

ECARC - 1/15/2013 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at Grace Lutheran Church (3rd Floor Ham Radio Club Shack) at about 6:15 PM.

11 members were present.

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were read. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the meeting minutes as read.

Treasurer's report was not read. Ron, W9RLL is out of town with his wife Kelly. She has been very ill and they will return when she is feeling better. Rolf, KG0KM gave those in attendance a brief update on Kelly's condition.

DICUSSION:

Time to renew your Club Membership. Dues are \$20 each or \$25 for a Family. A mailing to all of our current club members has been completed. The mailing included a poster for the upcoming auction and a blank membership form. Blank membership forms can also be found on the club website.

The Holiday Party took place December 20th and a good time was had by all in attendance.

Exam Testing took place last Saturday, January 12th at 9 AM. One person advanced from Technician to Extra Class and only got one wrong on the Extra Examination.

The program for this evening was a viewing of the movie "World of Ham Radio". It is part of a DVD Rolf got from the ARRL and featured Dick Van Dyke as a ham radio operator and also showed the ham shack on the Queen Mary cruise ship that is docked in Long Beach California. Good movie!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CVARC is holding their Annual Valentines Day party at Connells Supper Club this year on Saturday, February 16th. This is open to all Ham Radio enthusiasts. Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6. See the CVARC Club website for reservations and more information.

Our Annual ECARC Equipment Auction will take place on Saturday, March 9th 2013 at Grace Lutheran. Colonel Severson will again be the Auctioneer and the Men of Grace will serve breakfast and free coffee to attendees. Doors will open at about 6:30 AM. Cones will be placed near the 2nd Ave. entrance to facilitate unloading of equipment for the auction. Club members are encouraged to be on hand Saturday morning to help with the unloading before the auction (about 6

AM). For club members wishing to help Friday afternoon and evening please be on site by 5:00 PM. More details will be on the website and discussed at the meetings. Note: The Auction is a good time to renew your ARRL membership (or join up if you are not yet a member) with the ARRL representative that is present most of the day. He will answer questions and have forms for your use.

The 2013 Wisconsin QSO party is the following day, March 10 beginning at 1:00 PM Central Daylight Savings Time. (Time changes Sunday morning) The fun ends at 7:00 PM. The club will be represented at Paul's-W0AIH antenna farm and there may be some members at the club shack and from home as well. Keep good logs so the contacts can be "pooled" for club credit. More details at the next meetings.

The Sherwood Foresters Snowmobile Club will have their annual Pork Feed on March 11 at the Sherwood Inn on County Trunk K. It is \$8.00 at the door for all you can eat. This is the big fund raiser for the group and several members of the Snowmobile Club are active members of ECARC. The meal is buffet style and begins at 4:00 PM. Party is about over by 8:30 PM. This is a great meal and for a good cause. Try to make it out if you can.

The next Ham Examination session will be at 9 AM on Saturday, March 30th at UW Stout in Millennium Hall. Dunn County Area Amateurs will host. Next Exam in Eau Claire will be at Grace Lutheran here at the Club Shack at 9 AM on April 13th. It is only \$15 for the testing fee. Please note that John Case KE9KW is looking for exam helpers with an Extra Class License. Contact him if you would be interested.

The AES Super Fest 2013 will be held at the AES Store in Milwaukee. Fest will take place 2 PM until 6 PM on Saturday April 5th and from 8:30 AM until 3 PM on Sunday April 6th. See the AES website for more details.

ECARC is hosting the NWS SkyWarn Spotter Training Seminar on Tuesday evening April 16, 2013 at 7 PM CDT. This will be held in the Basement at Grace Lutheran Church. Anyone interested in weather observation will find the seminar very informative. The public is welcome. Attendance is required to obtain a weather spotter number and ID or current members use the seminar for their required update.

Dayton Hamvention is May 17 – 19th this year. Think about attending.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting will be at 6:00 PM, February 19th, 2013 at the Club radio shack in Rm 310 at Grace Lutheran. Please use the Second Avenue Entrance.