

## GMARC MEETING MINUTES 16-MAR-10

**I. Call to Order** by the President, Kurt WU8V at 7:04 PM.

### **II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors**

There was two visitors, Sean Paul. And Tom KD8GZE. Bruce KD8MFR upgraded to General Class.

### **III. Minutes**

Minutes of the 16-Feb-10 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Mike N5WCS and seconded by Scott W1BIC. Motion carried.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance: \$2,942.96  
Antenna fund: \$2,239.00 (included in above)

### **V. Membership Report by Bobby N8CY**

We have 20 members who have paid their 2010 dues, including (2) who paid their dues at this meeting – George KB8VQP and new member Sean Paul. George also made a \$20 donation to the antenna fund.

### **VI. Tech Committee + Nets + ARRL Liaison**

The officers met on 8-Mar-10 and identified a new very robust antenna for the 2m repeater manufactured by Comsat. The list price is \$725 available from Bruce Reinhardt for \$550. The current plan is to reinstall the 2m repeater at the RenCen. We still need an EchoLink site.

Sean Paul's spouse works for REDICO and may be able to arrange an antenna site on the AT&T building in Troy. The Tech Committee will consider this proposal at a future date.

### **VII. Old Business**

- Trunk Swap dates will be May 22, and July 12 + a date in Sept TBD
- Program of April will be "Homebrew Show & Tell"

### **VIII. New Business**

- Field day coming up the last weekend in June.
- Michigan QSO party will be Saturday April 17.
- USECA Pre-Field Day *changed* to Sunday June 6 in Jet Ski area at Metro Beach
- Ben WB9FJO mentioned [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) which has an area for Amateur Radio for SE Michigan setup by Bruce KD8MFR

### **IX. Break**

50/50 raffle winner was Scott W1BIC who won \$14, with \$14 to the Club

## X. Inter Club Liaison Report – Jim K8LFE

- USECA is having a pre field day radio-a-thon @ Metro Beach, jet ski area on June 6th.
- USECA is providing radio communications for the “March of Dimes” march for babies at Metro Beach, April 25.
- Macomb County RACES will sponsor SKYWARN classes on March 31 7-9 PM, and April 10 10 AM – 12 Noon. Pre-registration required. Contact Paul [kc8bdk@kc8bdk.org](mailto:kc8bdk@kc8bdk.org) or Keith 586.469.6392. Classes to be held at the Macomb County ISD Bldg Garfield & Hall Roads – Room 103
- Packard Proving grounds is looking for volunteers to help with restoration of their 1920’s amateur station. Open house on 25-Apr-10 from 1-5 PM. Contact Andy at [a1xdrew@yahoo.com](mailto:a1xdrew@yahoo.com) Location is Van Dyke north of 22 Mile Rd.
- USECA is planning trunk swaps on July 25 and Aug 22 at the Elks Lodge in Mt. Clemens
- Arrow Club will sponsor bus to Dayton leaving Saturday at 4:30 AM from Ann Arbor. Cost is \$60. Contact Dan KB6NU at 734.930.6564.
- Oakland County SKYWARN classes will be held at Executive Building on Pontiac Lake Rd. Pre-registration required by calling 248.858.5300. Volunteers also needed for Woodward Dream Cruise. Om August.

## XI. Program

White Elephant Swap. There were 16 items in the swap, and all had a good time.

## XII. New Members & Attendance

14 Members attended, and there was 2 Visitors.

Total Collections to be delivered to the Treasurer:

50/50 Drawing	\$	14.00
Membership Dues	\$	40.00
Total	--	\$ 54.00

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

<b>Grand Rapids Swap</b>	<b>03-Apr-10</b>	
<b>Milford Swap</b>	<b>17-Apr-10</b>	
<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	<b>20-Apr-10</b>	<b>7:00 PM Tuesday</b>
<b>Dayton Hamfest</b>	<b>14,15,16-May-10</b>	
<b>Monroe Swap</b>	<b>20-Jun-10</b>	

## XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr, N8CY  
Acting Secretary – GMARC