

ECARC – 1/20/2015 Meeting Minutes

Note the date change on the ECARC Equipment Auction – March 14th, 2015. Please let those you may know who plan to attend of the date change!

The meeting was held at the Saving Grace Facilities in the Eau Claire East Ridge Center. Rolf, KG0KM (club president) called the meeting to order about 6:40 PM. 10 members and guests were present.

Ron KC9PKO read Minutes of the 10/21/14 club meeting and read the Christmas Party notes. Meeting minutes had one correction to be made. No other comments or corrections. Motion was made, seconded and minutes were approved as corrected.

Ron, W9RLL read very detailed treasurer reports for November & December 2014 and up to today's date in January. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the treasurer's report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ECARC Equipment Auction is coming up March 14th Get your “stuff” ready to bring in. Rolf has secured the services of Col. Severson as auctioneer again this year.

(Thanks to Paul, W0AIH the date of the auction & QSO party have been corrected.
Thanks Paul)

Wisconsin QSO Party. Wisconsin QSO Party will take place March 15, 2015.

Membership Dues There will be some changes made on the club website regarding membership dues and renewals. Changes will be noted on the email reflector or you can see our website for changes. **The main thing is to be paid up so we can quit “harping” on it.**

Reminder - Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing continues all year long in and around the City of Eau Claire. The ECARC will continue to monitor sirens in the Eau Claire area as we have done in the past. We are also encouraged to witness the testing of the Sirens in Altoona, Fall Creek, Fairchild and Augusta from time to time. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 2nd. Check in with Dave, KB9WPC beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater. Next month we will try having a “net” following the siren testing. Ron, W9RLL gave a little background on the siren testing. He clarified what we hope to accomplish with having a net after the test. It should be helpful with the ARES/RACES group practice and perhaps get more folks interested & involved. Please consider giving us a hand with the testing and hang around after the test for the “net”.

SkyWarn Training The training session will take place this spring at the Saving Grace Facility on April 14th. Look for more details at the next meeting & on the website.

More Meeting attendance needed Those present discussed the lack of people (members & guests) attending meetings. We currently offer coffee and treats for those who are present, but we need something more. The thought was that we could improve the situation if we had some new subjects for programs. One idea is to concentrate on subjects for those who are new to the hobby (especially technicians) and for those who might need a refresher on basic radio subjects. This could attract new members and help retain those who are currently members. We have a lot of knowledge in our membership and this would give them a chance to share tips and help those who are new to this hobby. There was general agreement that we will do more in this regard. Please come to the meetings and give us your input and suggestions. Let us know if you would be willing to speak on a given subject or be an “Elmer” to a new licensee.

Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire is scheduled for April 18th, 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.

Important dates:

Daylight Savings March 8th
SkyWarn Weather Seminar April 14th
Dayton Hamvention May 15-17
CVARC Tailgate in Hallie July 18th, 2015.

Next scheduled meeting will be February 17th, 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 15th)
2015 SkyWarn weather seminar (April 14).
Meeting Programs

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