

Gastonia Area Amateur Radio Club  
Meeting: October 4,2007  
Schiele Museum  
Minutes

The October meeting was held in the planetarium due to a construction project in the lobby of the museum.

Paul opened the meeting with a warm welcome followed by introductions.

An application for membership from Randy Ross, KI4ZJI, was presented to the club. Randy's application was accepted and he was welcomed into the club.

Paul then gave a treasurers report and so far the club is still in financially good shape.

Milton read the minutes from the September meeting and they were approved as read.

Since Paul had an appointment, he asked for any old or news business that needed to be brought up.

In reference to the Swapfest, Jim, KI4OCC, stated that the museum might be interested in setting up an information table at the event.

Paul then mentioned that it was time to consider the annual Christmas Dinner. He mentioned that the club usually meets at the Golden Corral for the December meeting and asked for any input. Ryan's was suggested and Paul will look into reserving a room for the meeting/dinner. Paul also mentioned that we would soon be taking nomination for officers for 2008.

Milton took the floor to talk about the Swapfest. He mentioned that replies from vendors and dealers were low and that he hasn't had the time to commit to organizing the Swapfest. Milton mentioned that he would help if someone or a couple of people wanted to take over or suggested postponing the event. With the low response, the man power needed to run the Swapfest and overall declining numbers attending hamfests in general, the membership present agreed that it would be in the best interest of the club to postpone the event.

Charlie Dowda and Chris Goddard, technicians from the city radio shop, put on the presentation for the October meeting. Their topics included the types of equipment in use throughout the county, how some of the equipment operates as well as a question and answer session. Chris also mentioned that if someone had questions and mobile radio installation he would be glad to answer and questions.

After the presentation Milton mentioned the upcoming nuclear drill test on October 16 and the SET on November 3.

Don concluded the meeting, thanked everyone and reminded them of the next meeting on November 1, 2007

Submitted  
Milton  
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