

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2017 SMARC MEETING

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 PM, 10/23/17 at the USW Union Hall with Kurt, KC4NX presiding.

Kurt welcomed everyone and asked if any visitors present.

Kurt recognized the visitors who were: Jack Cutshaw, WB4PLD and Matt Tinker K4RAE

Kurt asked the members present to introduce themselves by name and call sign, taking turns going around the room.

Carroll read the treasurer's report with \$3242.60 in the club account with \$1420.00 allocated in the repeater fund.

Kurt reminded everyone about the VE testing session to be held Dec.11 at St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall. Exam time is 7:00 PM. Persons coming to take a test need to have an I.D. and the \$10.00 exam fee. Anyone for upgrade would also need to bring a copy of their existing license.

The annual club Christmas Party will be held 12/12/16. The time is 6:15 PM. The party will be held at St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall, located at 400 W. Broadway in Maryville. As in the past, members planning on attending are to bring some type of dish of food to share. The club will provide meat, rolls and beverages. A show of hands will be asked at the November meeting to determine how many plan on attending.

Kurt reminded the members that the club net meets on the club repeater frequency, 146.655 every Thursday at 7:00 pm local time. He said that volunteers are needed to serve as net control stations. Anyone interested should check with Melvin, WB5KSM or Kurt, KC4NX or Carroll, W4PCA.

Kurt reminded the members about the upcoming November club meeting when officers for the coming year will be nominated with election to follow. All officer positions are open for nominations.

Kurt told that the Friday breakfast sessions have moved from Cracker Barrel to the Midland Restaurant in the Midland Shopping Center in Alcoa. Breakfast time is 9:00 AM

The scheduled program for the evening was presented by Ed Martin, WA4GSR along with a short show and tell presented by Melvin Turner, WB5KSM. Melvin was on first and he told about how he got into fixing old tube radios after learning about electricity and electronics studying NRI manuals he was given by a family member. He told about finding an old radio on Ebay identical to one that belonged to his father and restoring it to get it working again. Melvin had brought one of his treasures with him to show at the meeting.

Ed's part of the program was similar to Melvins in that he is also in to restoring vintage tube radio gear. Ed brought his restored Lafayette HE-50 transceiver to show the members. Ed had pictures on his laptop PC and using the club's projector and screen was able to go through a lot of details on the restoration project.

Following the program a break was taken for some beverages and sweet treats.

While those present were finishing up their drinks and treats, Kurt set up Ed's laptop to show the pics taken at the recent Jamboree on the Air event that a few SMARC members volunteered to participate in. Paul Galentine, KM4LSM is the scout leader who invited the club to bring out some ham gear to the Field of Dreams where the scouts were camping for the weekend. Contacts were made on HF and VHF to demonstrate ham radio to several of the cub scouts in attendance at the campout.

The 50/50 drawing was held with Bob Glenn, W4ZTV being the lucky winner.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm