

CARS MEETING

May 18, 2010

Meeting called to order: President Jack Gunsett called the meeting to order at 1910 hours. Introductions were made and members signed in.

Members present: BILL TATE, KD8AAD, DAVID FOSTER, W3IGT, DICK STANLEY, KA8VLN, JACK GUNSETT, KZ6ZZ, JO-ANN VAN ALSTINE, KC8CLY, LEE VAN ALSTINE, KA8VMJ, MARK NIKUCKI, N8CDK, ROSEMARY GUNSETT, KI4VO, STEVE RAUSCHER, KD8HIW, TIM BAIR, WD8PMD, BILL KIRCHMEIER JR., W8KZC, BOB HOWARD, N8JFH, MARK JAMIESON, KD8NOE, KEN MCGUIRE, KC8LTL, DENNY BYRNE, KC8IJZ.

Presentation: Jack gave a presentation on Ham Radio Deluxe, which is a free program. Due to the many features, he only would take time to cover ten percent of it. It can interface with most radios, has a log booking program, rotator program, and a digital program. Jack explained the features of the control screen for the radio, of which he uses a Kenwood, but Ham Radio Deluxe can use many others. The control screen allows one to control their radio.

Next he showed his logbook, with the 540 contacts he's made, which also has a DX spotter and what it does.

This program lists where the previous contacts live and if they've worked with Jack before. Jack explained all of the features, including solar cycle graphs. Another program Jack explained is the Digital Marker Program, DM 780.

Everything in Ham Radio Deluxe works off a grid location.

The logbook can be tied to eqsl, and can update one's logbook to see if that contact has been contacted before.

Jack concluded his presentation by inviting anyone that is interested in learning about Ham Radio Deluxe, to contact him for information.

OLD BUSINESS

By Laws:

Review of By-Laws and vote on the two areas of concern:

1. Section IV. Board of Directors: Part b: "At the annual election meeting a minimum of 2 members shall be elected for a term of 2 years each."

Change to read, "At the annual election meeting a minimum of *1* member shall be elected for a term of *2* years each."

2. XIII Elections, c: "Elections shall be held at the regular January meeting. The election shall be by written ballot and shall be decided for the candidate receiving the most votes. "

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

Item number one: The club unanimously voted: "at the annual election meeting a minimum of 1 member shall be elected for a term of 2 years." The word "each" was deleted.

Item number two: The club unanimously voted : "the election shall be by written ballot, if there is more than one nominee for that office and shall be decided for the candidate receiving the most votes."

Newsletter: Tabled to a future meeting.

Net Manager: Jim Baker not present to report.

Adopt-a-Highway: Larry wasn't present, no updates. Next date for cleanup is July 12. The more members that show up will help ease the amount of time and work to get the job done.

Treasurer's Report: Denny said he had paid the club insurance, fee to the state for 5013c status, headphones, and the club phone bill. A donation was also made to the club from a ham radio operator as Jack, acting on behalf of the club, found a problem why the man's antenna wasn't working and recommended to him what to do. Denny reminded members that everyone's membership dues of \$20 per person, and an additional \$2 for each family member, is due at the same time, 1 July, 2010.

Club Property List: Jack and Dick assessed over half of the equipment stored at Dick's home and included serial numbers.

Fire Station radios: Jack recommended that members should stop by a fire station near them and assess the serial numbers on the radios and to list the equipment there also.

HF Station and D-star repeater: Tim is still waiting for a reply to an email he sent to the county officer in charge of the building. He will contact him again. The manual for the HF station is available now and the radio will be installed at the Health Department.

Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge: Dave has been approved as a Merit Badge Counselor. Dave invited Jack to give presentations to the Boy Scout Troops with him. Also, Dave has committed to help in a program called, "Shop Rats," which is for at-risk kids who might drop out of school. This is an afternoon program that uses volunteers to help in building something, in this case, something electronic. He invited any interested Hams to join the program. Jack contacted Phil Farnworth, a contact for the Boy Scouts, but hasn't heard back from him. Jack asked if any other members had any news from other troops?

Sunspots: Dave also explained about sunspots, and geomagnetic storms, which can wipe out satellites, computers, and GPS systems. Our government is taking a look into this and what they will do about this if it should happen.

Field Day: Denny reported that the offer to use Camp McGregor was a good choice for the field day, but there was a conflict so the club declined using it for this year, however, it could possibly be a choice for next year. There was discussion if there was enough of the public around to rouse interest in the event at this location. The Field Day will still be held at the Napoleon Fire Department and there was discussion on what equipment was available for the event and who would bring it. Items needed are: a cooking grill, laptop computers, trailer, antennas, PSK, radio equipment, HF and VHF. Jack said this topic will be discussed further during the Radio Nets since the next meeting is just 4 days before Field Day.

Civil War Muster: A generous donation has helped make the Civil War Muster solvent for the next 5 years. Tim reported that there is to be a muster shack there near the first aid station. The group has asked for a volunteer to go around and sell ice for them. CARS will be radio control for the event. Tim asked if any members were familiar with telegraphy for the event, but no one knew of anyone that does.

Hot Air Jubilee: Tim reported that the event planners aren't sure if CARS members are needed yet, but that event is scheduled for July 17-18.

Board Meeting: Jack said the next board meeting is scheduled at the same time and date as the next general meeting. It was decided that we would meet at the Health Department at 1800 hours then attend the meeting afterwards.

Meeting adjourned: Dick motioned first, Steve, second, at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Gunsett, Secretary
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