

GMARC MEETING MINUTES 16-OCT-2018
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I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance by the President, Scott W1BIC at 7:08 PM.

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

There was 1 Visitor – Mark Sundquist KD8VNX.

III. Presentation – Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) Communications – Ron WD8MNX

Ron WD8MNX made an interesting and informative presentation on Earth-Moon-Earth Communications.

IV. Minutes – Bobby N8CY

Minutes of the 18-Sep-2018 meeting were available at the meeting and on the Web Site. Motion to approve minutes by Ron WD8MNX, and seconded by Don K7SDF. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report – Don K7SDF

There was no Treasurer's Report given. Bank Balance was \$4,909.82 + \$278.10 in PayPal as of this meeting. Motion to approve the bank balance by Alan KO8E and seconded by Frank W8FKZ.

VI. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

We have **196** members who have paid their 2017/2018 dues (including **50** who have paid their 2019 dues), and **44** Heritage Members.

The following new member joined by purchasing (4) raffle tickets:

Mark KD8VNX

Scott W1BIC announced that the Prize for the 2019 Charity Raffle will be a Digital Ham Radio "Dream Package" consisting of:

Yaesu FT70-DR Fusion HT
Tytera MD-380 Digital HT
SharkRF OpenSpot **2**
50,000 mAh Rechargeable Battery

We have already received our License for the 2019 Raffle X98066, and tickets are available for sale. The date for the 2019 Technology Expo has been set for 7-Apr-2019.

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 (W8FKZ@comcast.net).

VIII. Inter-Club Liaison – Bobby N8CY

USECA Hamfest	28-Oct-2018 Sunday 8:00 AM – UFCW 876 Union Hall
Ft. Wayne IN Hamfest	17-Nov-2018 Saturday 9:00 AM – Ft. Wayne, IN Coliseum
LCARC Hamfest	02-Dec-2018 Sunday 8:00 AM – UFCW 876 Union Hall
Hazel Park 53rd Hamfest	27-Jan-2019 Sunday 8:00 AM – UFCW 876 Union Hall
Livonia 49th Annual Swap	17-Feb-2019 Sunday 8:00 AM – Livonia Civic Park Senior Ctr
GMARC Technology Expo	7-Apr-2019 Sunday 10:00 AM – UFCW 876 Union Hall

IX. Technical Committee Report – Ron WD8MNX

The 20-ft mast for the new 2-meter antenna broke in half (failed at the coupling). The antenna was damaged and has been sent back to Telwave. Expected time to repair 6-8 weeks. The frequency for the cross-band link repeater in Lake Orion is 145.610 Mhz 123 Hz PL.

We had 27 check-ins for Monday night InfoNet.

X. Old / New Business

Marty KB8JIU will make a presentation on Broadcastify in February. The Chicago P.D. is the most popular listening site. This system is based on a Dark Ice/Raspberry Pi Duo and has archiving of traffic on the Web Site.

XI. Attendance + Funds Collected

21 Members attended. There was 1 visitor.

The following funds were collected and turned over to the treasurer.

Raffle Tickets	\$ 20.00	Mark KD8VNX
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Upcoming Events for GMARC:

Next Membership Meeting	20-Nov-18 Tuesday 7:00 PM (Packard Proving Grounds)
Ft. Wayne IN Hamfest	17-Nov-2018 Saturday 9:00 AM – Ft. Wayne, IN Coliseum
L’Anse Creuse Hamfest	02-Dec-2018 Sunday 8:00 AM – UFCW 876 Union Hall
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XII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Corr N8CY, Secretary
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Agenda

To Be held @ **Packard Proving Grounds (PPG)**
November 20, 2018 – 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – President Scott W1BIC Presiding

II. Introductions, Upgrades, and Visitors

III. Presentation – Videos on PL-259 Connectors – Jim N8KKG

- The date for the 2019 Technology Expo will be 7-Apr-2019

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

V. Treasurer's Report – Don K7SDF - Bank Balance \$5,195.01 ✓ - Not including \$363.58 @ PayPal. (Motion to Approve). This includes \$280.00 from the USECA Swap.

Review of 2019 Cash Flow Budget and priorities for discretionary spending.

VI. Membership Report – Scott W1BIC

- Regular Members who have paid 2018/2019 dues: **210**, Heritage Members: **48**
Note: This number went down due to change of reporting period to 2018/2019.

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VIII. Nominations for 2019 Officers and Directors. Election will be held @ Volunteer Recognition Event in December (Free Pizza and Pop).

IX. Technical Committee Report – Ron WD8MNX

X. Break – (8:00 – 8:15 PM) - 50/50 Prize Raffle – Linda KD8SAI

XI. Old/New Business

XII. Adjourn (Before 9:00 PM)