

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2017 SMARC MEETING

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 PM, 03/27/17 at the USW Union Hall with Kurt, KC4NX presiding.

There were 30 members and 5 visitors present.

The visitors were: David Black KC2REC; Aaron Sigler; Olivia Griffith, Lou Dreinhoefler, WB3JKQ; and Jim Melton, KD4XG

Kurt opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and asking members and visitors to state name and call sign.

Carroll read the treasurer's report saying that the club had \$3795.50 in the club account. (the amount includes the sum of \$1400 in donations to go for payment of the new SMARC repeater system.)

Carroll reminded those present that an updated club roster will be published and any members delinquent in dues will have names removed from the roster.

Bob, K4VE inquired about the possibility of the club instituting a Life Membership fee.

Carroll indicated that the club still has the ball point pens with club info on them available for purchase along with some club patches and club decals.

Lou DWB3JKQ representing the RACK club told about the RACK hamfest scheduled for Saturday June 17 at the Kerbela Temple in Knoxville. Lou had tickets available to members who would like to purchase.

Kurt reminded everyone that the annual hot dog and tailgate meeting is planned for the April club meeting. Members planning to attend the April tailgate and hot dog fest need to bring some kind of dessert.

Kurt reminded everyone about the June VE testing scheduled for June 12. And this year's Field Day is coming up in June as well. It is a good idea to think about plans for the event.

Kurt reminded the members about the SMARC net on Thursdays at 7:00 PM local time on the club repeater frequency, 146.655/055

Kurt mentioned that several members participate in a breakfast gathering at the local Cracker Barrel eatery on Friday mornings at 9:00AM.

The program for the evening was presented by Mike Battershell. Mike has a hobby of collecting and restoring antique radio and early TV equipment. He brought several examples of vintage radio gear for members to observe. He spoke about his work in the restoration along with descriptions of some of the antique radios. He also provided some interesting history of commercial radio broadcasting. He closed his presentation by answering a few questions from those present.

After the program, a break was taken for drinks, and cookies and the 50/50 Drawing.

The meeting closed at 8:15 PM

