

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 17-OCT-2017
V1.0

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance by the President, Tony W8OKX at 7:05 PM.

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There were (3) Visitors, and 1 upgrade – W8EMM passed his general.

III. Presentation – The Early Days of Radio – Tony W8OKX

Hugh Boyle of the Hazel Park ARC made an interesting and informative presentation on “Large Scale Hamfests”.

IV. Minutes – Bobby N8CY

Minutes of the 19-Sep-2017 meeting were available at the meeting and on the Web Site. Motion to approve minutes (as revised) by Robbin K1KNN, and seconded by Mike W8MJC. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer’s Report given. Bank Balance is \$4,068.89 as of this meeting.

VI. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

We have **135** members who have paid their 2017/2018 dues, and **41** Heritage Members.

The following members paid their 2018 dues at the meeting:

Ken KD8UXW Bill K8DBG George KE8DMT

VII. 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).

VIII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

Scare Away Hunger Run	22-Oct-2017 Sunday 2:00 PM – Rochester College - Rochester
USECA Swap & Shop	29-Oct-17 Sunday 8:00 AM – UFCW Local 876 - Madison Hts
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IX. Technical Committee Report – Bobby N8CY

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 WW8GM Station license expired on 16-Oct-2017 and has been renewed. The new expiration date for the WW8GM Station License is **16-Oct-2027**.

We have a **new** 2m antenna (with 9.5 dbD gain). The new 20-ft 2m Antenna was installed on the Top of the RenCen on 10/14/17 by Mike W8MJC, Ron WD8MNX, Scott W1BIC, Jim N8KKG, Ray KC8LDN, Gordon SWL, and Bobby N8CY. This is a picture of our proud new 2m "Monster" at Magic Mike's condominium.

SWR: 1.7:1

ERP = 1 KW



We **ordered** the Yaesu DR-2X Fusion Repeater on **29-Jun-2017**. It was delivered on **20-Sep-2017** but had to be sent back to Yaesu due to compatibility issues with Arcom RC-210 controller.

X. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear

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

Bobby N8CY will place a **new** order for anyone who is interested in a Jacket (\$43), Polo Shirt (\$28), or Navy Hat (\$12). Here is a list of available items (w/ Colors + Sizes).

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.

XI. Old / New Business

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
Jim N8KKG

Dick KE8BFF
Bill N8SA

Bobby N8CY
Don K7SDF

Scott W1BIC
Ted AC8SW

Magic Mike W8MJC gave a **report** of the 2018 Swap Committee at the 16-May-2017 meeting. The membership gave its approval at the 16-May-2017 meeting 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. A motion was made to approve a budget of up to \$1,500 for the Swap. Copies of promotional Flyer for this Swap v4.8 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 at the May 2017 meeting– a near unanimous commitment.

Bob W8SDF has stated that he will **no longer** be able to do the food for the Swap. We will need a new person to take charge of food for the Swap.

Bobby N8CY noted that the following actions have been taken since the 16-May-2107 meeting: Flyers passed out at Dayton, July Trunk Swap, Findlay Swap, September Trunk Swap. We printed 1,200 additional flyers to pass-out at the GL HamCon, USECA Swap, L'Anse Creuse Swap, Hazel Park Swap, Livonia Swap and to other ARCs.

Brief discussion of Revised GMARC By-Laws **v1.81** required due to GMARC becoming a Tax Exempt Organization (EO) under § 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Motion by Mike W8MJC and seconded by Charlene KC8PIC to approve By-Laws **v1.81**.

Results of the Ballot: 1 Abstain, 32 Aye, 3 No. Motion passed.

XII. Amateur Radio Emergency Radio (Green) Vests

GMARC will be placing an order for Amateur Radio Emergency Vests from DX Engineering. The following members (with sizes) ordered vests:

- Large – Michelle KD8ZYE
- X-Large – Dick KE8BFF, Bob W9BHF
- XX-Large – Ron N8XZ, Charlene KC8PIC
- 3X-Large – Alan W8EAP, Jim N8KKG, Bill N8SA

The cost for vests will be \$15.95 (including shipping) payable when vests are delivered.

XIII. Attendance + Funds Collected

35 Members attended. There were (3) visitors.

Funds Collected and delivered to the Treasurer:

Dues	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$60.00

Upcoming Events for GMARC:

- Next Membership Meeting** 21-Nov-17 Tuesday 7:00 PM (**Packard Proving Grounds**)
- Scare Away Hunger Run** 22-Oct-2017 Sunday 2:00 PM – Rochester College - Rochester
- USECA Swap & Shop** 29-Oct-17 Sunday 8:00 AM – UFCW Local 876 - Madison Hts
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XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY, Secretary
GM Amateur Radio Club
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Agenda

To Be held @ **Packard Proving Grounds (PPG)**
October 17, 2017 – 7:00 PM

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

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

III. Presentation – Don Ledwith K7SDF “Computer Applications for Ham Radio”

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

V. Treasurer's Report – Don K7SDF - Bank Balance **\$4,457.27 ✓ (Motion to Approve)**

VI. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

- **Regular Members who have paid 2017/2018 dues: **151**, Heritage Members: **41****

VII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

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VIII. Technical Committee Report – Ron WD8MNX

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 1st Annual Swap & Shop 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). We have sold (507) Raffle Tix = \$2535. The Swap is **already 140%** paid for by Raffle Tix Sales. **(2535 – 442 [Prize]) / 1500****
- **Bob W8SDF stated that he will no longer be able to do the food for the Swap. We will need a new Food Chairperson for the Swap.**
- **Nominations of Officers and Directors for 2018.**

XI. GMARC Embroidered Logo Gear – Bobby N8CY

- **See Minutes **Pg. 2** for Items (Jacket, Polo Shirt, T-Shirt, Hat) – with Style Number, Available Colors / Sizes, and prices. We have a few hats for sale @ \$12.00**

XII. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)