

Gastonia Area Amateur Radio Club
Meeting: July 5, 2007
Schiele Museum
Minutes

The meeting was held in the Planetarium due to cleaning of the auditorium.

Paul opened the meeting by welcoming those present and thanked them for being there.

Milton read the June minutes and they were accepted as read.

David followed with a treasurer's report. David brought forth a membership application that was mailed in and those in attendance accepted James Swanson as a new associate member.

Paul brought up the motion to drop the telephone line on the mountain. The line is not being utilized and will save the club about \$33 a month in expenses. Paul mentioned the money saved could be used for future club projects. The motion seconded and was passed.

Field Day was briefly covered. All agreed that there were a large number of visitors, which helped promote amateur radio to the public and over 250 contacts were made. The event ended early Sunday morning due to weather and exhausted operators and there were a few disappointed people on Sunday who came to the museum to see the event. From the museum's perspective, they were very pleased with the event and how it was handled.

There will be an antenna installation get together at Phillip Wade's on Saturday July 14. Details will be sent to the group through the e-mail reflector. Any help would be appreciated.

During our August meeting, Don has scheduled Joe Blackwell (AA4NN) to present our monthly program. Mr. Blackwell was a member of the Scarborough Reef DX-pedition, and has been on many other DX-peditions as well.

Milton mentioned the ordering of Power pole connectors for those interested and the cost is \$7.50 for each set of 10. This lead into the topic of the evening; which was "powering your radio equipment" along with uses and ideas of power pole connectors.

In other business:

Nothing new at the moment concerning the Swapfest, there will be in the near future. A technician class is in the developing stages. The time frame being looked at for the class will be sometime in March. Once the plans have been finalized we will let everyone know.

Hearing no more business or announcements, Paul dismissed the meeting and reminded everyone of the next meeting on Thursday August 2, 2007

Submitted by,

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