

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 17-Mar-2015

I. Call to Order by the President, Marty KB8JIU at 7:05 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

Visitor: Frank Sonye W8FKZ who passed his Amateur Extra as of 16-Mar-2015. Frank also joined GMARC at this meeting.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 17-Feb-2105 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve the February minutes by Linda KD8SAI and seconded by Bill KD8DBG. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

GMARC Treasurer's Report

March 17, 2015

Last Statement Balance 17-Feb-2015	\$ 1,752.08
Membership Dues	20.00
Heritage Member Dues	10.00
Door Prize Raffle Raffle	33.00
MI State Filing - Annual Corporation Report	-20.00
PayPal Donations (Repeater Fund)	160.00
- Prem AC8QV \$100	
- Marty KB8JIU \$30	
- Charlene KC8PIC \$30	
Repeater Fund	440.00
- Bruce AC8AO \$100	
- Bill K8DBG \$100	
- Richard KC8HMJ \$100	
- Ben WB9FJO \$50	
- Bob KD8THG \$50	
- Charlene KC8PIC \$25	
- Marty KB8JIU \$15	
Coffee Fund	<u>3.60</u>
March Bank Balance --	\$ 2,398.68
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
Raffle Fund	338.58
Repeater Fund*	790.00
General Fund	812.54

Motion to approve March Treasurer's Report by Kurt WU8V and seconded by Linda KD8SAI. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We have **23** members who paid their 2015 dues, and **36** Heritage Members.

The following members paid their 2015 dues at the meeting:

Ed KC8SBV Frank W8FKZ (new member)

VI. Rochester Crop Walk

The Rochester Crop Walk has been moved to the Spring. Linda Riggs has moved on, and we will have a new contact person. The contact phone number is still the same at Rochester Area Neighborhood House (RANH) 248.651.5836 director@ranh.org

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

A list of all upcoming swaps in Michigan thru December 2015 was passed around.

Details of upcoming GMARC Trunk Swaps to be held at Packard Proving Grounds - 49965 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Charter Township, MI 48317 beginning at 8:00 AM:

18-Jul-2015 Saturday 19-Sep-2015 Saturday

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Kurt WU8V

Motion by Bob KD8THG to **spend** the \$800 authorized at the 17-Feb-2015 meeting to purchase a new 2m iCom repeater from Scott Adams AC8IL and seconded by Kurt WU8V. Motion carried.

Kurt noted that donations to the Repeater Fund can be made via PayPal - treas@gmarc.org.

The coordination filings (TDS) for both of our repeaters have been filed with MiARC and were approved on 9-Jan-2015. These filings will carry us to January 2107 (2-years).

IX. Repeater Fund

Subsequent to the Technical Committee Report, there was a review of the Repeater Fund. The following members made donations to the Repeater Fund at the 17-Feb-2015 meeting:

Ben WB9FJO	\$ 50.00	Richard KC8HMJ	\$100.00
Bob KD8THG	\$ 50.00	Bill K8DBG	\$100.00
Marty KB8JIU	\$ 15.00	Charlene KC8PIC	\$ 25.00
Bruce AC8AO	\$100.00		

Note: Marty KB8JIU had previously donated \$95.00 to the Repeater Fund.

The following donations were made via PayPal since the 17-Feb-2015 meeting:

Prem AC8QV	\$100.00	Marty KB8JIU + Charlene KC8PIC	\$60.00
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The following members made pledges to make future contributions to the Repeater Fund:

Ray W8PIE	\$100.00	Kurt WU8V	\$100.00
Bobby N8CY	\$100.00		

This brings the projected Repeater Fund balance to \$1,090.00.

X. New Business

The GMARC Constitution has been changed. The GMARC Board of Directors voted unanimously at its 10-Mar-2015 meeting to make changes to the GMARC Constitution to make it explicitly clear that GMARC is a 100% Charitable Organization and to make Article III (Membership) is equivalent to Article I (Membership) of the By-Laws; i.e. Membership in GMARC is open to **all** persons interested in Amateur Radio, and one does not have to be associated with General Motors Corporation to be a member.

Bobby N8CY noted that we have cookies to eat with our coffee on the break tonight. If the members wish this to continue, you are encouraged to make a generous donation to the Coffee Fund in the Styrofoam cup next to the coffee maker. The members have spoken..... We collected \$16.67 in the Coffee Fund for this meeting.

Kurt WU8V noted that the the following exams are required to obtain ARPSC certification – IS-22, IS-100, IS-200, IS-700. In addition IS-800 is required for RACES. These are “open book” and self-administered exams. A list of course materials and exams for these and other FEMA sponsored independent study can be found OnLine at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>. There is no fee to take these exams, and you will receive a certificate via **eMail** upon successful completion of the final exam for each course.

IS-100	Introduction to Incident Command System
IS-200	ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
IS-700	National Incident Management System (NIMS) – An Introduction
IS-800	National Response Framework – An Introduction
IS-22	An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness

Additional information will be available at the Macomb County RACES meeting -- Thursday, 19-Mar-2015 at 7:00 PM at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) building -- West Side of Garfield South of Macomb Community Hall just before 19 Mile Rd. eMail Kurt at WU8V@wowway.com if you have any questions.

Literally 100s of Amateur Operators **cannot participate** and will be turned-away if they are not "trained"; i.e. have ARPSC/RACES certification by taking the above enumerated exams and have a badge from the County where they are certified; e.g. Oakland or Macomb.

Bob KD8THG noted that he has information on Oakland County ARPSC/RACES if anyone is interesting in learning more about or joining Oakland County Emergency Preparedness.

Ron KD8SAB noted that there will be SKYWARN training on Saturday, 28-Mar-2015 at Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) on Garfield just before 19 Mile Rd.

Bobby N8CY stated that he would order Embroidered GMARC Logo "gear" from Queensboro if at least (10) person commit to purchase. The approximate prices are:

- Jacket \$35
- Polo Shirt \$17
- Hat \$10

Ron KD8SAY expressed interest in a hat.

XI. Dayton Hamvention - Bus Trip 16-May-2015

ARROW Communications Association (ARA) will again sponsor a Bus Trip to the Dayton Hamvention on Saturday 16-May-2015. The cost is \$55 for ARA members, and \$65 for non-member. Your bus ticket does **NOT** include admission to the Dayton Hamvention (\$25 for a one-day pass).

Annual dues for ARA are \$20 -- so it makes sense to join ARA and get the member price -- while you are supporting our Sister Club in Ann Arbor. Departure is 4:30 AM from the Park-and-Ride lot beside Ann

Arbor Pioneer H.S. (diagonally across the street from University of Michigan Stadium) arriving in Dayton at 8:00 AM. A snack breakfast will be served on the bus going down. Departure from Dayton is at 5:00 PM - with a stop along the way for dinner and arriving back in Ann Arbor around 9:00 PM.

Mail at check for \$65 (or \$75 if you wish to join ARA) to:

ARROW Communications Association
3322 Yellowstone Dr
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

You may also pay via PalPal on the ARA website: www.w8pgw.org.

XII. GMARC Charity Raffle as a Fundraiser

Details of the proposed GMARC Charity Raffle: Tickets will be \$5.00 each. As has been past practice, if a person purchases (4) tickets for \$20.00, he will receive a free 2015 membership in GMARC. The prize will be a Dual Band Mobile Transceiver (e.g. Yaesu FT-7900R). Drawing will be 15-Dec-2015 at the GMARC Christmas Party.

We have not yet obtained a Raffle License from the State Gaming Commission. Since the Raffle Registration number is required to be on the Raffle Tickets, we cannot *print* tickets until the license is obtained.

XIII. Break 7:52 PM - 8:15 PM

Winner of the 50/50 Raffle was 117 Bill W8DBG - \$22.00

XIV. Presentation – Bring Your Own Cell Phone + Fav Apps - Richard KC8HMJ

Richard KC8HMJ led a discussion about various members' current cell phone and description their favorite apps:

Bob KA8VSI: It makes phone calls!

Kurt WU8V: "WISER" (Wireless Info Sys for Emerg Responders)- Look-up of hazardous material placards (by #)

"MPING" - Weather Emergency (You can send a report to NOAA)

"Electro Droid" - Resistor color codes, surface mount codes for capacitors and resistors, wire-outs for CAT5 cable, etc.

"APRS Messenger"

"APRS Droid"

Bob KD8THG: "Mil GPS" - Location in Military Coordinates

"Radar Scope" - Live Weather

"DTE Energy" - View electrical power outages in the DTE service area

"Pocket Packet"

"HAM Log" - Recording Amateur Radio contacts

"Repeater Handbook" - Provides a listing of Repeaters within a 25-mile radius of your GPS location

Richard KC8HMJ: "SOTA" - Locates highest elevation ground (formed by nature); e.g. a mountain

"DX Fun" - Where current HF activity is by frequency

"QST" - Mobile version of ARRL Member Magazine (QT)

"Duck Duck Go" - Search Engine with no tracing of your activity

"HRO" - Mobile app of Ham Radio Outlet

"MCXF" - 15 second radio beacons

"EchoLink" - Connect to EchoLink repeaters (e.g. WW8GM) via cell phone

"Ham Radio Call" - Gives azimuth of a call sign from your GPS location to aim your antenna

"A to B" - Gives distance between 2 points

"UTC Chart" - Converts time to UTC (Zulu)

"AM Stations" - Converts Call Sign to Frequency or vice versa

"AM Towers" - Identifies call sign of a radio tower based on your GPS location

Ed KC8SBV - "GLStr" - HF Band on your cell phone

"Annoy" - Makes various annoying sounds
 Bobby N8CY - "QR Reader" - decodes those little squares that contain digital information
 "Emoticons HQ" - Additional emoticons you can add to text messages
 "MakkaMappa Lite" - Allows you to make a printable map of a given area
 "Key Ring" - Allows you to store the bar codes of all your frequent shopper cards
 "Out of Milk" - Shopping List (can be coordinated among several persons)
 "QRZ" - Mobile functionality of www.QRZ.com
 "USPS Mobile" - Mobile app of U.S. Postal Service
 "USPS Postage" - Calculate postage required to mail a letter or package
 "Sportsmans Guide" - Mobile app of www.SportsmansGuide.com -- everything you ever wanted in hunting clothes + footwear, athletic shoes, gear, ammunition, duck decoys, and knives plus some really nice quilts and comforters with hunting motifs..... They also sell Military Surplus gear in their "HQ" catalogue. It will come as no surprise that their toll-free number is 800.888.30-06 (thirty aught six Springfield) -- aka 7.62×63 mm in metric notation and called "30 Gov't 06" by Winchester. If you are not on their mailing list, you should be -- call their toll-free number or visit them at www.SportsmansGuide.com!
 "Translate" - Translates one language into another (many choices)
 Scott W1BIC - "WAZE" - Where the Cops, road construction, etc. are located. Displays a real-time GPS map of where you are on a trip. Updates are provided realtime by others (and you) logged-in to the app.
 "Be My Eyes" - An interesting public service app where a blind person and a sighted person are "paired-up", and the blind persons can hold up something to his cell phone camera and ask the sighted person to tell him what it is (or to describe it).

This was a highly successful presentation led by Richard KC8HMJ with participation by *many* who attended the meeting.

XV. Attendance + Funds Collected

50/50 Raffle	\$ 22.00
Coffee Fund	16.67
Dues	<u>40.00</u>
Total --	\$ 78.67

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Next Membership Meeting	19-May-15	7:00 PM Tuesday
Cadillac Hamfest	02-May-15	8:00 PM Saturday - Cadillac, MI
Cooper County RAA Hamfest	09-May-15	8:00 PM Saturday - Chassel, MI
Dayton Hamvention	May 15-16, 2015	Dayton, OH
Independent Repeaters Assn	06-Jun-15	8:00 PM Saturday - Hudsonville, MI
Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop	07-Jun-15	8:00 PM Sunday - Chelsea, MI
Milford Hamfest	20-Jun-15	8:00 PM Saturday - Milford, MI
Monroe Hamfest	21-Jun-15	8:00 PM Sunday - Monroe, MI

Motion to adjourn by Linda KD8SAA and seconded by Bill K8DBG.

XVI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bobby Corr N8CY, Secretary - GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

April 4, 2015 (Pro Forma)

Last Statement Balance 17-Mar-2015	\$ 2,398.68
Membership Dues	40.00
50/50 Raffle Raffle	22.00
Coffee Fund	<u>16.67</u>
April Bank Balance --	\$ 2,477.35
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
Raffle Fund	338.58
Repeater Fund*	790.00
General Fund	891.21
Additional Repeater Fund Pledges	300.00
- Ray W8PIE \$100	
- Bobby N8CY \$100	
- Kurt WU8V \$100	
*Projected Repeater Fund Balance	\$1,090.00