

Smart Club Meeting
March 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8.40 a.m. by Dennis (W8DAB). A welcome was given to John's guest and new member, Bob Tinney (K8LR). A motion was made by Norm and seconded by John to approve the meetings of the last meeting. The minutes were approved. The treasurer, John (KC8ZTJ) reported we have \$500 currently for the Dayton Hamfest Trip. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Jack (KE8TJ) and seconded by Jim (KC8SSK) and the report was approved.

Membership:

Jack (KE8TJ) reported we have 36 members. Ron, (N8CML) has the letter to be sent to Hams so anyone may read it today. There are 539 Hams in our area.

Technical:

Ron, (N8CML) tried out the new controller on a bench. He is waiting for the autopatch and needs IP addressees before installing at the tower. Don (K8DVR) wants to put a Dayton Hamfest trip announcement on the new controller..

Dayton Bus Trip:

Dennis (W8DAB) reported we have 28 signed up for the Dayton bus trip as of March 13th.

Community Service:

Don (KC8OQM) reported the following events: March of Dimes is the last Saturday in April. The Multiple Sclerosis Society rented the Arcadia Festival site May 2nd. Report at 1:00 or 2:00. The same day the Arthritis Foundation is having a walk one block down on the same date. A meeting for the Crop Walk is soon. Jim Keisler (K8EMT) has information on the web site.

New Business:

The by-laws will be reviewed at the board meeting. Increase the Technical Committee to four people.

Call people to encourage them to re-join the SMART Club.

Ron (N8CML) reported that the Kalamazoo Hamfest is moving to a different day. The Marshall Hamfest is losing its venue at the high school and the two co-chairs are stepping down.

John (WB8ZVV) reports the VE testing is next Saturday and also at the Technician Class.

The 50/50 drawing was won by John (WB8ZVV) and donated to the Treasury.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Secretary Tom Oliver KC8QFF

Charlie (K8BLO) demonstrated his two potato spud launchers he had built. These are from the February issues of QST Magazine. One may also see them on his website, K8BLO@live.com.

A statement was made to check your home insurance policy so that if an antenna tower falls on the house that isn't connected to the house damages are covered..