

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 20-Oct-2015

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I. Call to Order by the President, Tony W8OKX at 7:10 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There were 2 Visitors: John K8ZEC and Dave K8TGV. Dick KE8BFF passed his general.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 15-Sep-2105 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve the September minutes by Kurt WU8V and seconded by Frank W8FKZ. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

GMARC Treasurer's Report

October 20, 2015

Last Statement Balance 15-Sep-2015	\$ 1,819.38
Membership Dues	20.00
Door Prize Raffle	16.00
Coffee Fund	6.02
Raffle Ticket Sales:	
- GMARC Meeting 15-Sep-2015	5.00
- September Trunk Swap 19-Sep-2015	100.00
Auto Owners Liability Insurance	-295.00
September Trunk Swap (Admissions)	<u>75.00</u>

October Bank Balance -- \$ 1.746.40

New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
Raffle Fund	441.08
Repeater Fund*	178.90
General Fund	715.46

Additional Repeater Fund Pledges 100.00
- Kurt WU8V \$100

*Projected Repeater Fund Balance \$ 278.90

Motion to approve June Treasurer's Report by Kurt WU8V and seconded by Prem AC8QV. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report – Bobby N8CY

We have **33** members who paid their 2015 dues, and **36** Heritage Members.

The following members paid their 2016 Membership Dues at the October meeting:

Ron KD8SAB

Frank W8FKZ

Dave W8RIT

John K8ZEC (new member)

VI. Rochester Scare Away Hunger 5K Walk – Bobby N8CY

The date for the Rochester Hills Scare Away Hunger Walk will be Saturday, 24-Oct-2015 – Registration starts at 7:30 AM, and the race starts at 8:30 AM. Note that the race location has been changed from downtown Rochester to the Village of Rochester Hills – NE Corner of Adams & Walton Blvd. GMARC will again provide Emergency Communications for this event. We will use the “Hocket Channel” 146.535 MHz Simplex for communications. The following members agreed to volunteer:

Prem AC8QV	Marty KB8JIU	Charlene KC8PIC
Bobby N8CY	Scott W1BIC	Bruce KD8MFR
Ben WB9FJO	Frank W8FKZ	Ray W8PIE

Thanks to all the volunteers for making this event a success!

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

Next GMARC Meeting	17-Nov-15	7:00 PM Tuesday
USECA Hamfest	25-Oct-15	8:00 AM Sunday – Madison Hts, MI
LCARC Swap Hamfest	6-Dec-15	8:00 AM Sunday – Harrison Twp, MI

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Kurt WU8V / John K8ZEC

EchoLink computer and transceiver needs a new home. Prem AC8QV has agreed to take the Echolink. Prem will meet with Ray W8PIE to pick-up existing equipment on 30-Oct-2015 We should fully investigate the possibility of migrating to a Raspberry Pi processor after this relocation takes place. Marty KB8JIU has information on another repeater that has a complete configuration for a Raspberry Pi to run EchoLink.

2m repeater is back in operation at the top of the RenCen as of 13-Aug-2015. Open issues:

- 2-1/2 KHz audio deviation
- Timeout on transceiver (as opposed to the controller)
- Audio Quality (white noise)

Pictures of serial numbers were taken during installation per Scott W1BIC.

Members were encouraged to put 145.210 - 123 Hz PL back in their 2m radios.

IX. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear

Frank W8FKZ requested an XL Gray Shirt. We will need (4) items in each category (e.g. shirt / hat / jacket) to place an order. Tony is also interested in a Gray Shirt XXL.

X. Old Business

Tony W8OKX has contacted the acting Principal of Trinity Lutheran School and the final answer is No to our request to put-up our SSC certificate in Room 204

Dick KD8BFF brought-up HB 1301 for support through ARRL. Letters will be available at the USECA Swap that can be signed, and they will be mailed in-bulk to our U.S. Representatives.

Kurt WU8V brought up the subject of a White Elephant Raffle at the December meeting. There was considerable discussion – Motion by Kurt WU8V and seconded by Dave W8RIT to have a White Elephant Raffle at the December meeting. Motion carried.

USECA is still making tentative plans for a Bus to Dayton in 2016:

- \$20 Deposit required to make a reservation
- \$50 Additional by 8-Feb-2016 (Total \$70)

- Depart from Warren, MI
- Gary WA8FEA is the contact at USECA

XI. New Business

Dave W8RIT brought up the possibility of having GMARC supporting a Boy Scout Jamboree event on HAM Radio. Dave will have a official of the District BSA contact Bobby N8CY about making a presentation on the requirements for such an event More information @ www.MichiganScouting.org

Dave W8RIT suggested that GMARC sponsor an operating event at a nursing home or assisted living center. No action was taken

Dave W8RIT suggested that GMARC sponsor a "New Ham Event". Communications would be 2m Simplex with a certificate to the New Ham with the most contacts. No action was taken.

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 for the balance of the current year. The prize will be a Yaesu FT-7900R Dual Band Mobile Transceiver + 19 other prizes donated by local merchants. Drawing will be 15-Dec-2015 at the GMARC Christmas Party.

Richard KC8HMJ has a table at the USECA Swap, and we will be selling tickets at his table. We may also have the opportunity to sell tickets at the Scare Away Hunger 5K Run on 24-Oct-2015 and the L'Anse Creuse Hamfest of 6-Dec-2015. We need to support of GMARC members to buy tickets. We are running well behind the proceeds from two years ago. Tickets are available on the break! We sold \$20 in tickets at the meeting and another \$105 in tickets at the USECA Swap.

XIII. Break 8:15 PM - 8:30 PM

There was a 50/50 Prize Raffle (plus ARRL \$25 Gift Certificate) with club proceeds \$17.50.

XIV. Presentation – JetStream JT270M 10-watt dual band mobile transceiver – Dick KE8BFF

Dick KE8BFF made an interesting and informative presentation on the new Chinese made JetStream JT270M 10-watt dual band mobile transceiver. This is a extremely small rig and can be purchased from www.K1CRA.com for \$135.99 with a programming cable. Dick has an Excel Spreadsheet with all the repeaters in SE Michigan and can provide it to anyone interested from programming a mobile or HT radio.

More information @ www.jetstream-usa.com www.K1CRA.com

XV. Attendance + Funds Collected

13 Members attended, and there were 2 visitors.

Coffee Fund	\$ 11.25
Door Prize Raffle	17.50
Dues	60.00
Raffle Tickets	<u>20.00</u>
Total --	\$ 108.75

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

USECA 2015 Swap `n Shop	25-Oct-15	8:00 AM Sunday – Madison Heights, MI
LCARC Swap Hamfest	6-Dec-15	8:00 AM Sunday – Harrison Twp, MI
Hazel Park 50th Annual Swap	24-Jan-16	8:00 AM Sunday – Madison Heights, MI
Livonia ARC 45th Swap & Shop	21-Feb-16	8:00 AM Sunday – Livonia, MI

Motion to adjourn by Linda KD8SAB and seconded by Kurt WU8V.

XVI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY, Secretary - GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

November 17, 2015

Last Statement Balance 20-Oct-2015	\$ 1,746.40
Membership Dues	60.00
50/50+ Prize Raffle	17.50
Coffee Fund	11.30
Raffle Ticket Sales:	
- USECA Swap 25-Oct-2015	105.00
- GMARC Meeting 20-Oct-2015	<u>20.00</u>

November Bank Balance -- \$ 1,960.20

New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
Raffle Fund	586.08
Repeater Fund*	178.90
General Fund	784.21

Additional Repeater Fund Pledges 100.00
- Kurt WU8V \$100

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Agenda

November 17, 2015

I. Call to Order – Marty KB8JIU Presiding

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

III. Minutes – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)

IV. Treasurer's Report – Page 5 of Minutes – Ed KC8SBV (Motion to Approve)

V. Membership Report – Bobby N8CY

VI. Rochester Scare Away Hunger 5K Walk – Bobby N8CY

Thanks to (soggy) Volunteers! We had a "good time" in the Rain.

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE

IX. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear – Bobby N8CY

X. Old Business

HB 1301 Status – Robbin K1KNN

USECA Bus Trip to Dayton (Status) – Dick KE8BFF

GMARC Charity Raffle as a Fundraiser – Bobby N8CY

XI. New Business

Nomination of Officers and Directors for 2016

"Work Recognition Event" 15-Dec-2015 Meeting beginning at 6:30 PM

SKYWARN Recognition Day @ Gaylord, MI Weather Station Dec 4-5, 2015 – Scott W1BIC

XIII. Break – (7:45 – 8:00 PM)

50/50 Prize Raffle Plus \$25 Gift Certificate from ARRL

XIIV. 8:00 PM Presentation – Jerry Begel, W9NPI, will present another of his "History of Telegraphy" lectures. This one is called *The Singing Arc--Unconventional Transmission Techniques*.

He will again explore some "Things that we may have missed," in a lively presentation that will cover: the development of Needle and Sounder Telegraphy systems

- Undersea Cable adventures
- "What might have been:"
 - James Bowman Lindsey's Underwater Wireless
 - Mahlon Loomis' *1864 Aerial Communications* (With his Rehabilitation by cousin Mary Texanna Loomis)
- Duddell's *Singing Arc* experiments, with Poulsen's refinements
- *Spinning Wheels*: Yosami and Grimeton, and why alternator and generator transmitters were essential throughout WW II

XV. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)