

Gastonia Area Amateur Radio Club
Meeting minutes 3/1/2007
Schiele Museum

The meeting was brought to order by Paul Williams and thanked the Schiele Museum for the use of their facility for our meetings.

David Hook, KE4GEG, gave a treasurers and expense report for the year so far.

Paul then made mention of the dropping of the Morse code requirement and now there is a great opportunity for many hams to get on the HF frequencies and to upgrade.

A review of the packet radio / APRS demonstration was given. The demonstration was held on February 17 at the Union Road Fire Department. There were many visitors to the demonstration. The overall goal was to introduce these modes to interested hams. Hopefully there will be several other events similar to this in the future.

Milton read the minutes from the February meeting, which were approved.

Paul is working with Glenn to initiate the process to get the trustee of the call sign K4GNC, changed. Once the process is started, it should not take long to complete.

Milton took the floor and held a discussion on the upcoming 2007 Swapfest. With help from the membership, several items were discussed and agreed upon for the event. There are still a few more items that need to be addressed and worked out and these should be taken care of in the near future.

We are also looking for a dealer/vendor coordinator. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact one of the officers.

The highlight of the meeting was the great presentation put together by Jim Craig, KI4OCC, on the topic of radio astronomy. This was a very interesting topic with several comments and questions from the audience.

Paul asked if there was any new business and upon hearing none reminded everyone of the next meeting date of April 5 and adjourned the meeting.

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