

ECARC - 10/15/2013 Meeting Minutes

Rolf, KG0KM called the Meeting to order at 6:32 PM at East Ridge Center Conference Room. Twelve members attended.

Ron, KC9PKO read the meeting minutes from the 9/17/13 meeting. A couple of corrections to the minutes were noted:

1. Tonight's meeting location was changed to the East Ridge Center due to some difficulty securing the Lake Street Methodist site. Thanks to both John KE9KW and Rolf KG0KM for their efforts on our behalf and to Mark, KB9S, for getting it all straight on the club's website.
2. Dave, KB9WPC, was actually the Net Controller for the October Siren Testing due to Ron, W9RLL, having a family emergency.

No other corrections were noted. Meeting minutes were approved as noted.

Ron, W9RLL provided a detailed treasurer's report. We're in "good shape". Motion made and seconded to approve the report as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron, W9RLL thanked all those who participated in the siren testing for this year. The last Siren Test of the year for Eau Claire City/County was held on October 7, 2013. Dave, KB9WPC acted as Net Controller and reported that it went well.

David, KB9WPC also reported that the results of his diagnostics were as good as can be expected.

Ron, W9RLL reported that his wife's general health continues to improve, but recently had carpal tunnel and elbow surgery. After the surgery she had another set back with a broken wrist.

Rolf reported that he has been in contact with John, KE9KW briefly and John has secured the use of the L.E. Phillips Senior Center for Ham Examination Sessions beginning in January of 2014. The site is located at 1616 Bellinger Street at the corner of West Madison Street and Bellinger St. This location has adequate parking and the location is easy to find next to the Luther Mayo Health Campus. More details will follow and be posted on the website. John also wanted to thank all of the volunteers who assisted with the exams this past year .

Jason noted that the Colby Ham Fest was good again this year. It was an early start and not being a "morning person" he arrived a little after opening. He still came home with more "stuff" than he left home with, so the consensus was that he had a good time.

Mark, KB9S reported that he and Paul, W0AIH attended the most recent Minnesota Wireless Association meeting. They came home with a plaque for a

repeat win in the Multi-operator Category of the 2013 Minnesota QSO Party. They were operating from the W0AIH station. **CONGRADULATIONS Guys!!**

DISCUSSION

The location of future club meetings was again discussed. The Lake Street Methodist site was a very nice temporary site, and the use of their room is much appreciated, but we have to find something more permanent. We are meeting at East Ridge Center tonight and the consensus of those in attendance was that it worked very well. This site appears to be our best bet so far. East Ridge Center also has a nice space for larger activities like the auction or the National Weather Service (NWS) training. (This space was toured after the meeting adjourned) The location is also easy to find with a large parking area. Members are asked to bring any other ideas about possible meeting spaces to the next meeting. Contact the owner and ask about availability, cost and have an approximate size.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/2/13 Milwaukee Repeater Club Hamfest.
Milwaukee Wi.

11/2/13 Next Exam in this area will be at UW Stout, Millennium Hall at 9 AM.

11/3/13 A reminder that Daylight Savings time will end November 3rd. Fall back one hour to Central Standard Time. GMT/UTC hours will not change.

11/3/13 Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club Swapfest.
Appleton, Wi.

1/04/14 West Allis Radio Club – Midwinter Swapfest.
Waukesha, Wi. <http://www.warac.org>

1/11/14 Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire will be January 11, 2013 at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center. There will be a \$15.00 fee for each examination. Walk-in's are welcome! Volunteer Examiner is Jon Case KE9KW. More details will be on the ECARC website as they become available. John can also use some help with the exam session so contact him if you might be available.

3/29/14 Midwinter Madness Hobby and Electronics swap meet/show.
Maple Grove Radio Club – Show in Buffalo Minnesota.
<http://K0LTC.org>

The 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) will be 2014. Mark, KB9S said that as a part of the Centennial Celebration there would be a Centennial QSO Party beginning January 1st.

W1AW Portable 9 will be operating in each state at least twice during the year and they have scheduled 2 operating sessions in Wisconsin next year. The first session will be 2/12/2014 and will primarily be operating in the Southern part of the State. The second session will be 7/2/14 thru 7/9/2014 and will be closer to our area. Mark and Paul are beginning to coordinate or schedule operating sessions. Keep your eye on the website for more information.

PROGRAM

We continued to discuss Remote Internet Radio Control. Some of the topics were Internet Service requirements, software and applications that are used. There was a great deal of interest in this subject and next meeting we hope to have more details about this subject.

Meeting adjourned about 7:55 PM. A tour of the large meeting room to follow.

Next scheduled meeting will be 11/19/2013 at the Eau Claire County Courthouse. Meeting will take place at 6:30 PM until about 8:00 PM. The Eau Claire County Emergency Coordinator may attend. Look for more details on the meeting location on the ECARC website. Agenda will include finalizing future meeting location, discussing permanent examination locations and more discussion/details on our 2014 Auction & NWS Training. We will also continue to discuss the remote internet radio control if there is time. Hope to see you then.

Ron, KC9PKO