

## ECARC – 12/16/2014 Christmas Party-Notes

The 2014 ECARC party was held at the Saving Grace Facilities in the Eau Claire East Ridge Center. Rolf, KG0KM (club president) made a few announcements just before the meal was served. This made a few hungry members nervous, but he promised to be brief. About 30 members and guests attended. Everyone introduced himself or herself.

No minutes were read or financial report given. After announcements, we gave thanks for the Meal and Good Company. Food (provided by the Men of Grace) was **great** and after eating, we played a few trivia games (winners were selected by secret ballot) and we sang a few Christmas songs. Paul, W0AIH passed out His and Mary's Xmas letter too. All in all a wonderful evening. Look for photos on the website.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ECARC Equipment Auction is coming up March 7<sup>th</sup>. Get your "stuff" ready to bring in. Rolf has secured the services of Col. Severson as auctioneer again this year. He is a big part of the reason for the success of our event. Thanks Rolf! More details are forthcoming at the January 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

St. Paul Radio Club Equipment Auction is coming up at our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in St. Paul on January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a good local auction and although smaller than ours, might a good one to consider for a visit. There is no charge for bidding and sellers pay 10% of total sold. Registration starts about 8:30 AM and auction starts at 9:30 AM. Take I94 West to Hwy 52, exit South (Concord) and the church is on the left after crossing the Lafayette Bridge. More information by calling Dale (651)777-5309. Talk in at 147.12 (no tone repeater)

**Reminder - Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing** continues all year long in and around Eau Claire. There is a need for the club to continue to monitor sirens in the Eau Claire area as we have done in the past. We also are encouraged to witness the testing of the Sirens in Altoona, Fall Creek, Fairchild and Augusta. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Check in with Dave, KB9WPC beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater.

**Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire** is scheduled to be on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Jon, KE9KW is volunteer examiner. Examination will be held at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center at 9:00AM. As always, walk-in's are welcome! \$15 for each test. More details are on the ECARC website. You can also use the ECARC website to find question pools and many other exam related information.

**Next scheduled meeting** will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the East Ridge Center. Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

We plan to discuss:

- 2015 Equipment Auction (March 14th)
- 2015 Wisconsin QSO Party (March 15<sup>th</sup>)
- 2015 SkyWarn weather seminar (April).

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