

Columbus Amateur Radio Club  
Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2016

New 2016 officers and email addresses are as follows:

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(at is used above instead of @ to hopefully confound and confuse the spam bots.)

The club website is: CARCnet.net

Lois (KA9OIS) gave the Treasurer's report. Bill (KD9DLR) moved to accept, Dave (KF9IH) seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Jim (WA9TGO) summarized the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept as corrected: Josh (KC9YUA), Joe (KA9OPL) seconded. Motion passed.

Trustee Reports:

2 Meter Repeater: Marion (WD9HTN) reported it's working ok, except it is still kerchunking once in a while. That is probably just people not identifying when checking if they are hitting the repeater, or they can't remember their callsign.

440 Repeater: Joe (KA9OPL) reported no changes. Echolink is still retransmitting the control tones, and Joe is working with Jim (N9K VX) to either make Echolink ignore "unknown node numbers", or give him a way to turn it off when he needs to use the control codes.

Hamfest Report: Matt (KC9BWO) passed around a signup sheet for workers at the hamfest. Matt asked for help setting up tables from 6 to 8 pm Friday night because we only get 2 hours of setup time Friday night w/o paying for an extra day. We will also need help taking down tables and cleaning up afterwards. The fliers are all mailed out and the tickets are here ready to go. There are 27 table reservations, so there are still some available. Marion asked that one be saved for Jim Seddon's estate equipment. We have lots of door prizes this year: Universal Radio sent us some books, Dayton Hamfest sent 4 complimentary tickets, MFJ sent some stuff, ARRL sent the usual package of fliers and gift cards, plus there are some others he couldn't remember. Commercial vendors Webster and Debco are coming. Marion has the Conservation Council building reserved for VE testing by SCICSG. We have some coffee pots, but Marion was going to ask Jim Smith (WV9W) if we could borrow his again. The hamfest is this Saturday, April 9, from 8 till noon.

Old Business: Lois (KA9OIS) passed around a picture of the old Red Cross ERV van which was previously an old bread truck. It was loaded with amateur radios, blankets, and other Red Cross stuff. Hams drove it around to various training exercises, Field Day, etc. Dale Buchanan (KC9FQ) did a lot of the installation work inside. Josh (KC9YUA) created an html list of things from Jim Seddon's estate and attached it to our carcnet.net website. If someone searches the internet for something on the list, they can find it on our EXCHANGE listing, but of course it comes after several pages of commercial and more frequently accessed websites. If someone has something they want to list for sale or announce an event, email Josh (KC9YUA), Joe (KA9OPL), or Noel (N9CJT).

New Business: Marion (WD9HTN) displayed a recent article in the local paper about Mike Riley (N9LTT) receiving an award for teaching C4 at North High School. It is unusual for a vocational teacher to receive an award like that. Also, Mike is the person that donated a bunch of equipment for our hamfest 3 or 4 years ago. Jim (N9K VX) reported the state RACES drill last month went well. They had their net and received a digital message and reported it to the state via packet radio. The packet station is N9PUP's stuff, but Jim put in for a grant to the state to purchase a station including a 220 radio and antenna to access the packet communication backbone network. Gary (KD9SB) offered again to help anyone preparing for the VE license testing or would like to practice cw before getting on the air. Noel (N9CJT) reported on the recent LET conference. NWS has had to change some terminology because the public has become complacent about warnings, etc. The government is very concerned that if a large emergency event does occur, there will be high casualty rates because the public is very unprepared for it. Who has a GO bag with food, clothes, and medicine ready to evacuate quickly if necessary?

Jim (N9K VX) moved to adjourn. Noel (N9CJT) seconded.

Submitted by: Jim (WA9TGO), Secretary