

## ECARC - 2/19/2013 – Meeting Minutes

The Program for this meeting was a video telling the story of the beginning of commercial production of electronic transistors in about 1957-58. Interesting! When you see the size of those first devices and consider that millions of them are on a circuit board today, you realize how far radios and other electronics have come.

The business meeting was called to order at about 7:15 PM in the Club Ham Shack at Grace Lutheran Church (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor).

11 members were present.

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were read. There was a brief discussion about the cost of dues for Family membership. This applies to immediate family members living at the same address. No changes were made but corrections to the membership form may be done later. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the meeting minutes as read.

Treasurer's report was not read. Ron, W9RLL is still out of town with his wife Kelly. She remains quite ill and they hope to return home when she is able to travel. We are all pulling for Ron and Kelly. Rolf, KG0KM again gave those in attendance a brief update on Kelly's condition. Ron is doing some of the treasurer "duties" as time allows from his remote location and Dave, KB9WPC is assisting. Please keep Ron & Kelly in your thoughts and prayers.

### DICUSSION:

Rolf attended the St. Paul Radio Club Auction Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall. He gave a brief summary. The fest was well attended and some good deals could be found. Rolf reported that there might be an antenna in his garage that just showed up and will probably get installed when Spring arrives.

It is time to renew your Club Membership. Dues are \$20 each or \$25 for the entire family. A mailing to all of our current club members was completed in January. The mailing included a poster for the upcoming auction and a blank membership form. Blank membership forms are also on the club website.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Annual ECARC Equipment Auction will take place on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Grace Lutheran. Colonel Severson will again be the Auctioneer and the Men of Grace will serve a country style breakfast and free coffee to attendees. Doors will open at about 6:30 AM. Admission is \$5.00 for everyone at the door and there is a 10% commission charged to the seller on the sale price of each item sold. Auction and food serving will begin about 9 AM. New this year is an

option of moving items for sale up in the Queue to be sold earlier. There will be a \$10.00 fee for this convenience. Buyers may also move a specific item up earlier in the queue for \$10.00 per item.

Saturday morning there will be cones placed near the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 of items before the auction (about 6 AM). For club members wishing to help Friday afternoon and evening please be on site by 5:00 PM. 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 will be present most of the day. He will answer questions and have forms for your use. He also brings a selection of ARRL brochures and other “goodies” for attendees to browse.

The 2013 Wisconsin QSO party is the following day, Sunday March 10 beginning at 1:00 PM Central Daylight Savings Time. (Time changes 2 AM Sunday morning) The fun ends at 8:00 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. Please keep good logs so the contacts can be “pooled” for club credit. Some members are considering going mobile into counties that have been a contact problem in past contests.

The Sherwood Foresters Snowmobile Club will have their annual Pork Feed on Monday, 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 fundraiser 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 30<sup>th</sup> at UW Stout in Millennium Hall. Dunn County Area Amateurs will host. The next Exam in Eau Claire will be at Grace Lutheran here at the Club Shack at 9 AM on April 13<sup>th</sup>. **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 are Extra Class and would be interested in helping.

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 5<sup>th</sup> and from 8:30 AM until 3 PM on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 card or current members can use the seminar for their required update.

Dayton Hamvention is May 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Think about attending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next Meeting will be at 6:30 PM, March 19th, 2013 at the Club radio shack in Rm 310 at Grace Lutheran. Please use the Second Avenue Entrance.