

**GMARC MEETING MINUTES 16-MAY-2017**  
**V1.3**

**I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** by the President, Tony W8OKX at 7:06 PM.

**II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors**

There were (2) Visitors: Eric KE8GVY and Andrew KC8VCJ. These two joined at this meeting.

**III. Minutes – Bobby N8CY**

Minutes of the 18-Apr-2017 meeting were available at the meeting. Motion to approve April minutes by Kurt WU8V and seconded by Rich K8OX. Motion carried.

**IV. Treasurer's Report – Don K7SDF**

Don K7SDF presented a comprehensive Treasurer's Report. Existing Bank Balance (March 31, 2017) = \$4,486.76.

March 31, 2017 Bank Balance --	\$4,486.76
Raffle Fund	721.08
Repeater Fund*	935.90
Yaesu DR-2X Repeater Fund	1,102.50
General Fund	1,727.28
Additional Repeater Fund Pledges:	
- Kurt WU8V	\$100.00
*Projected Repeater Fund Balance	\$ 1,035.90

Motion to approve May Treasurer's Report by Robbin K1KNN and seconded by Rich K8OX. Motion carried.

**V. Membership Report – Bobby N8CY**

We have **54** members who have paid their 2017 dues, and **38** Heritage Members. The following members paid their 2017 Dues at the meeting:

Eric KE8GVY                  Andrew KC8VCJ                  Bobby N8CY

In addition, the following new members joined by USPS Mail:

James Shaver WB9YBT                  Susan Shaver W9EEK

**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](mailto:FrankSonye@comcast.net)).

## VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

Cadillac Hamfest	6-May-17 Saturday 8:00 AM Cadillac, MI
Dayton HamVention	May 19-21, 2017 – Dayton, OH
Monroe Hamfest	18-Jun-17 Sunday 8:00 AM Monroe, MI
GMARC Lark-in-the-Park	*13-Jun-17 Tuesday 4:00 PM – River Woods Park– Auburn Hills
GMARC Trunk Swap	22-Jul-17 Saturday 8:00 AM – Packard Proving Grounds
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**Note: \*18 Voted “Yes” for the 13-Jun-2017 date @ River Woods Park in Auburn Hills**

## VIII. Technical Committee Report – Ron WD8MNX

We have a new ArCom RC-210 controller (approx. cost \$600) courtesy of Ron WD8MNX that has been installed. This controller can control (3) devices and interconnects them; i.e. our UHF Repeater, VHF Repeater, and the Weather Radio. It has a total of 691 functions that can be programmed. Before the “Link Code” is released, Ron wants to make sure that the 2m repeater is “quiet” on receive.

Ron noted that the 443.075 MHz repeater has an Effective Radiated Power (ERP) of 600-watts; the 145.210 MHz repeater has an ERP of 350-watts. The status of the 443.075 MHz UHF repeater with MiARC is now a “Quadrant Repeater”.

The 2m Repeater has interference on receive and is not performing optimally. Ron & Magic Mike W8MJC will continue to work on the 2m Repeater. Ron is not concerned about antenna match on the 2m repeater. He is looking for a **new** 2m antenna (with **higher** gain).

Marty KB8JIU asked: Are we ready to **buy** the Yaesu DR-2X Fusion Repeater @ Dayton? Do we know when Yaesu is going to **release** the DR-2X?

## IX. Presentation – There was **no** presentation given at this meeting

## X. Break 8:00 – 8:15 PM – 50/50 Raffle – Richard KC8HMJ

Dick KE8BFF won \$9.00 in the 50/50 Raffle.

## XI. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear

Ken N8COQ picked-up a Royal Blue Jacket Size XL. Allen W8EAP picked-up a GMARC Navy Cap. There were (3) **Extra** GMARC Navy Cap, and they were snapped-up quickly @ \$9 each.

The following members ordered GMARC Embroidered Gear: Ken KD8UXW ordered a Royal Blue Polo Shirt Size: L (Style 1251) \$22, and Dave W8DJH ordered a Charcoal Gray Polo Shirt Size: 3XL (Style 1140) \$31. The minimum order quantity (MOQ) for Queensboro is four (4) – so we will have to wait until we have **at least** (4) requests to place an order.

Bobby N8CY will place a **new** order for anyone who is interested in a Jacket (\$43), Polo Shirt (\$28), or Navy Hat (\$9). Here is a list of available items (w/ Colors + Sizes). You can order any of these items @ the 13-Jun-2017 Lark-in-the-Park @ River Woods Park in Auburn Hills.

Jacket – Style **6047** (\$43) – Royal Blue is the most popular color – but available in 4-colors: Pewter Grey, Royal Blue, Black and Navy Blue up to Size 2XL, Polo Shirt Style **1140** (\$28) – available in 18-colors: Orange, Light Blue, Lime green, Kelly Green, Gold, Dark Green, Mint Green, White, Pale Yellow, Black, Burgundy, Navy Blue, Charcoal Grey, Royal Blue, Purple, Red, Bright Blue, and Teal Blue up to Size

6XL, and Style **1251** priced at \$22 – available in 5-colors: Dark Smoke Grey, Royal Blue, Black, Navy Blue, and Red up to Size 2XL, or Hat Style 8460 (\$9) – One Size Navy Blue. Queensboro has recently added some additional Polo Shirts: Style **1251** priced at \$22 – available in 5-colors: Dark Smoke Gray, Royal Blue, Black, Navy Blue, and Deep Red up to Size 2XL, Style **1143** (with pocket) priced at \$28 – available in 18-colors: Orange, Light Blue, Lime green, Kelly Green, Gold, Dark Green, Mint Green, White, Pale Yellow, Black, Burgundy, Navy Blue, Charcoal Grey, Royal Blue, Purple, Red, Bright Blue, and Teal Blue up to Size 6XL, and Style **1251** priced at \$22 – available in 5-colors: Dark Smoke Grey, Royal Blue, Black, Navy Blue, and Red up to Size 2XL and Style **1686** priced at \$18 – available in 5-colors: Charcoal, White, Black Navy Blue, and Pro Red up to Size 2XL. All items: There is an additional charge for Large Sizes: 2XL +\$2, 3XL +\$3, 4XL +\$4.

Queensboro also has T-Shirts (with and without a pocket) available if anyone is interested. For example, Gildan DryBlend T-Shirt Style **7280** priced at \$9 (Save 74%) -- available in 12-colors: Carolina Blue, Heather Grey, Charcoal Heather, Tennessee Orange, Lime Green, Forest Green, Black, Royal Blue, White, Red, Navy Blue and Sapphire Blue up to Size 3XL.

## XII. Old / New Business

The first GMARC Saturday morning breakfast meeting was held 11-Feb-2017 at Sero’s Restaurant on 12 Mile Rd in Madison Heights at 9:30 AM.

We plan to meet every Saturday at 9:30 AM at Sero’s. We have had 15 consecutive meetings that were well attended. Please plan to join us when you can.

A Committee was **approved** by the membership at the 18-Apr-2017 meeting to evaluate the feasibility for GMARC to have a “Full Swap” in **2018** and beyond. The Members of the Committee are:

Mike W8MJC, Chairman	Dick KE8BFF	Bobby N8CY	Scott W1BIC
Jim N8KKN	Bill N8SA	Don K7SDF	Ted AC8SW

Magic Mike W8MJC gave the **final report** of the 2018 Swap Committee. The Board of Directors, at its 9-May-2017 meeting, **approved a recommendation** to hold a Swap on Sunday, 29-Apr-2018 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM @ UFCW Local 876 Union Hall in Madison Heights. Copies of promotional Flyer for this Swap were available at the meeting.

Mike noted that the primary purpose of having a “Full Swap” is to provide an **additional** revenue stream for GMARC to fill the Budget Gap. He also noted that this undertaking will require the **full support** of ALL members. He asked for a “show of hands” of members willing to dedicate at least 4-hours time in support of a “Full Swap” in April, 2018. 24-members raised their hands – a near unanimous commitment.

Some innovative ideas that will be implemented at the GMARC Swap are:

- There will be virtually no lines; i.e. pre-paid attendee will receive a color-coded Tyvek wrist band for admission. The wrist band will have a **serialized / detachable tab** that will be the entry into the prize drawings.
- **Green** Bands for Vendors will allow admission @ 6:30 AM. **Orange** Bands for “Early Attendees” (\$10 in advance ONLY) will allow admission @ 9:30 AM, and **Yellow** Bands for “Regular Attendees” will allow admission @ 10:00 AM.
- GMARC plans to offer Souvenir Ballpoint Pens (with our repeater frequencies inscribed on them) to all attendees as a way to promote our Repeaters.
- The following numbers were presented as “performance” of other ARCs who have held Swaps @ UFCW Local 876 Union Hall
 

○ Hazel Park (January):	300-400 Attendees	\$2,100 Profit
○ USECA (October)	200-300 Attendees	\$1,000 Profit
○ L’Anse Creuse (December)	250-350 Attendees	\$1,800 Profit

- For GMARC to proceed, a **\$300 deposit** is required to “hold the date” at UFCW Local 876 Union Hall
- Mike noted that April is “Tax Refund Season,” and HAMs will have “money to spend”.

Motion by Wayne W8WAC and seconded by Rich K8OX to authorize the expenditure of up to **\$1,500** to fund a “Full Swap” on 29-Apr-2018 @ UFCW Local 876 Union Hall in Madison Heights.

Motion carried: 23 Aye and 1 No vote.

Bob W8SDF noted that **no** “food permit” is required to serve food at this site. His cost (to the Club) will be approx. \$3.00 / plate – with a selling price of \$5.00 - \$8.00. Therefore, the profit from Food Sales will be in the range of \$2.00 - \$5.00 / plate.

There was a brief discussion about the location for future GMARC membership meetings: Trinity Lutheran vs. PPG.

Motion by Robbin K1KNN and seconded by Bob W8SDF to hold future membership meetings @ PPG. The vote was 23 Aye with one Abstain – Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion of Revised GMARC By-Laws **v1.75** required due to GMARC becoming a Tax Exempt Organization (EO) under § 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. This issue was **tabled** to the 16-Sep-2017 meeting

### **XIII. Attendance + Funds Collected**

24 Members attended. There were (2) visitors.

The following funds were collected and deposited @ TCF Bank:

Membership Dues	\$ 60.00
50/50 Raffle	<u>9.00</u>
Total --	\$ 69.00

### **Upcoming Events for GMARC:**

<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	<b>16-Sep-17 7:00 PM Tuesday (Packard Proving Grounds)</b>
<b>Dayton HamVention</b>	<b>May 19-21, 2017 – Dayton, OH</b>
<b>Monroe Hamfest</b>	<b>18-Jun-17 Sunday 8:00 AM Monroe, MI</b>
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**\* Date and location for June Lark-in-the-Park was decided @ 16-May-2017 meeting.**

### **XIV. Meeting Adjourned** at 9:06 PM.

Motion to Adjourn by Doug N8PYN and seconded by Roy W8MRW. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY, Secretary  
**GM Amateur Radio Club**  
 Cell: 248.346.2733

### Spend v Current Budget - Q1 2017

1/1/2017 through 3/31/2017 Using 2017 GMARC Budget

5/15/2017

Category	1/1/2017 Actual	- Budget	3/31/2017 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1,279.50</b>	<b>1,787.50</b>	<b>-508.00</b>
General Fund	550.00	1,025.00	-475.00
Hamfest And Convention Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
GLARC HamCon 2017	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Hamfest And Convention Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Raffles	27.00	60.00	-33.00
50-50 Raffles	27.00	60.00	-33.00
Other Raffles	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repeater Fund	702.50	702.50	0.00
DR-2X Repeater	702.50	702.50	0.00
Other Repeater Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>394.25</b>	<b>496.00</b>	<b>101.75</b>
Business Operations	250.00	292.00	42.00
501(c)(3) Fund	250.00	250.00	0.00
New Member Mailpiece Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Business Operations	0.00	42.00	42.00
Coffee Fund	-5.75	0.00	5.75
Repeater Operations	150.00	204.00	54.00
<b>Net Difference:</b>	<b>885.25</b>	<b>1,291.50</b>	<b>-406.25</b>

## Balance Sheet

12/20/2016 through 4/30/2017

Category	12/20/2016- 4/30/2017
<b>INCOME</b>	
General Fund	1,495.53
Due Regular	935.96
Dues Heritage	20.00
<hr/> TOTAL General Fund	<hr/> 2,451.49
Hamfest And Convention Funds	
GLARC HamCon 2017	0.00
<hr/> TOTAL Hamfest And Convention Funds	<hr/> 0.00
Raffles	721.08
50-50 Raffles	27.00
<hr/> TOTAL Raffles	<hr/> 748.08
Repeater Fund	1,035.90
DR-2X Repeater	1,102.50
<hr/> TOTAL Repeater Fund	<hr/> 2,138.40
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,337.97</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Business Operations	
501(c)(3) Fund	0.00
New Member Mailpiece Fund	0.00
<hr/> TOTAL Business Operations	<hr/> 0.00
Coffee Fund	-5.75
<hr/> <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<hr/> <b>-5.75</b>
<hr/> <b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <b>5,343.72</b>

# Agenda

To Be held @ **River Woods Park (Lark-in-the-Park)**  
June 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – President Tony W8OKX Presiding

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

III. Presentation – None

IV. Minutes of May Meeting – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)

V. Treasurer's Report – Don K7SDF (Motion to Approve)

VI. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

- Regular Members who have paid 2017 dues: **54**, Heritage Members: **38**

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

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USECA Swap & Shop	<b>Oct-29-2017 Saturday 8:00 AM – UFCW 876 Unon Hall</b> <b>Madison Heights, MI</b>

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Ron WD8MNX

IX. 50/50 Prize Raffle – Linda KD8SAI (**No Break!**)

X. Old /New Business

- Committee report from Magic Mike W8MJC on status of GMARC to have a "Full Swap" in 2018 – Scheduled for 29-Apr-2018 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM @ UFCW Local 876 Hall in Madison Heights, MI (flyer will be available at meeting).
- Discuss and **Approve \$441.50 expenditure** to purchase FTM-400DR/XDR transceiver as a prize for GMARC Spring 2018 Charity Raffle – Drawing to be held @ GMARC Swap & Shop 29-Apr-2018 at 12:00 Noon.

XI. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear – Bobby N8CY

- See Minutes **Pg. 3** for Items (Jacket, Polo Shirt, T-Shirt, Hat) – with Style Number, Available Colors / Sizes, and prices. The Secretary expects to place another order **after** the September 2017 Meeting – so get your name on the list. Order could be placed **sooner** – if we get a minimum Order of (4) items in a given category; e.g. (2) Polo Shirts were ordered @ the May Meeting – we only need (2) more to place an order.

XII. Adjourn (Before 7:30 PM)

# Agenda

To Be held @ **Packard Proving Grounds (PPG)**  
September 16, 2017 – 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – President Tony W8OKX Presiding

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

III. Presentation – Ins & Outs of Putting on a “Full Swap” – Hugh Boyle KE8BED  
(Representing Hazel Park ARC)

IV. Minutes of June Meeting – Bobby N8CY (Motion to Approve)

V. Treasurer's Report – Don K7SDF (Motion to Approve)

VI. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

- Regular Members who have paid 2017 dues: **54**, Heritage Members: **38**

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

<b>GMARC Trunk Swap</b>	<b>23-Sep-17 Saturday 8:00 AM – Packard Proving Grounds</b>
<b>Great Lakes HamCon</b>	<b>Oct 7-8, 2017 – Michigan International Speedway</b>
	<b><a href="http://www.glhamcon.org">www.glhamcon.org</a></b>
<b>USECA Swap &amp; Shop</b>	<b>Oct-29-2017 Saturday 8:00 AM – UFCW 876 Unon Hall</b>
	<b>Madison Heights, MI</b>

VIII. Technical Committee Report – Ron WD8MNX

- Ron still needs additional Control Operators (COs) for **both** of our Repeaters. If you can monitor one (or both) of our Repeaters at certain times of the day, please let Ron know.

IX. Break – (**8:00 – 8:15 PM**)

50/50 Prize Raffle – Linda KD8SAI

X. Old /New Business

- Committee report from Magic Mike W8MJC on status of GMARC to have a “Full Swap” in 2018 – Scheduled for 29-Apr-2018 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM @ UFCW Local 876 Hall in Madison Heights, MI (flyer will be available at meeting).
- Discuss and **Approve** GMARC By-Laws Change **v1.76**: Due to IRC § 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status

X. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear – Bobby N8CY

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XI. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)