

Smart Club Meeting November 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:51 a.m. by Don Van Tillburg (K8DVR). Dennis is out of town. Introductions were made. New member Doug (W8OXQ) attended. Charlie (K8BLO) moved to accept the last meeting's minutes and they were approved. Ron (N8CML) stated the math didn't match on the Treasurer's Report. We will wait until the next meeting to approve it. Jack (KE8TJ) pointed out that the September's minutes had an incorrect call sign. (I changed the call in the Word program.)

Membership:

None

Technical:

Ron, (N8CML), stated that the inverter will change 20 to 50 VDC to 13.8 VDC. There is 24 VDC from the cellular's batteries. The cost was \$95.0 from EBay. The auto patch hasn't been shipped. Ron will install the new controller soon. The auto patch is a plug-in. The current output is 50 -55 Watts.

A discussion was held of forming a coordination group in regards to our repeater power specifications. Jack (KE8TJ) reported that our repeater has been accessed by the Lansing area.

Nets:

Jim (KC8SSK) reported on the new nets of 2M. SSB & AM and ours of Tuesday night. The Ham Radio News hasn't been broadcasted because his computer is being repaired.

Hamfest:

Jim (K8EMT) hasn't had the final results. Three people on the committee have resigned: Dave (KC8WLD), John (KC8ZTJ) and Jim. (N8IJH) The tables and outside vendors had good sales. The banquet had a low attendance. Charlie (K8BLO) said the vendors told him they were pleased with the sales results.

Old Business

None.

New Business:

Jack Koole (KE8TJ) may be able to get the Huntington Run for meetings. There is no food there.

John Tucker (WB8ZVV) reported the next Saturday is VE testing at the Sheriff's Department. Enter at the door near the base of the old tower, the south side of the building. Someone will be there to let one enter and be shown where the testing will be performed.

The KARC club will be doing a mailing to Hams in the area to encourage new members.

Perhaps we could include information and a flyer for the Dayton bus trip and save mailing costs. Don (K8DVR) suggested we keep the old 50/50 tickets and have door prize drawings during the annual meeting to encourage meeting attendance and new members.

Charlie (K8BLO) suggested Fox Hunts, visit the tower.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36.

Respectfully submitted by:
Secretary Tom Oliver KC8QFF