

ECARC – 7/19/2016 Meeting Minutes

Dave, KB9WPC called the meeting to order about 6:42 PM CDT at the Saving Grace Facilities in the Eau Claire East Ridge Center. Thirteen members and guests attended.

Ron, KC9PKO read the meeting minutes. There were three amendments/corrections. Motion was made and seconded to approve meeting minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously. There was no treasurer's report.

DISCUSSION:

Gale, WD9HFT reported that he has the ECARC 146.910 repeater up and running. He also noted that the old radar site building that was formerly used as a remote receiver has been torn down and there is nothing to attach the remote receiver equipment to at this time. Thanks for all the hard work Gale!

ECARC Field day activities took place at Troy's, KB9AZZ. Bill, K9NY reported that the field day activities went pretty well. Many contacts were reported by those in attendance. There was plenty of good food to be had also.

CVARC annual Tailgate Swapfest July 16th at the Eagle's club also went well. About 80-90 people attended. Good weather helped and many items changed hands. There were people from Green Bay, Superior, Appleton and the Twin Cities in attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Onalaska Ham Fest, put on by the Riverland Amateur Radio Club is coming up Saturday, **August 13th, 2016**. This Swap Fest will run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Onalaska Omni Center. There will be vendors, door prizes, and more. There is also a Volunteer Examiner session at 9AM. Admission is \$5, and \$10 will get you a table to sell from. Contact Greg Miller KA9FOZ at (608) 792-7841 or email at ka9foz@gmail.com for more information. Talk in will be at 147.97 - PL131.8.

Wisconsin Antique Radio Club – Madison Chapter is holding a Swap Meet on Sunday **August 28th**. Location is 3610 Lexington Ave (New Location). 8:30 to 11 AM CDT. **Free Admission**. Vendor spots are \$10 for non-members and facility opens at 8 AM for set up. Bring your own table. Many displays including Wisconsin made radios and other exhibits. Contact Nicholas Tillich for more information. Free Coffee too.

The Belvidere "Radio Expo 2016" is being held on **September 24** and is hosted by the Chicago FM Club. This is a large swap meet and show. Event is being held at the Boone County Fairgrounds, East of Rockford Illinois. Outdoor Swapfest opens at 6:00 AM and indoor Swapfest opens at 8:00AM. Everything closes up about 3:00PM. \$10 admission at the gate or \$8 in advance. More information on line or contact WA9ORC@gmail.com. or the club # is (708)457-0966. Talk in at 147.225 - PL114.8.

Ron, W9RLL has offered to get room discounts in the Belvidere area in the past if you are interested. More details at the next meeting.

Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing continues in and around Eau Claire. Dave, KB9WPC is the net controller. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday August 1st. Check in with Dave, beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the club's 146.910 repeater. Thanks to all of you who helped the last time.

Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire is scheduled to be on October 8th, 2016. Exam will be held at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center at 9:00AM. As always, walk-in's are welcome! \$15 for each test. Volunteer Examiners are Jon, KE9KW and Diane, K9DMC. More details are on the ECARC website. You can also use the ECARC website to find question pools and other exam related information. Check it out!

Jon noted that he could use someone as a "back up" in case he (and/or Diane) can't make it to an exam session for some reason. Please contact him if you might be available to help out.

Treats were available after the meeting for those who wanted them.

Thanks to our hosts for use of the facility again tonight.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:10 PM.

After the meeting Bill, K9NY presented the ARES/RACES Member of the Year award to Glen, K5TKJ.

Next scheduled meeting will be August 16th, 2016 at the East Ridge Center. Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Enter at the north entrance, next to Armed Forces Recruiter offices. Look for signs when you enter the lobby. Meeting room is straight ahead.

Hope you can join us.....Ron, KC9PKO