

## **Smart Club Meeting May 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 8.32 a.m. by Dennis (W8DAB) and followed by introductions. Don (KC8OQM) motioned to approve the minutes and it was supported by Bob (WB8CDT). The minutes were approved. There was no treasurer's report since John (KC8ZTJ) could not attend today's meeting.

### Technical:

Ron, (N8CML) is working on adding the message function to the new controller. The company hasn't finished the new firmware but it shouldn't affect our needs. The new controller will be installed today after the meeting. Charlie (K8BLO), asked if there will be a courtesy tone. Ron said he did not know. Dennis mentioned that a PL of 94.8 decode tone for receive is on our old controller. This was brought up at the Board meeting. Ron said the new controller has this feature. It is to prevent interference from another repeater to one's transceiver.

### Dayton Bus Trip:

Don said there is still more room on the bus for the Dayton trip next Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. George (K8GAR) told us to be on the bus promptly at 4:00 a.m. so that we may start on time.

### Community Service:

Don (KC8OQM) said we had three services the last two weekends and that we had enough operators to handle the work. Jack (KA8AOB) reported that the Sea Horse Triathlon is Sunday, May 31.

### New Business:

Jack (KE8TJ) told us we now have 63 members and he will be mailing the roster soon.

Jack is also working on the Fox Hunt particulars.

John (WB8ZVV) reported that license testing will take place in two weeks at 8:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's office. The FCC fee is now \$15.00.

Jack Price (KA8AOB) said that if anyone wants Field Day T-shirts to tell him and he will order them. Field Day is June 27 & 28. It may be at River Oaks County Park again.

Jim Kirklin (K8EMT) introduced new attendee, Jack Range. He wants to obtain his license. Jack found out about our club on our internet site. Jack, welcome to our club.

Don, K8DVR, showed us our old patch and suggested that we have our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary changed on it if anyone is interested.

Don (KC8OQM) moved to close the meeting. It was seconded by Jack (KA8AOB) and passed.

The presentation today was by Noah (KD8KVR), a Kalamazoo College student. He will be launching a weather balloon to reach approximately 100,000 feet. His slide presentation described the payloads and specifications. Noah plans to launch in two or three weeks. He invited anyone who is interested to watch and are invited to help chase the payload landing. Noah, thank you for your presentation.

Respectfully submitted by: Secretary Tom Oliver KC8QFF