

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 20-OCT-09

I. Call to Order by Vice-President, Kurt WU8V at 7:04 PM.

II. Introductions, Upgrades, + Visitors

There was 1 Visitor present - Tom KD8GZE.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 15-Sep-09 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Mike N5WCS. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: \$2,856.29
Antenna fund: 2,458.26 (included in above)

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Mike N5WCS and seconded by Bill W8WRB.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

V. Membership Report by Bobby N8CY

We have 29 members who have paid their 2009 dues, and one paid thru 2010. Members are reminded to pay their 2009 dues.

Dave KD8FNH paid his 2010 dues at the meeting.

VI. Tech Committee + Nets + ARRL Liaison

The 2m repeater is ready for installation at new site. We need volunteers to help with installation. Target is to have it up and running within a month or so. The repeater has been running at Scott W1BIC's home before the permanent installation in Lake Orion.

We have 5' tripod and hardline. We need connectors + a 10' mast. Details of the installation procedure were discussed.

VII. Old Business

There will likely be a 1-Day Technician's Class in 1Q 2010.

VIII. New Business

Motion to make our customary donation to Trinity Lutheran Church of \$200 by Mike N5WCS and seconded by Scott W1BIC. Motion carried.

IX. Break – 7:45 PM to 8:06 PM

50/50 Raffle \$33 with \$16 going to the Club. Scott W1BIC was the \$16 winner and the \$1 Booby prize winner. Scott donated his winnings to the Antenna Fund.

There was a Door Prize Raffle organized by Kurt. Winners were Mike N5WCS, Bill W8WRB, Dina N8YJI, Ed KC8SVB, Mike N5WCS, and Bob KA8VSI.

X. Program – Tom KD8GZE – Ray W8PIE

Tom KD8GZE made a brief presentation on a 435 MHz Satellite antenna made from 14-gauge copper wire, PL-259 connector and Sched-30 PVC pipe. He also explained how he had tracked a satellite and made contacts.

Ray W8PIE presented a video of changing out a commercial TV antenna atop a VERY tall guyed tower. The operation lasted 2-3 days and was very scary. It detailed the complex operations of building a Jib atop the tower to remove and replace the antenna and many interesting sidelights.

XI. New Members & Attendance

16 Members attended, and there were 1 Visitors.

Total Collections to be delivered to the Treasurer:

50/50 Raffle	\$ 16.00
Antenna Fund	17.00 (Donated by W1BIC from 50/50)
Antenna Fund	22.00 (Door Prize Raffle)
Coffee Fund	<u>3.00</u>
Total --	\$ 58.00

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Next Membership Meeting **17-Nov-09** **7:00 PM Tuesday**

X. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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