

ECARC

11/17/2015 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting took place at Saving Grace Facilities. Rolf, KG0KM called the meeting to order about 6:55 PM. 10 members & guests were present. Rolf read the previous **meeting minutes**. Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as read. Passed unanimously.

Ron, W9RLL read a detailed **treasurer's report** bringing us up to date through October 2015. The club has sent out checks to Paul, W0AIH for repeater fees and for electrical usage for this past year. The club has also paid the premium for equipment insurance. The club will reimburse Mark, KB9S for his time/efforts regarding removal of the ECARC equipment at the former club site. Ron will be sending out a check for \$200.00 to purchase Christmas party door prizes. Motion made and seconded to approve the expenditures and the treasurer's report. Motions passed unanimously.

The club has gotten reports that the 146.910 repeater is "broken". Dave KB9WPC will contact Gale, WD9HFT to investigate and repair as needed. Dave will also work with Gale to put together a map showing the 146.910 repeater and evaluate receive sites.

The **ECARC annual Christmas party** will take place on Thursday, December 17th. We will gather for the party at 5:00 PM and have dinner at 5:30 PM. There will be a program of singing and games after that with some door prizes given out later too. The Men of Grace will provide the meal for us. This will take place at the Saving Grace Facility and Admission is \$10.00 per person. **The party is open to any/all ham radio folks** and spouses that might want to attend. The Party is always a good time. Please RSVP to the Saving Grace receptionist by calling (715) 514-3552 and let her know you will attend the Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club Christmas Party and how many there will be in your group.

The 2015 Wisconsin **ARES/RACES conference** was held in Wisconsin Rapids on 10/17/2015. Bill, K9NY was there and he gave a brief report. Approximately 90 people attended. The 2008 flood in the Wisconsin 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 this 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, December 7, (Pearl Harbor Day) 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 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. The auction will be held at the Saving Grace Facility and Col. Severson will again be the Auctioneer. Men of Grace will be serving food and free coffee will be for available for attendees. 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.

The ECARC again plans to host the SkyWarn training in 2015. Date and time will be announced early 2016.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:20 PM.

There was a brief ARES/RACES meeting right after the regular club meeting adjourned. Everyone in attendance who wanted a treat after the regular meeting enjoyed Root Beer floats.

Next club meeting will be December 15, 2015 at the Saving Grace Facilities in the East Ridge Center. We will be holding elections at that time and then “partying down”.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party and have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday too.

Ron, KC9PKO

