

ECARC - 5/21/2014 Meeting Minutes

Rolf, KG0KM called the meeting to order about 6:35 PM at the Saving Grace Facilities in the Eau Claire East Ridge Center. Twelve members and guests attended.

Last month's meeting was held immediately before the SkyWarn Seminar. No meeting minutes were taken due to the informal nature of the meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the SkyWarn Seminar held on April 15. Approximately 135 people attended. All agreed it was very successful. Local broadcast radio & television media outlets were well represented. The seminar provided much new information and there were several questions after the talk was completed. Thank you to all who helped with the set up and clean up after the event and thanks also to the Saving Grace folks who allowed us to use their facility.

There was also a brief review of the annual Equipment Auction that took place here at East Ridge on March 8. Many of those in attendance at this meeting were at the auction and all agreed that it was successful. This was our first year in this location and the Assembly Room worked well. Auctioneer (Jim Severson) did a great job again. Next year we plan to contact Rassbach Communications and Two Way Communications (TWC) and invite them to participate.

Ron, W9RLL provided a detailed treasurer's report including information on the auction. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark mentioned that there was a complaint that one of the members was not receiving emails. This issue has been resolved.

DISCUSSION

Dayton Hamvention has taken place but there was no report from any of the members in attendance.

Rolf attended Midwinter Madness Hamfest 3/29/14 in Buffalo Mn. He reported it was good but that attendance was down from last year. He did not mention if he bought more "stuff".

Ron W9RLL reported that the MS Walk at UWEC went well. ECARC helped with communication during the event. Thanks to those who volunteered for this.

Thanks to Rolf and the Saving Grace Parish for use of the facilities for tonight's meeting.

Treats were available for those who wanted them.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The 23rd Annual 3M Ham Tailgate Swapfest (3M Center in St. Paul, Mn.) will take place on Saturday, June 7th. Gates open at 7:00 AM and it's all over by 1:00 PM. Admission is \$8 & Sellers spots are \$20, which includes one admission. This is one of the better Midwest Hamfests so if you need to buy or sell this is the one to "hit". Talk in on 147.1212/72 (no tone) 6:30 - 9:30 AM.

The Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC) will be hosting their annual Hallie Tailgate Hamfest on July 19th. Gates open at 8:00 AM and it will run until about noon. Admission is \$5 for buyers or sellers. Think about it, you buy and sell items for only \$5. More information on the CVARC website or Jim Linstedt W9ZUC email jlinstedt@charter.net or phone (715)456-4814.

Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing continues in and around Eau Claire. Ron W9RLL will be handing off the Net Controller duties to Dave KB9WPC for the next couple of months due to a medical issue. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday June 2nd. Check in with Dave, KB9WPC beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater. Please consider giving us a hand.

ARRL Field Day will take place 6/28 and 6/29/2014. 3 locations were discussed as possible sites for this year.

1. Elk Mound hill.
 2. Flag park north of the Eagles Club.
 3. Vacant lot north of Ron and Mary Bohl's home, South of Eau Claire on Hwy 37.
- We will make a decision at the next meeting.

Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire will be on July 12, 2014. This 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 Examiner is Jon Case, KE9KW. More details are on the ECARC website. You can also use the ECARC website to find question pools and many other exam related information. Jon can use some help with volunteers at the exam session, so contact him if you might be available.

The 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is being celebrated in 2014. As a part of the Centennial Celebration, a QSO Party began January 1st. W1AW Portable 9 is operating in each state at least twice during the year and they have scheduled two operating sessions in Wisconsin. The first session was 2/12/2014 and was primarily 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. Keep your eye on the ECARC website for more information. Paul W0AIH and Mark KB9S are very active with this event and invite those who would like to be involved next month (7 days) to email Mark for more information.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:27 PM.

Next scheduled meeting will be June 17th at the East Ridge Center. Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Enter at the north entrance and look for signs when you enter the lobby. Meeting room is ahead on the left.

1. We will continue to harp on Club Membership Renewal.
2. Our program for the next meeting will be Paul W0AIH giving a report on his recent trip to Iceland and Spain.
3. We will discuss club Field Day location.

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