

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 15-MAR-2016

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I. Call to Order by the President, Marty KB8JIU at 7:04 PM

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There was 3 Visitors – Brandon Fotiu, Jeff Scharfenkamp, and Ken Gasiiecki, Jr.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the 16-Feb-2016 meeting were available on the web site and copies at the meeting. Motion to approve February minutes by Robbin K1KNN and seconded by Mike W8WJC. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Bobby N8CY

GMARC Treasurer's Report

March 15, 2016

Last Statement Balance 16-Feb-2016	\$2,172.70
Membership Dues	50.00
50/50 Raffle	23.50
Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Donation	-200.00
Repeater Fund	287.00
440-Mhz Repeater Parts – Colin W8CMC	-200.00
Coffee Fund	<u>4.50</u>

March Bank Balance -- \$2,137.70

Raffle Fund	721.08
Repeater Fund*	265.90
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
General Fund	739.76

Additional Repeater Fund Pledges:
- Kurt WU8V -\$100

*Projected Repeater Fund Balance \$ 365.90

Motion to approve February Treasurer's Report by Frank W8FKZ and seconded by Linda KD8SAI. Motion carried.

V. Membership Report - Bobby N8CY

We have **23** members who paid their 2016 dues, and **36** Heritage Members. The following new members paid their 2016 dues at the meeting:

Tony WA2IVO Wayne W8WAC Ted AC8SW

VI. GMARC Web Site – Frank W8FKZ

The GMARC Web Site has been completely redone in WordPress by Frank W8FKZ. The new web site is very aesthetic and it should be much easier to maintain the pages in the new system. Frank would like us to send pictures to him that can be used on the Web Site (FrankSonye@comcast.net).

Frank noted that the copy of the GMARC Constitution on the web site is obsolete. Bobby N8CY will send and electronic copy of the current Constitution and By-Laws to Frank. Scott W1BIC is working on the club roster shown on the web site.

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

Next Membership Meeting	19-Apr-16 7:00 PM Tuesday
Crossroads Hamfest	19-Mar-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Kalamazoo, MI
Cadillac Michigan Hamfest	07-May-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Cadillac, MI Cadillac Jr. High – 500 Chestnut St – Cadillac 49601
Chassell Michigan Hamfest	14-May-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Chassell, MI (UP)
Dayton HamVention	20-23-May-16 Dayton, OH

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Mike W8MJC

Mike W8MJC noted that Colin W8CMC and Dan K8PLW have completed their initial assessment of our repeaters and power amp for the 440-MHz repeater. The 440-MHz power have has (3) blown FET transistors that will cost \$150.00 to replace. Mike purchased a new set of 440-MHz cans for \$50.00 and will donated them to the club. They will require new jumper cables to be prepared by Colin W8CMC.

The next steps are to go up on top of the RenCen, install the 440-MHz power amp, tune the 440-MHz cans, and check-out the 2m repeater. This will return the 440-MHz repeater to 100-watts from its current 35-watts. We need to re-create that cable that allows the CAT-1000 controllers to “link” the 2m and 440-MHz repeaters. Dan K8PLW is also helping with repeaters.

There was a discussion about the new Yaesu Fusion digital system. This is a new system with “auto sense” switch between digital and FM mode. Hazel Park is switching its 440-MHz repeater to Fusion. Cost of the repeater is approx. \$600.

IX. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear

Frank W8FKZ requested an XL Gray Shirt. Tony W8OKX requested an XXL Gray Shirt. Mike W8MJC requested an XL Blue Shirt, Richard requested a M Lt. Blue Shirt and Bill W8DBG requested an L Blue Shirt. Scott WBIC requested an XL Jacket, Mike requested an XL Jacket, and Tony requested an L Jacket -- all Royal Blue. We will need to order (4) items in each category (e.g. shirt / hat / jacket) to place an order.

X. Old / New Business

Robbin K1KNN gave a report on H.R. 1301 – The Amateur Radio Parity Act. Robbin noted that there is a link to a YouTube video about H.R. 1301 on the ARRL web site.

Kurt WU8V suggested that we establish an activity to monitory the health and welfare of current/previous members of the club. Referred to the Board of Directors.

Frank W8FKZ inquired about a Facebook page for the club. It was noted that we already have a Facebook page.

XI. Break – 8:00 PM – 8:15 PM

XII. Overview of Homeland Security IS Exams – Kurt WU8V

Kurt WU8V gave an overview of Homeland Security self-study IS exams – noting that IS 100, 200, 700 & 800 are required for participation in RACES.

XIII. Attendance + Funds Collected

18 Members attended. There were 3 visitors.

The following funds were collected but not delivered to the Treasurer:

50/50 Raffle	\$ 33.00	- Dick KE8BFF won raffle
Membership Dues	60.00	
Coffee Fund	2.27	
Repeater Fund	<u>100.00</u>	Bruce AC8AO
Total --	\$195.27	

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

- Next Membership Meeting** **19-Apr-16 7:00 PM Tuesday**
- Cadillac Michigan Hamfest** **07-May-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Cadillac, MI**
Cadillac Jr. High – 500 Chestnut St – Cadillac 49601
- Chassell Michigan Hamfest** **14-May-16 8:00 AM Saturday – Chassell, MI (UP)**
- Dayton HamVention** **20-22-May-16 Dayton, OH**
- Dayton USECA Bus Trip** **21-May-16 4:00 AM Depart from Wal-Mart Van Dyke @ 14-Mile**
Cost is \$50 – must be paid by 1-May-16. www.usecaarc.com

XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY
Secretary – GMARC

GMARC Treasurer's Report

April 19, 2016 (Pro-Forma)

Last Statement Balance 15-Mar-2016	\$2,137.70
Membership Dues	60.00
50/50 Raffle	33.00
Repeater Fund	100.00
Coffee Fund	<u>2.77</u>

April Bank Balance -- \$2,333.47

Raffle Fund	721.08
Repeater Fund*	365.90
New Member Mailpiece Fund	10.96
501(c)(3) Fund	400.00
General Fund	835.53

Additional Repeater Fund Pledges:
- Kurt WU8V -\$100

*Projected Repeater Fund Balance \$ 465.90

Agenda

April 19, 2016

I. Call to Order – Marty KB8JIU Presiding

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

III. Minutes – Scott W1BIC (Motion to Approve)

IV. Treasurer's Report – Page 4 of Minutes – Scott W1BIC (Motion to Approve)

V. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

VI. Inter-Club Liaison – Scott W1BIC

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VII. Technical Committee Report – Ray W8PIE

Status of request for help with our repeaters by Mike W8MJC.

VIII. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear (See Minutes) – Scott W1BIC

IX. Old Business

HR 1301 Status – Robbin K1KNN

X. Break – (7:45 – 8:00 PM)

50/50 Prize Raffle

XI. 8:00 PM Presentation – “Military Communications” – Jerry Negel W9NPI

A Brief History of Military Communication is a lively, 45-minute PowerPoint presentation that covers 3000 years of “History that we may have missed,” including:

- Ways to Communicate
- Encrypting Secret Messages
- *Identification-Friend-or-Foe*
- Propaganda
- *The Red Menace* and its Technological Aftermath



XIII. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)