

Gastonia Area Amateur Radio Club
Meeting: May3, 2007
Schiele Museum
Minutes

Due to another event happening in the museum, the May meeting was held in the planetarium.

Paul started off the meeting with introductions welcoming everyone and acknowledging our visitors Phil and Wendy Wade.

David Hook, KE4GES, followed with a treasurer's report. The club so far for the year is doing well financially. David also mentioned that he has updated the club roster and had dropped several names. If you need a copy of an updated roster, please let David know.

Milton took the floor and started a discussion on attracting new members to the club meetings. During the discussion it was agreed upon to offer a \$5 membership fee for the remainder of 2007 instead of the usual \$25 fee. The members present supplied much input and suggested several types of local advertising of the club activities and meetings. These will be looked into.

The topic of discussion for the May meeting was on antenna tuners. Don shared information on the many types of tuners available as well as many of the items that one may want to look for when deciding on a tuner. There were several questions, comments brought up during the discussion as well as some friendly advice and suggestions.

Paul mentioned the project day, Saturday May 19, in which those involved will be building a CW QRP transceiver. It will be held at the Union Road Volunteer Fire Department at 10:00am.

Paul reminded everyone that at the June meeting, which will be held on June 7th, the club will be sponsoring an ice cream social. This is open to everyone to stop by and join in on the fun and fellowship.

In other business:

Dennis, KG4ZJF, mentioned the next test session will be on Saturday, May12th at the Ag Center Volunteer Fire Department.

Don announced that the 146.805 repeater can now be linked to the 145.230 repeater. This is something that several have talked about for a while. The link will be useful for nets and for Skywarn. Don also mentioned that the DVR (Digital Voice Controller) has a battery back-up installed to help keep programming if power is lost.

With no other business, Paul adjourned the meeting and reminded everyone of the ice cream social on June7th.

Respectfully submitted
Milton Rice
KC4YOT