

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2010 SMARC MEETING

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 PM, 02/22/10 at the USW Union Hall with Randy, K4RDJ presiding.

There were 33 members and 3 visitors present.

The visitors attending: Lou, WB3JKQ; Charles, KJ4QJQ and Andy, KF4JQD

Randy opened meeting by asking the visitors to introduce themselves to the club. Members present also stated their name and call signs taking turns going around the room.

Randy asked Lou, WB3JKQ who was present representing the Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville to invite members and visitors to sign up to attend the annual RACK hamfest to be held in June at the Kerbela Temple. Lou had sign up forms available for those interested.

The program for the evening was presented by George, W4UWC. George brought a world map, a laser pointer and a tape player to the meeting. The audio portion consisted of taped QSO's George had recorded while working DX stations back in years prior. When a DX station announced his call sign, Lynn, W4NL who was using the laser pointer would illuminate the image of the DX station's country. George mentioned that as sunspot conditions improve, the upper frequency ham bands will become more usable for DX communications.

After the program, those attending took a break for cake, donuts and drinks.

Carroll read the treasurer's report. The club has \$1337.40 in the club account.

Carroll reported the recent exam session had no persons come to take a test.

Randy, K4RDJ presented Carroll a certificate and gift card in recognition of being the 9,000th station to call in to the club weekly 2M net held at 7:00 PM local time on the 146.655 club repeater.

Ed, K4ESB mentioned that there were no responses to the e-mail sent out about members participating in a 6 meter net. It was suggested that a future e-mail be sent out with a date, time and frequency for a trial 6 meter net.

At this time the door prize drawing was held with Tom, K9DLL winning a new Mouser catalog and George, W4UWC receiving the \$15.00 club check.

The meeting closed at 8:20 PM.