

SMART MEETING MINUTES 8/9/08  
August 9, 2008

Meeting was called to order by VP, Don VanTilburg, about 8:20 AM at Theo and Stacey's Restaurant on Portage Rd. in Kalamazoo.

Eighteen members and two guests were in attendance.

No news from Membership Chairman, Charley Burgstahler.

Technical Committee Chairman, Ron Schubot, reported that some work was done on the repeater antennas after the last meeting and reports from several members seem to indicate that these efforts have helped the coverage and quality of contacts through the system. He also reported that the new controller is being held up until the manufacturer receives another shipment of cabinets.

Jim Kirkland gave a short progress report on the upcoming Kalamazoo Hamfest and State ARRL Convention. The Banquet will be held on Sunday after the Hamfest, with before dinner entertainment, provided by the multi-talented K8BLO. Charlie performed for us at last months SMART club picnic, and is headed for INTERNATIONAL STARDOM. His music is good and his stories funny. Tickets for the banquet are \$25.00 and should be purchased in advance. They should be available at our next meeting.

We had a short discussion about the 2008 Bus Trip to Dayton and there were many favorable comments from several of this years participants.

Theo and Stacie's has a nice meeting room, The waitress was friendly, the service good, and I didn't hear any complaints about the food. Ron S. made his report on The Colonial Kitchen Restaurant on Drake Rd just south of W. Main and has it reserved for next month, and the next calendar year, if so decided to hold our meetings there. It was decided to have our meeting there and see how that goes before making a final decision. Unless we can get T&S to remove the restrictions on minimum members in our group, we may have to use the C.K. option.

50/50 drawing was won by Mel and donated back to the club.

The meeting adjourned just before 10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Don VanTilburg (K8DVR)  
VP, SMART  
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