

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 17-Nov-2015

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

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There was 1 Visitor: Jerry W9NPI

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 20-Oct-2105 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve the October minutes by Robbin K1KNN and seconded by Tony W8OKX. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Ed KC8SBV

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	
*Projected Repeater Fund Balance	\$ 278.90

Motion to approve November Treasurer's Report by Kurt WU8V and seconded by Don K7SDF. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report – Bobby N8CY

We have **33** members who paid their 2015 dues, and **36** Heritage Members. **15** have paid their 2016 dues.

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

Ron N8XZ

Bob KD8THG

Ed KC8SBV

Dick KE8BFF

VI. GMARC Web Site – Frank W8FKZ

The GMARC Web Site has been completely done in WordPress by Frank W8FKZ. The new web site is very aesthetic and it should be much easier to maintain the pages with the new system. Please bring pictures that can be used on the Web Site to the December meeting. Thanks Frank!

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

Next GMARC Meeting	15-Dec-15	7:00 PM Tuesday
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

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Kurt WU8V / Prem AC8QV

EchoLink computer and transceiver has been relocated to Prem AC8QV's house and is operational as of 3-Nov-2015. The equipment for an IRLP node has been purchased for delivery to Prem's house. We are investigating the possibility of migrating the EchoLink system to a Raspberry Pi processor. 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)

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 W8OKX is also interested in a Gray Shirt XXL.

X. Old Business

Kurt WU8V noted that we will have a White Elephant Raffle at the December meeting. Kurt explained how the White Elephant works and encouraged everyone to bring an item for the White Elephant table.

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. Nominations for Officers and Directors 2016

The following members were nominated for Offices and Directors for the 2016 Calendar Year:

President	Marty KB8JIU
Vice-President	Tony W8OKX
Secretary	Bobby N8CY
Treasurer	Ed KC8SBV
Director-at-large	Richard KC8HJM
Director-at-large	Scott W1BIC

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.

GMARC had a table at the L'Anse Creuse Swap on 6-Dec-2015, and we sold (11) tickets for \$55.00. We need the 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.

XIII. Break 8:00 PM - 8:15 PM

There was a 50/50 Prize Raffle (plus ARRL \$25 Gift Certificate) with club proceeds \$25.00.

XIV. Presentation – "History of Telegraphy" --*The Singing Arc--Unconventional Transmission Techniques* - Jerry Begel, W9NPI

Jerry explored some "Things that we may have missed," in a lively presentation that covered: 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. Attendance + Funds Collected

15 Members attended, and there was 1 visitor.

Coffee Fund	\$ 9.50
50/50+ Raffle	25.00
Dues	100.00
Raffle Tickets	<u>20.00</u>
Total --	\$ 164.50

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

USECA 2015 Swap 'n Shop	25-Oct-15	8:00 AM Sunday – Madison Heights, MI
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XVI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY, Secretary - GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

December 15, 2015 (Pro-Forma)

Last Statement Balance 17-Nov-2015	\$ 1,960.20
Membership Dues	100.00
Heritage Member Dues	10.00
50/50+ Prize Raffle	25.00
Coffee Fund	9.50
Raffle Tix – November Meeting	20.00
RenCen Utilities Jan-Jun 2016	<u>-150.00</u>

December Bank Balance -- \$ 1,974.70

New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
Raffle Fund	606.08
Repeater Fund*	178.90
General Fund	778.76

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Agenda

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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*.

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XV. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)