

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 16-APR-2013
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I. Call to Order by the President, Kurt WU8V at 7:10 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There were (3) Visitors -- Brian KA8EAO, Steven WB2HHV, Pete Higgins - No Call Upgrade: Bob KD8THG - General. Congratulations Bob!

(18) Members were in attendance.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 19-Mar-2013 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve the March minutes by Scott W1BIC and seconded by Bill K8DBG. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

GMARC Treasurer's Report

April 16, 2013

Last Statement Balance 19-Mar-2013	\$ 597.32
Coffee Fund	6.55
Membership Dues (Regular)	90.00
State of Michigan - Raffle Registration (N8CY)	-17.58
March Meeting Raffle	<u>33.00</u>

April Bank Balance -- **\$ 709.29**

Repeater Fund	-0-
New Member Mailpiece Fund	
(+334.00 -323.04)	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	50.00
General Fund	\$ 648.33

Motion to approve April Treasurer's Report by Matry KB8JIU and seconded by Ray W8PIE. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We had **38** regular members who had paid their 2013 dues, prior to this meeting. The following member paid his dues at this meeting:

Bill K8DBG

We now have a total of **39** regular members who have paid 2013 dues. We currently have **14** Heritage members, of which (3) have paid dues of \$10.00 each.

VI. Inter-Club Liaison – Kurt WU8V

Meeting Schedule:

L'Anse Creuse ARC	1st Wednesday@ 7:30 PM
USECA	2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM (Food Prior @ 6:00 PM)
Hazel Park ARC	2nd Wednesday @ 7:00 PM
General Motors ARC	3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

Upcoming SWAPS:

Milford ARC	20-Apr-2013
Cadillac ARC	04-May-2013
Dayton HAMvention	May 17-19, 2013
Hudsonville (SW of GR)	01-Jun-2013
Chelsea ARC	02-Jun-2013
Monroe ARC	16-Jun-2013
GMARC Trunk Swap	20-Jul-2013
Lansing ARC	27-Jul-2013
GMARC Trunk Swap	21-Sep-2013 * Raffle Drawing for Yaesu FT-7900 Dual Band Mobile + \$50 Belle Tire Gift Certificate & Other Prizes.

USECA is raffling off an **Elecraft® KX3 transceiver** + Microphone + Antenna Tuner. Tickets are \$25 each, and ticket sales will be limited to 125. Drawing will be at the USECA Swap in October, 2013 (or **sooner** -- if all tickets are sold). Less than (45) tickets remain to be sold.

Macomb County SKYWARN Siren Test Crew -- First Saturday of every month at 1:00 PM needs additional participants.

Last SKYWARN Macomb County Class - 20-Apr-2013 @ 9:30 AM. MISD Building, 440 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp, MI Room #100B. Must register by calling 586.469.6392.

Macomb County RACES/ARPSC meeting Thursday 18-Apr-2013 at 7:00 PM in Room 104 MISD Bldg, 440 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp. Contact Paul Reinhardt - KC8DBK@KC8DBK.org; www.WA8MAC.net.

Mutual Aid of Macomb County - Exercise is Saturday 27-Apr-2013 - Contact Paul KC8BDK@arrl.net.

ARRL Michigan Section 15th Annual Summer Family Outing will be at Woodland Conference Center and Campground in Hale, MI this year. 20-miles from Tanger Outlet Mall in West Branch, MI. Dates are: **July 11-14, 2103**. This year's theme is: **COWBOYS**. Dress in your best Western Gear, and decorate your campsite/car with Old West themed items. Prizes will be given for best dressed couple or individual, best decorated campsite, and best decorated vehicle. Bring along your HF Station + Antenna! More Information and Photos: www.SectionOuting.info

Kurt WU8V noted that he still has Raffle Tickets from the North Macomb Sportsman's Club for the "Gun A Week Giveaway". The first drawing will be 04-Jul-2013 and every week thereafter for 52-weeks. The price of tickets is \$20 for one or \$50 for three.

VII. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE

The EchoLink® card has been replaced, and EchoLink® is now fully operational. He noted that we are running a modified version of EchoLink® as designed by WD2REM. Ray noted that any crashes in EchoLink® appear to be specific to the iPhone.

443.075 MHz Repeater has been a little noisy. Ray is looking into that issue.

VIII. New Member II Mail-out Postcard

The concept presented at the Board of Directors meeting is that the Raffle Tix be used as incentive in our ongoing membership drive for 2013. Specifically, that the Club has printed (500) follow-up regular size postcards (approx. \$55.00) and that a "follow-up" campaign is being implemented now that the (496) mailpieces had been sent-out. The concept of the follow-up program is:

- At Club Expense, (500) regular size postcards (non-glossy) were printed for follow-up with a "white space" for personal comments by the Club Member sending out the postcard
- Note: **Non-glossy** so the member can **write** on the card with a ballpoint pen!
- Members of the Club were given (20) address labels from the original list and (10) postcards to be sent-out at the Club Member's expense -- **33¢** each (\$3.30)
- The Club member are to "cull" (10) from the (20) using the type of criteria suggested by Scott W1BIC at the 12-Feb-2013 BOD meeting and affix **their own 33¢** postage stamp to mail these cards
- Any prospective New Member who attends the 21-May-2013 meeting will be given (2) **Free** Tickets in the upcoming raffle of a Dual Band Mobile Transceiver. *The members responsible for the prospective New Member coming will **also** be give (2) Free Tickets!*
- The attendee will also be given an opportunity to purchase (4) **additional** tickets @ \$5.00 each and receive a **Free Membership** in the Club (for the balance of 2013).
- **33¢** postage stamps were available at the meeting so that each members did not have to go to the Post Office to get stamps. Most members present participated in this program.

IX. Update - GMARC Raffle (as a Fundraiser) in 2013 - Drawing 21-Sep-2013

The MAIN prize will be a Yaesu FT-7900R -- Dual Band / Single Watch (HRO-Atlanta price \$294.95 with \$20 mail-in rebate + free shipping). Bobby N8CY noted that there are (11) additional ancillary prizes listed on the back of the Raffle Ticket to be given away. Tickets were available at the meeting, and several members present purchased tickets.

The date for the September Trunk Swap was **changed** to 21-Sep-2013, and has been registered with ARRL. The drawing will be held at the September Trunk Swap. Kurt WU8V will make sure that the 20-Jul-2013 and the 21-Sep-2013 Trunk Swaps are on the Trinity Lutheran Church calendar.

IX. New Business: Election of BOD Member-At-Large to Replace Ben WB9FJO

Kurt noted that Ben WB9FJO has requested a leave of absence from the GMARC Board of Directors. The GMARC By-Laws require this position to be filled by a vote of the membership.

Tony W8OKX nominated by Bobby N8CY. Robbin K1KNN nominated by Ray W8PIE. Tony W8OKX was elected by the show of hands.

XI. Break - 8:10 PM - 8:40 PM

XII. Presentation: Switch-Mode Power Supplies (SMPS) - Bobby N8CY

Bobby N8CY gave a very interesting and informative presentation on Switch-Mode Power Supplies (SMPS).

XIII. Attendance + Funds Collected

18 Members attended. There were (3) Visitors.

The following funds were collected and delivered to the Treasurer:

Membership Dues	\$ 20.00	- (1-regular - Bill K8DBG)
Donation (Robbin - K1KNN)	3.40	
Coffee Fund	<u>4.70</u>	
Total --	\$ 28.10	

Raffle Tickets:

There were (10) Raffle Tickets sold at the meeting. These funds were not turned over to the Treasurer.

Dr. Bob	KD8THG	\$20
Bob	N9QGU	\$10
Scott	W1BIC	\$20

Bobby N8CY, Rich KC8HMJ, and Bill K8DBG all went to the Milford Swap on 20-Apr-2013 and had a successful day at the table provided by the Milford ARC at No Charge to GMARC. Items from members were sold, and a total of (35) Raffle Tickets were sold -- including (5) New Members -- who purchased (4) Raffle Tickets each. A total of \$175 was collected in Raffle Ticket sales at the Milford Swap.

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Milford ARC Annual Swap & Shop	20-Apr-2013 8:00 AM Saturday
Dayton HamVention 2013	May 17-19, 2013 Fri, Sat, Sun
Next GMARC Membership Meeting	21-May-2013 7:00 PM Tuesday
Field Day 2013	June 22-23, 2013
GMARC Trunk Swap	20-Jul-2013 8:00 AM Saturday
Lansing ARC Swap & Shop	27-Jul-2013 8:00 AM Sunday
GMARC Trunk Swap + Raffle Drawing	21-Sep-2013 8:00 AM Saturday
Kalamazoo ARC Swap & Shop	20-Oct-2012 8:00 AM Sunday

XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY
Secretary – GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

May 14, 2013 (Pro-Forma)

Last Statement Balance 16-Apr-2013	\$ 709.29
Raffle Tickets	225.00
Coffee Fund	4.70
Membership Dues (Regular)	20.00
Donation (Robbin - K1KNN)	<u>3.40</u>

May Bank Balance -- **\$ 962.39**

Repeater Fund	-0-
Raffle Fund	207.42
(+225.00 -17.58)	
New Member Mailpiece Fund	
(+334.00 -323.04)	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	50.00
General Fund	\$ 694.01