

Smart Club Meeting August 8, 2009

Don Van Tilberg opened the meeting at 8.20 a.m. Dennis is out of town. Introductions were made. Jack Koole reported we have a new member, James Newton, KD8AJC. A motion to approve the treasurer's and secretary's reports was made and the motion passed.

Technical:

Controller CF card caused Echolink and recording message trouble. Art Snapper and Ron changed settings on the controller for sensitivity and range improvements. Please give Ron any feedback. Ron will stay after the meeting for suggestions for repeater setup or trouble.

A hardware trouble was caused because the manufacturer received some bad chips. The controller will be sent to the manufacturer for recall and Ron is hoping for a quick turnaround. Charlie Burgstahler wants to send Ron a .wav file for the controller messaging. Ron is glad we kept the old controller since we will have to use it during the new controller's recall.

Special Events

Jack Price reported the Physically Strong Triathlon at the Boy Scout camp is Saturday, August 29th. It will run from Camp Rota-Kiwan to the Al Sabo reserve. There is limited auto parking.

Old Business

Jack Koole reported that at the July picnic another group asked if they could share the shelter so Jack okayed the request. We had a small turnout. Everything went well and good pictures were taken. Don asked if we had a fox hunt and Jack said we did not.

Field Day

John Tucker doesn't have the final results but we have 3,604 points. Don mentioned John's program has improved and is much better than using paper from past years. Jack Price reported that 6 meter phone was the best it has been for years, especially to California.

Ham Fest

Jim Kirklin needs help and doesn't have any tickets sent out. Jim needs organizational help.

Dayton Bus Trip:

Don said to think about next year's bus trip. He will check with Denis for a possible bus trip to the Fort Wayne Ham Fest.

Jack Koole showed us a newspaper clipping of Mel (N8MJ) and Gladys's 70th wedding anniversary on August 5th. Mel's 90th birthday was August 3rd.

Jack Price's picture was in the Gazette when they reported the 40th anniversary of the moon landing. Jack handed out Kalamazoo Astronomy Club fliers. Check out the web site. Come early for help to set up your telescope.

Don Van Tilburg has a friend from NASA that launches a balloon once a month from Columbus Indiana (WB8ELK) and sends on 146.33 MHz. His net site is BATC.TV. Check on QRZ.COM.

Charlie Burgstahler says George (W9EVT) has amazing pictures of Washington Island, Wisconsin.

Ron Schubot has a circuit board for a field microprocessor that people may program for various uses. One needs only soldering abilities. Contact him at N8CML@ARRL.NET.

Jack (KE8TJ) moved to close the meeting and John (KC8ZTJ) seconded the motion and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by: Secretary Tom Oliver KC8QFF