

## ECARC - 3/19/2013 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM in the Club Ham Shack (3<sup>rd</sup> floor at Grace Lutheran Church). 10 members and 2 guests were present.

Ron, KC9PKO, read **Meeting Minutes** from the February meeting. Motion made & seconded to approve meeting minutes. Approved unanimously. Mark, KB9S noted that meeting minutes are now being posted on the Club website and can be found by clicking on the meeting date.

Ron, W9RLL, read a detailed **Treasurer's report**. The 2013 equipment auction transactions and membership dues were read. Current paid members are listed on the club website. Ron said that a few items remain to be settled regarding the auction, but almost all of the items are complete. Motion made & seconded to approve the treasurer's report as read. Approved unanimously.

### **Discussion:**

Family membership dues were discussed and clarified. Family membership applies to licensed immediate family members living at the same address. Family membership dues are the same total cost as an individual membership. The membership form as posted on the web is correct and no changes will be needed.

Ron, W9RLL explained what has been happening with his wife Kelly's health situation since last December. Kelly is now at a local (Strum) nursing home and has recently begun improving (slowly) in both physical rehab and diet. She can still use those thoughts and prayers.

Jim, W9AVM is still at Mayo clinic in Rochester Mn. being treated for Leukemia. I spoke to him on the phone and he reports that the treatments are going "excellent". He is feeling good and able to maintain his appetite. He may be home as soon as mid April if things continue to progress so well. His phone number at the hospital is (507) 287-5490. Please give him a call and keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Ron, W9RLL also reported on the Sherwood Foresters Snowmobile Club annual Pork Feed last Monday. The event is a landowner appreciation dinner and fundraiser for the club. The weather (snow) was not much of a factor (it's a snowmobile club after all) as about 250 people showed up. This year they might be able to ride up until the trails close for the season on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Rolf, KG0KM and others gave a report on the equipment auction. Jim Severson the auctioneer was great again this year and the Men of Grace served an excellent breakfast. A lot of folks showed up despite the weather and some very nice equipment changed hands. Mark has posted some photos on the website of people and items for sale. The new feature of charging a little extra to move

items up in the queue to sell earlier or buy a specific item earlier worked out well. A few people took advantage of this feature and seemed pleased with the results. Thanks to all of the club members who helped this year. It is very much appreciated.

Rolf, KG0KM and Mark, KB9S gave a report on the Wisconsin QSO party. Details are posted below and pictures are posted on the Club's website.

Wisconsin QSO Party

Call: W9EAU  
Operator(s): W0AIH WB9NTO K9MU N9CIQ KB9WPC KG0KM K9DU KB9S KC9RIJ  
Station: W0AIH

Class: M/M Fixed LP  
QTH: WI  
Operating Time (hrs): 7

Summary:

Band	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs
160:		1		0
80:		145		163
40:		299		370
20:		211		325
15:		25		18
10:		1		32
6:		0		0
2:		0		12
UHF:		0		0

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Total: 682 920 Mults = 125 Total Score = 428,250.0

Club:

Comments:

Ops:

160/80 CW: W0AIH  
80 PH: WB9NTO  
40 PH: K9MU  
40 CW: N9CIQ  
20 PH: KB9WPC, KG0KM  
20 CW: K9DU  
15 PH: KB9S  
15 CW: KB9S  
10 PH: KB9S  
10 CW: KB9S  
2 PH: KC9RIJ

67 Counties  
50 States  
8 Canadian Provinces

Counties missed:

Crawford Juneau Monroe Richland Waushara

Our best WIQP Multi-Multi score ever. The elusive county sweep remains. Big Thank you to W0AIH for letting us use the Farm for WIQP

Pictures at:

[www.qth.com/w0aih](http://www.qth.com/w0aih)

and

<http://ecarc.org/gallery/index.php/2013-Wisconsin-QSO-Party>

Mark KB9S

The Program for this meeting was the second half of the video telling the story of the beginning of commercial production of electronic transistors in about 1957-58. It was a very good film and was enjoyed by everyone.

It is time to renew your Club Membership. Dues are \$20 each or for the entire family. Blank membership forms are on the club website.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Eau Claire County Emergency Government office conducts testing of the Outdoor Warning Sirens in and around Eau Claire County the first Monday every month beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> through October. The ECARC helps with this process. Ron, W9RLL will again be the net controller. The Siren test starts at 11:00 AM local time and the net begins about 15 minutes before the test. Why not join in? All you do is check in with the net controller (146.910 repeater) and let him know which siren you want to observe or let him assign one to you, and then watch for rotation and sound. It's that simple and it would help a lot. Hope to hear you on the air.

The next Exam Session will be at Grace Lutheran 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 out.

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 if you are a current member you can use the seminar for your required update.

The Chippewa Valley MS Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> this year. It is a volunteer activity for the ECARC. We could use a half dozen folks for assistance at various locations on the course to provide communication. Let Ron, W9RLL know if you can help. Ron will give you a location where to meet and will run the “net” from there. (New Davies Student Center) The participants check in by 9:00 AM and the walk/run begins at 10:00 AM. We should be done by noon.

ARRL Field Day is coming up Jun 22-23. More details to come. You can see 2012 results on the club website.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Next Meeting will be at 6:00 PM, Tuesday April 16th, 2013 at the Club radio shack in Rm 310 at Grace Lutheran. Please use the Second Avenue Entrance. See you there.