

Rolf, KG0KM gave a brief history and explanation of the recent events affecting our Ham Club Shack at Grace Lutheran Church. Our club and others are locked out of the building due to a lawsuit unrelated to the ECARC. Most of the Club and Member owned equipment and books were removed prior to the lockout (thanks to the members who responded so quickly) but there are still antennas and other equipment that remain on site. Gaining access has been difficult at best. Club Members continue to press this issue until the items can be recovered.

ECARC - 5/21/2013 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at about 7:00 PM in the garage of Paul, W0AIH. The meeting site had to be moved due to the “lock out” at Grace Lutheran Church. Many thanks to Paul for his hospitality on such short notice. 18 members were present.

Ron, KC9PKO, read **Meeting Minutes** from the March meeting. Motion made & seconded to approve meeting minutes. Approved unanimously. There was no formal meeting in April due to the Club hosting the NWS weather spotter training on that date.

Ron, W9RLL, read a detailed **Treasurer’s report**. Paid members are listed on the club website. Ron said that a couple items remain to be settled regarding the auction. Motion made & seconded to approve the treasurer’s report as read. Approved unanimously.

Discussion:

Due to the Club being locked out of Grace Lutheran Church, the mailing address will temporarily be:

ECARC
C/O Mark Seyffer
4602 Palmer Lane
Eau Claire, Wi. 54701

Ron, W9RLL explained to all what has been happening with his wife Kelly’s health situation. Kelly is now at a local (Strum) nursing home and is walking some. She continues to improve and recently visited her home. Please keep her (and Ron) in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim, W9AVM attended tonight’s meeting. He reported that the Chemo treatments are going well. He is feeling pretty good and able to maintain his appetite but his hair style has changed a little. He plans to be done with treatments by the end of July. It was nice to see Jim at the meeting tonight.

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

Pictures can be found at: www.qth.com/w0aih and <http://ecarc.org/gallery/index.php/2013-Wisconsin-QSO-Party>

Ron W9RLL gave a brief report on the Chippewa Valley MS Walk/Run that took place on Saturday, April 29th. Our club helped out with communication again this year. The event went off smoothly. Thanks to all who volunteered.

Dayton Hamvention took place May 17 – 19th. It was sparsely attended by club members this year due to unavailability of rooms near the show.

There is still 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 CVARC is hosting a Tailgate Swap Fest on July 20th 2013. It will be 8 AM until Noon in the Eagles Club Parking lot in Hallie (between Chippewa and Eau Claire.) Coffee will be available. Fee is \$5.00 per person for buying or selling. A good event to pick up a few items for the “Shack” and sell the stuff you got by mistake at the Spring Auction. More information on CVARC Website and you can contact Jim Linstedt, W9ZUC at (715) 456-4814.

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. Testing began on April 1st and continues through October. The ECARC helps with this process. Ron, W9RLL is usually 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.

ARRL Field Day is coming up Jun 22-23. ECARC will be at Paul's, W0AIH Antenna Farm. More details at the Club website. You can also see 2012 results on the club website.

The next Exam Session in Eau Claire will be at Lake Street United Methodist Church. This is located at 337 Lake St. in Eau Claire, just a block west of the Eau Claire County Courthouse. Testing will begin at 9 AM on July 13th in Room 101 on the lower level. **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. **Keep an eye on the club website for changes in upcoming exam locations. It may move after this session at Lake Street United Methodist.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM. After the meeting Paul gave all a tour of the Antenna Farm and Radio Shack on his property. If you have never seen this place, it is a site to behold. Thanks again to Paul for hosting our meeting at his place.

Next formal Meeting will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday September 17th, 2013 at a site to be announced. Keep checking the club website for location during this time of "lockout".