

## ECARC - 1/21/2014 Meeting Minutes

Rolf, KG0KM called the meeting to order about 6:43 PM at the Saving Grace Facilities in the Eau Claire East Ridge Center. Twelve members and guests attended.

Ron, KC9PKO read the meeting minutes from the November 19th club meeting. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve minutes as read. There was no December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, as this was the date of our Christmas Holiday Party.

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

### DISCUSSION

Rolf gave a brief report on the Christmas Party. There was lots of good food served by the Men of Grace. There was much merriment and singing. A good time was had by all. Thanks to those who volunteered to move furniture, decorate, clean up and take down.

Ham Examination in Eau Claire was held January 11, 2013 at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center. This was a new location for the local testing and it seems to have worked out well.

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:

This Saturday (1/25/2014) will be the St. Paul Ham Auction. Rolf plans to attend and will do a little promotion of our upcoming auction. He may also come back with more than he left with. He will report at the next meeting.

Siren testing in and around Eau Claire continues through the winter. Next test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday February 3rd. Check in with Dave, KB9WPC (Net Controller) beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater. Not many folks reported in for the last test. Please consider giving us a hand.

Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire will be on April 12, 2014. As always, walk-in's are welcome! 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. John can use some help with volunteers at the exam session, so contact him if you might be available.

A tentative date for SkyWarn training has been set as 4/15/2014. This date is Tuesday of Holy Week but that should not affect us. The training will take place in the large assembly area here. Volunteers will be need to reset the area for Church activities to follow.

The 100<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 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. Keep your eye on the ECARC website for more information. Also, check out the cool license plate photo on the club website.

We discussed the upcoming club auction. It will be held here at the East Ridge Center on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the large assembly area. There is access for equipment deliveries on the north side of the building. (Double doors) It should be easy to bring in and remove equipment. Volunteers are needed to assist with this Friday evening and early Saturday morning.

The auction date has been submitted for inclusion on the ARRL website.

Posters and flyers are available for printing on the club website. Please feel free to print a few out and hang them at your hangouts around town. Talk it up when you are in contact with others on the air too.

Rolf has been in touch with Colonel Jim Severson and he has agreed to be the Auctioneer for the auction again this year. Jim does a great job and we are lucky to have him do our auction.

We will begin as early as possible Saturday (no later than 8 AM) and anticipate being complete by 2:00PM. Club members are asked to help after the sale to get the area reset for Church activities following the auction.

Men of Grace will be providing a country style breakfast for a nominal fee and free coffee for all. There will be a lunch served also.

Auction rules are posted on the club website. These should be reviewed as they have changed some over the past year or two.

The following day (3/9/14) is the 2014 Wisconsin QSO Party. Paul, W0AIH is hosting an operating session at his ham shack South of Eau Claire. Experienced Operators are welcome. We could also use some folks to operate from Trempealeau and Buffalo Counties. Those counties are needed to ensure a "clean sweep". If you participate from home keep track of your contacts for club contest credit.

2/3/14 – Eau Claire Area Siren Testing - ck in 10:45AM

2/11/14 CVARC Valentine Party open to all radio operators. See club website for details.

2/15/13 St. Cloud Hamfest. St. Cloud Mn.

3/8/14 ECARC Amateur Equip. Auction – 8 until 2PM – \$5 - East Ridge Center, E. C.

3/9/14 Wisconsin QSO Party -3/9/14 - 1800Z till 3/10/14 - 0100Z

3/29/14 - Midwinter Madness Hobby and Electronics swap meet/show. Buffalo, Mn.  
4/15/16 – Sky Warn Weather Spotter Training at East Ridge Center in E. C.  
5/16/14 thru 5/18/14 - Dayton Hamvention – Tickets are available online.  
7/19/14 CVARC Tailgate Swapfest. 8-noon \$5 - Eagles Club, Hallie

There is a 2-meter net on Monday nights at 146.610 beginning about 6:30 PM. Tune in if you are interested in local 2 meter operation

Meeting was adjourned about 7:25 PM.

**Next scheduled meeting** will be February 18, 2014 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 be finalizing plans for 2014 ECARC Equipment Auction and the 2014 National Weather Service Training.
2. We will harp on Club Membership Renewal.
3. Our program for the next meeting will be Paul giving a report on his recent trip to Iceland and Spain.
4. We will discuss club officer elections.

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