

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 18-DEC-2012

Note: Beginning at 6:30 PM sharp, the Club hosted a "Free Pizza + Pop + Pizza Bread + Reese's Peanut Butter Cup "Trees" + Whitman Sampler + Hershey Pot 'O Gold **Christmas Party**. Much Pizza, Pop, and Candy was consumed by enthusiastic members and guests who attended the Annual **Christmas Party**.

I. Call to Order by the President, Kurt WU8V at 7:36 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There were (2) Visitors - Tom Luetz II KD8GZE, and Linda Line KD8SAI. These two visitors joined at this meeting and became Members of GMARC.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 20-Nov-2012 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Bill K8DBG and seconded by Tony W8OKX. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

GMARC Treasurer's Report

December 18, 2012

Last Statement Balance 20-Nov-2012	\$ 488.03
Membership Dues (Ed KC8SBV + Ron N8XZ added since Nov Mtg)	260.00
Coffee Fund	-0-
Door Prize Raffle	30.00
Check to Jim K8LFE for Door Prizes (Nov-Dec)	-39.89
Club Secretary - Office Supplies	-48.35
Christmas Party: Pop + Candy + Plates (This amount does not include Pizza or Ice)	<u>-45.75</u>
 December Bank Balance --	 \$ 644.04
 Repeater Fund	 -0-
General Fund	\$ 644.04

Motion to approve December Treasurer's Report by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Ben WB9FJO. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We have **25** members who have paid their 2013 dues, and 26 who have paid 2012 dues. 8 Members paid their 2013 dues at this meeting -- including (2) New Members + Scott W1BIC (Lifetime Member) made a \$20 Donation to the Club:

Robbin K1KNN	Bill K8DBG	Gary K8GWK	Tony W8OKX
Robert W8RLV	Ben WB9FJO	Tom KD8GZE (new)	Linda KD8SAI (new)

We now have a total of **25** members who have paid 2013 dues.

VI. SKYWARN Recognition Day 30-Nov-2012 (Gaylord, MI) - Scott W1BIC

Scott W1BIC gave a summary of the statistics for the team of Amateur Operators that participated in National SKYWARN Recognition Day at the Gaylord, MI Weather Station (WX8APX) on 30-Nov-2012 thru 1-Dec-2012. There were (4) GMARC members who participated -- Rich KC8HMJ, Linda KD8SAI, Bobby N8CY, and Scott W1BIC.

The weather was 29° F with 3" of snow on the ground at arrival, and the team put up "wire" antennae and made ready for the contest -- which began at 0000 Zulu (1900 EST) on Friday evening. The contest continued through 1900 EST on Saturday, and the team made a total of 39 contacts -- including 26 Weather Stations. Each Weather Station contact earned 2-points and "other" contacts earned 1-point.

The team earned a total of 65-points (26-Weather + 13-other) which earned an "EF-5 Tornado Achievement Certificate" for the Gaylord, MI Weather Station [4th from the *highest* level]. If the team had earned 2 more points, it would have earned a "Category 1 Hurricane Achievement Certificate".

A good time was had by all, and Scott W1BIC provided free lodging for out-of-town operators at **The Waters Inn** -- which is only 3-miles from the Weather Station. Rich KC8HMJ was operating on his snazzy Software Defined Radio (SDR), and Scott W1BIC was using his trusty iCom HF rig. Band conditions were not the best, but not all that bad either. Most of the contacts were made on 40 meters LSB, with most of the remaining on 20 meters USB. There were 2-contacts on 80 meters LSB.

A copy of the contact log for WX8APX was provided to all meeting attendees with Weather Station contacts highlighted in "**Red**". (If you were not *in attendance* at the meeting, you have **no idea** of the significance of this statement!)

Scott W1BIC invited all GMARC members to participate next year -- the first weekend after Thanksgiving 2013 at the Gaylord Weather Station -- same deal: Free Lodging at **The Waters Inn** for out-of-town participants! (www.TheWatersInn.com)

Hats off to Scott, Rich, Linda, and Bobby for a job well done!

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Jim K8LFE (no report)

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE

EchoLink® is working. 443.075 MHz Repeater is running **extremely** well.

Ray W8PIE has been working all this week making ready to re-install the 2m Repeater back on top of the Marriott Hotel at the RenCen. He is getting **very close** to having it operational at the RenCen.

IX. Election of 2013 GMARC Officers + Directors for GMARC

Motion to close the nominations for 2013 GMARC Officers + Directors by Bobby N8CY and seconded by Ray W8PIE. Motion carried.

Ballots for Officers + Directors for 2013 were counted by Scott W1BIC and Tom KD8GZE. The results of the election were:

President	Kurt WU8V
Vice President	Marty KB8JIU
Secretary	Bobby N8CY
Treasurer	Ed KC8SBV
Director-at-Large	Ben WB9FJO
	Rich KC8HMJ

Congratulations to our newly elected slate of Officers and Directors for 2013. The Club thanks those candidates who were not elected for their willingness to serve in leadership positions.

X. Presentation + Discussion: Proposed Change to GMARC By-Laws

Kurt W1BIC gave an overview of the Proposed By-Laws Change (DRAFT v1.5 previously sent via eMail to all GMARC members, and copies of which were available at the meeting). The purpose of this change is to create a new class of membership in GMARC -- Heritage Members. This new class of membership is designated specifically for *former* members of the organization known as **The Firebird Radio Club** -- the first General Motors amateur radio club -- founded in 1966.

Val N8OEF asked what would be the "benefit" of a former Firebird joining GMARC. There were numerous answers given by several different Club members; e.g. "recognition", "unity", common participation in InfoNets, etc.

It was noted by Scott W1BIC that The Firebird ARC is part of the Generations of GM History and is *proudly* acknowledged at the **GM Heritage** web site:

http://history.gmheritagecenter.com/wiki/index.php/Firebird_Amateur_Radio_Club

Scott further stated that the purpose of Heritage Membership is to honor and celebrate members of the **first** General Motors amateur radio club.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Bobby N8CY and seconded by Robbin K1KNN to "Approved the wording of the proposed By-Laws Change -- as contained in a DRAFT v1.5 dated 10-Dec-2012". Motion passed.

Passing of this motion "starts the clock" on the By-Laws approval process (as defined in the GMARC By-Laws). This process requires the Secretary to send-out (via eMail or US Mail) a copy of the approved wording prior to the next meeting (15-Jan-2013) where the Ballot Vote will be taken to approve the proposed changes.

Dues Paid members can vote by Absentee Ballot if they are unable to attend the 15-Jan-2013 meeting. Absentee Ballots were available at this meeting, and some members cast Absentee Ballots -- which will be counted in January, 2013 when the final Ballot Vote will occur. A plurality (50%) of votes cast is required to approve a By-Laws Change for GMARC.

XI. Attendance + Funds Collected

16 Members attended + 2 Visitors (The 2 Visitors joined GMARC at this meeting -- so the "count" at the end of the meeting was: 18 members attended.)

The following funds were collected and delivered to the Treasurer:

Membership Dues	\$150.00
Coffee Fund	1.25
Donation by W1BIC	<u>20.00</u>
Total --	\$171.25

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

**Next GMARC Membership Meeting
(Ballot Vote: Changes to GMARC By-Laws)**

Hazel Park ARC 47th Annual Hamfest
Livonia ARC 42nd Annual Swap & Shop

15-Jan-2013 7:00 PM Tuesday

20-Jan-2013 8:00 AM Sunday
17-Feb-2013 8:00 AM Sunday

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr - N8CY
Secretary – GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

January 12, 2012 (Pro-Forma)

Last Statement Balance 18-Dec-2012	\$ 644.04
Coffee Fund	1.25
Donation W1BIC	20.00
Donation AC8AO	30.00
Membership Dues	40.00
Filing of Annual Non-Profit Org Report to State	-20.00
December Pizza Party	-96.11
Office Max Refund - Returned Secty Supplies	2.69
Office Max Purchase - Secty Supplies	-2.79
Donation to Trinity Lutheran Church	-200.00
RenCen Utilities for 6-months	-150.00
Bank Service Fees	<u>-0.90</u>

January Bank Balance -- **\$ 418.18**

Repeater Fund -0-
General Fund \$ 418.18