEIR GRID LOCATION. IN THE PAST THE CLUB HAS USED THE JACKSON COUNTY ROAD MAP, AND AFTER MEMBERS MADE A COMPARISON OF THEIR LOCATIONS ON EACH MAP, THE GRIDS DO NOT COINCIDE.

**HAM CONVENTION AT FINDLAY, OHIO:** FRED REPORTED THAT 50 PEOPLE WERE THERE AND THOUGH THE ATTENDANCE WAS LOW, THE HAMFEST THE NEXT DAY WAS GREAT.

**CARS HAMFEST:** TIM ASKED FOR SOMEONE TO COORDINATE IT IF THERE IS AN INTEREST. TIM OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE, BUT WILL NOT TAKE IT

ON HIMSELF. LEE SAID HE HAD THE SCHEDULES ON HIS COMPUTER, JUST THE DATES NEED TO BE CHANGED, SO IF THERE IS AN INTEREST, SEE LEE.

**STEVE'S ABSENCE:** STEVE IS GOING TO MEXICO FOR A 6 WEEK JOB ASSIGNMENT, AND HE ASKED THAT SOMEONE SHOULD TAKE OVER THE ROLE OF SEEING THAT THE MEETING PROGRAM IS COORDINATED.

**ARRL WEBSITE:** DAVE WAS ON THE ARRL WEBSITE AND ASKED IF ANYONE KNEW ABOUT A BOOK THAT THEY LISTED ON THE SITE AS A GOOD RESOURCE FOR DIGITAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS?

**MICHIGAN VHF TRAFFIC NET:** BILL REPORTED ON THE MICHIGAN VHF TRAFFIC NET, THAT MEETS ON SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS ON 2 METERS ON THE IRA REPEATER SYSTEM, 145.470 AND THE PL IS 114.8.

THE NET MANAGER IS GENE YOUNG, AC8ER, WITH OTHER MEMBERS HELPING IN ROTATION IN RUNNING THE NET. TWO HAMS FROM MASSACHUSETTS ARE ALSO HELPFUL IN DELIVERING MESSAGES. BILL SAID THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NET IS THE EXCHANGE OF STORIES FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND TO FIND OUT ABOUT SILENT KEYS. THIS NET USES A DIFFERENT TRAFFIC PATTERN THAN CARS USES ON THEIR THURSDAY NIGHT NET.

**50-50 DRAWING:** WON BY JOANNE.

**HARLAN'S DONATION TO THE CLUB:** A HAND HELD RADIO THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN RAFFLED.

**FUNDRAISING:** TIM ASKED FOR IDEAS. JIM SUGGESTED EMBROIDERED HATS TO SELL TO THE MEMBERS. FRED SUGGESTED A JACKET, TIM MENTIONED HAVING SHIRTS IN VARIOUS STYLES. JIM AND TIM WILL CONFER ABOUT THE EXACT CARS LOGO DESIGN, AFTERWARDS TIM WILL GET SOME ESTIMATES FROM SOME FOLKS HE KNOWS IN THIS BUSINESS. STEVE HAS A CONTACT IN NEBRASKA THAT MAKES MANTEL CLOCKS EXCLUSIVELY FOR RAFFLES AND SELLS THEM FOR \$300.00. TIM ASKED MEMBERS IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SELLING THE TICKETS FOR THIS RAFFLE?

**RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS:** THERE ARE 400 HAMS IN THE JACKSON COUNTY AREA. WHAT CAN THE CARS CLUB DO TO INVITE THEM TO THE CLUB MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES? STEVE VOLUNTEERED TO BE ON THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMMITTEE BY COORDINATING INVITATIONS TO CARS MEETINGS. TIM SUGGESTED INVITING THEM TO AN EATING MEETING AND HAVE CLUB VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE INVITEES TO THE MEETING IF THEY HAVE NO MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. FRED WILL PRINT THE CARDS AND JOANNE WILL STAMP AND ADDRESS THEM. SHE

SUGGESTED LISTING FUTURE PROGRAMS ON THE CARD AND MENTION THAT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. MARK, BILL AND BOB WILL ASSIST ALSO.

**CLUB BROCHURES:** FRED IS WORKING ON SOME CLUB BROCHURES THAT CAN BE USED TO PASS OUT AND PUT ON LITERATURE RACKS.

**CLUB DIRECTORY:** DAVE ASKED ABOUT A CLUB DIRECTORY, AND TIM SAID THAT THERE USED TO BE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TOO, BUT IT TAKES ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS TO PULL THIS OFF.

**CIVIL WAR MUSTER:** TIM THANKED THOSE THAT HELPED AND THAT THE MUSTER GROUP REALLY APPRECIATED CARS MEMBERS HELPING THEM. ASKED THE MUSTER GROUP IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER AREAS THAT THE CARS CLUB COULD HELP THEM? THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE MUSTER GROUP IS THINKING ABOUT.

TIM SAID THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COULD USE SOME CARS MEMBERS IN ASSISTING WITH THE MUSTER VOLUNTEER INFORMATIONAL PERSON DURING THE MUSTER. STEVE MENTIONED THAT HE COULD ASK THE MUSTER GROUP NEXT YEAR WHO IS INVOLVED, WHERE CERTAIN EVENTS TAKE PLACE, AND HAVING AN UP TO DATE MAP, ESSENTIALLY, HAVING MORE INFORMATION FOR US TO HELP PEOPLE WHEN CARS MEMBERS ARE ASKED. CARS MEMBERS CAN ALSO HELP AT THE SPECIAL EVENTS STATION.

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY:** SEPTEMBER 16, 2009, 6 PM VOLUNTEERS WILL MEET AT KLAVON'S PIZZA PLACE AFTERWARDS. CLUB WILL REIMBURSE THE MEMBER WHO USES THEIR CHARGE CARD TO PAY FOR THE MEALS.

**NET CONTROL:** JIM REMINDED MEMBERS CHECK THE CLUB WEB PAGE TO SEE IF THEIR NAME IS SCHEDULED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 PM SECONDED BY JACK.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
ROSEMARY GUNSETT, SECRETARY  
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