

CARS CLUB MEETING
MINUTES
August 20, 2013

LOCATION: Jackson County Health Department

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Ken McGuire at 19:00

ATTENDANCE: Bill Tate-KD8AAD, Dick McGuire-KI8C, Jim Keesler-K8EXF, Milan Greenman-KD8DID, Mark Nikucki-N8CDK, Ken McGuire-KC8LTL, Lee Van Alstine-KA8VMJ, Dick Stanley-KA8VLN, David Weese-WA8LWB, Norm Thompson Jr.-W8NJT, Ray Girard-KD8RHI, Dennis Byrne-KC8IJZ, Richard Kraatz-N8YQW, Leo Nessing-WD8DFO, Tim Bair-WD8PMD, Harlan Cooley-N8RDP, Mike Hall-WB8ICN, Jack Gunsett-KZ6ZZ, Neil Joitke-KB8RBX and guest Tom Jurasek.

PRESENTATION: No presentation this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are solvent.

NET MANAGERS REPORT: Not present.

ARES/RACES REPORT: Nothing to report.

VE TESTING: Last Week 8/17 there was a new technician license issued to a ham from Mason. Next VE testing will be 10/19.

FOX HUNT: There will be no foxhunt this month due to the Civil War Muster.

OLD BUSINESS: The Civil War Muster will be August 24th and 25th. We will be needing volunteers to help out between noon and 5pm both days. We will be using the 146.88 for all communications. Dick-KA8VLN has not had time to come up with a recommendation for the failed UPS unit. Jack-KZ6ZZ has received no calls yet for the Technician class this fall. The deadline is 8/26. Denny-KC8IJZ has turned in our results for Field Day 2013.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim-K8EXF has tickets available for \$5 for the Kalamazoo ham fest which is Sunday October 20th. Neil-KB8RBX mentioned that the Owosso ham fest is Saturday 8/24. We are in need of a new Field Day chairman. The final adopt a highway is September 23rd we will need help for that.

Tim reminds everyone that there is a HF vertical for sale of a silent key Roger Lemothe-KQ8D. Dick-KA8VLN has received an e-mail from the ARRL about our accreditation with the league. Ken-KC8LTL will look into. Tim made mention of taking the summer off or having Club meetings every other month like the Club used to do due to lack of participation. Rich-N8YQW made mention of the NTIA a branch of the government that sets the radio spectrum is monitoring the frequencies above 50 MHz for their use. As the saying goes if we don't use it we might lose it. Recommendations for the monthly Club presentations were made. The Club's Vice President is in charge of lining them up each month. Milan-KD8DID asked about General class exams. We have talked about the possibility of having them after the first of the year. Dick-KA8VLN reset the clock on the repeater via the input frequency. The County has a new phone service and has disconnected the line at the repeater. We talked about the possibility of using a remote rf link to control the repeater and save the monthly cost of a phone line.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS:

PRESENTATION: No presentation this month.

ADJOURN: Mike-WB8ICN made the motion to adjourn and Dick-KI8C seconded at 19:47 hours. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mark Nikucki, Secretary
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