

ECARC – 9/15/2015 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting place was changed by email to Rolf's QTH. Most were there at 6:30 PM or so. Prior to the meeting, we had a chance to look over the amateur radio and old broadcast receivers that were being offered for sale by Rolf. Most everything was on display outside and many good deals were had.

Rolf, KG0KM called the meeting to order about 7:15 PM. 10 members & guests were present along with curious shoppers that stopped in. Rolf read the meeting minutes (informal meeting). Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as read. Passed unanimously.

Ron, W9RLL gave a detailed treasurers report. The club is in "good shape". Ron will check on fees that the club owes for maintenance of the W9EAU Repeater. These are a few years in arrears, but he will work with Paul W0AIH to get these caught up.

The 2015 QSO party and 2015 Auction photos are posted on the club website. Check them out next time you go online. Thanks again to Mark KB9S for getting those up for all to enjoy.

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 go unanswered. It would be nice if we made an effort to come back to folks that make calls on this repeater. It is good practice too!

Courage Kenny Handiham Camp 2015 took place this year from Aug 18 to Aug 24. It was held west of the Twin Cities in the Maple Lake Area. Dave KB9SGY attended representing our club. The club provided Dave with a newer radio to use at camp this year too. We hope that Dave can give us a report when he comes to the next club meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing continues in and around Eau Claire. Dave KB9WPC will continue to host the club net. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 5, 2015. Check in with Dave, beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater. There continues to be emphasis on witnessing the operation of the sirens in Fairchild, Fall Creek, Augusta and Altoona. Dave recommended that you should check in early if possible to be able take one of the outlying sirens. 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 October 10th, 2015. Jon, KE9KW and Diane, K9DMC are volunteer examiners. Examination will be held at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center and will begin at 9:00 AM CDT. Walk-ins are always welcome.

On the same day is the Colby - Central Wisconsin Swapfest. It will be held on October 10, 2015 at the Colby Lions Pavilion. This event hosted by Black River Amateur Radio Assn. This Swapfest includes computer swap too. Contact Bob Braun for more details. (715) 654-5552 or email at kb9blv@yahoo.com. Talk in 147.140 – PL 114.8.

ARES/RACES conference in Wisconsin Rapids on 10/17/2015. It will be held at the McMillan Memorial Library. This event is sponsored by WECOMM. More information ? Email kb9uaz@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:15 PM.

Thanks to Rolf for opening his home to all of us.

Program for the next meeting will be discussion and planning for club officer elections and a brief review of “Operation Bounce” & the annual SET activities with ARES/RACES. We also hope to have a report on the Handi-ham activities. Next Meeting will be at 6:30 PM, October 20, 2015 at the Saving Grace Facilities in the East Ridge Center.

Hope to see you then...Ron KC9PKO