

ECARC MEETING MINUTES 1/19/2016

Membership meeting was held at the Saving Grace Facilities in the Eau Claire East Ridge Center. Mark, KB9S (club co-president) called the meeting to order about 6:45 PM. 12 members and guests were on hand. Everyone introduced himself or herself.

Ron, W9RLL gave a detailed treasurer's report. Ron has issued (2) checks for fees for the club repeater 146.910-(W9EAU). These were several years in arrears and are now caught up. (Both checks to Paul, W0AIH). A check for \$200 was sent to Saint Francis Food Pantry as a donation in lieu of buying door prizes for the Christmas Party. Mark brought in a Thank You card that our club received from St. Frances Food pantry regarding the donation. Motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer's report as read. Passed unanimously.

Ron, KC9PKO read the Meeting minutes and Christmas party notes from December 19, 2015. Motion made and seconded to approve as read. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Paul Radio Club Annual Equipment Auction is coming up at our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in St. Paul on January 30, 2016. This is a good local auction and although smaller than ours, it might be 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 evenings at (651)777-5309 or email him at n0pey@arrl.net. Talk in at 147.12 (no tone repeater)

ECARC Equipment Auction is coming up Saturday, March 5, 2016. It will take place here at the Saving Grace Facility. Get your "stuff" ready to bring in. Rolf has secured the services of "Colonel" Severson as auctioneer again this year. The "Men of Grace" will provide breakfast and free coffee. There was discussion about the details of the auction administration. Will need club members to volunteer for various functions including set up and teardown. Auction is on the ARRL Website. Paul is bringing some estate items to the auction for sale.

Wisconsin QSO Party on March 13, 2016. Paul is looking for operators at his site. This is a good opportunity to learn more about operation. (more details coming)

SkyWarn seminar for Eau Claire County takes place on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016 at 7:00 PM. This is scheduled here at Saving Grace and Ron, W9RLL has confirmed date and time with the National Weather Service, Chanhassen Office. Should be "good to go".

Walk MS Eau Claire 2016 takes place on April 30, 2016. Walkers check in at the UWEC Davies Center at 9:00 AM and Walk starts at 10:00 AM. ECARC will provide

Amateur Radio operators for communication along the route. There will be more discussion at the next meeting. Ron, W9Rll is heading up the club effort on this item.

Reminder - Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing continues all year long in and around Eau Claire. We are encouraged to witness the testing of the Sirens in Altoona, Fall Creek, Fairchild and Augusta as well as the “in town locations. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 1st, 2016. Check in with Dave, KB9WPC beginning no later than 10:45 AM. If possible check in earlier for assignment to sirens that haven’t been checked in a while. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater.

Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire is scheduled to be on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 . Jon, KE9KW and Diane, K9DMC are volunteer examiners. 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. Give that upgrade a try! Last exam had 9 people seeking first license or an upgrade and all were successful.

Next scheduled meeting will be February 16th, 2016 at the East Ridge Center. Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

We plan to discuss:

Final details of 2016 Equipment Auction (March 5th)

Details on local participation in 2016 Wisconsin QSO Party (March 13th)

2016 SkyWarn weather seminar (April 19th).

MS Walk

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