

ECARC – 10/20/2015 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting took place at Saving Grace Facilities. Rolf, KG0KM called the meeting to order about 6:40 PM. 12 members & guests were present. Rolf read the previous meeting minutes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as read. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was on site but could not be found prior to the meeting. The club is still in "good shape" financially. Ron W9Rll was at Red Cross training, but will bring us up to date at the next meeting. Ron has been working with Paul W0AIH to get caught up on W9EAU repeater fees and this item should be complete by next meeting.

Rolf encouraged the club members to monitor the 146.910 repeater more often. It seems like no one is on there lately and many times calls are going unanswered. It would be nice if we made an effort to come back to folks that make calls on this repeater. It is also good practice!

One of the members asked about frequencies that can be entered into scanners in the Eau Claire Area. It was suggested to try <http://www.radioreference.com> website. This a very easily used website and contains many frequencies for a person to program.

Jason gave a quick report on the Colby Swap meet. He got to the meet a little late and said that most everything was already sold out. It was very busy. Lots of "goodies" were given away to those in attendance. Jason sold most of his "stuff" too.

ARES/RACES conference was held in Wisconsin Rapids on 10/17/2015. Bill K9NY was there he and gave a brief report. Approximately 90 people attended. The 2008 flood in the Dells (Lake Delton) area and Ham radio response was highlighted. This event was sponsored by WECOMM. There was an annual SET held in the Chippewa Valley and Mayo Clinic had an exercise called "Operation Bounce" that the Local ARES/RACES group participated in. Bill reported that was a good beginning for the ARES/RACES group that was recently formed in Eau Claire County.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing continues in and around Eau Claire. Dave KB9WPC hosts the club net. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 2, 2015. Check in with Dave, beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater. Dave asked that someone check in early on that Monday regarding witnessing the operation of the sirens in Fairchild, Fall Creek, & Augusta. The "in town" sirens are now self reporting, but there are mixed reviews on how that is working, so

please continue to check in for the Eau Claire sirens if you can. Thanks to all of you who helped in the past.

The ECARC ***Christmas Party*** will be held on December 17, 2015. Please RSVP to the Club Website if you plan to attend. More details at the next meeting.

The next Ham Examination session in the Eau Claire area is scheduled for January 9th, 2016. Jon, KE9KW and Diane, K9DMC continue to be our volunteer examiners. Examination will be held at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center and will begin at 9:00AM CST. Walk-ins are always welcome. Remaining Exams for next year will be April 9th, July 9th and October 8th, 2016.

ECARC Auction will take place on March 5, 2016. Col. Severson will again be the auctioneer. More details to follow.

Midwinter Madness Hobby and Electronic Show will be held March 12, 2016 in Buffalo, Mn. More information can be found at the Club website <http://k0LTC.org>.

Wisconsin QSO Party is coming up on March 13, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

Everyone who wanted a treat after the meeting enjoyed Root Beer floats.

Next meeting will be November 17, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Saving Grace Facilities in the East Ridge Center. We will be picking a slate of candidates for elections at the December meeting and discussing final arrangements for the Christmas Party.

Hope to see you then...Ron KC9PKO

The ARES/RACES group met with Bill K9NY after the regular meeting adjourned.