

## ECARC – 7/15/2014 Meeting Minutes

Rolf, KG0KM called the meeting to order about 6:35 PM at the Saving Grace Facilities in the Eau Claire East Ridge Center. Eleven members and guests attended.

Last month's meeting: No meeting minutes were taken due to the informal nature of the meeting. Meeting minutes from the May meeting were read.

Ron, W9RLL provided a detailed treasurer's report. He also reported on the financial status of the club. Ron also noted that the Club's Liability Insurance was paid in full for another year. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports as read. Motion passed unanimously.

### DISCUSSION:

Paul W0AIH gave a wonderful report on his recent trip to Europe. He saw many old friends and did many things while he was there. If you missed his report, you missed a very interesting presentation. Thank you Paul for sharing a few of the details of your trip with us.

Paul W0AIH also brought us up to date on attempts to reclaim our club property from the Grace Lutheran Facility. In short, it has been a very frustrating and useless exercise with the new owners and their attorney. Paul and Mark, KB9S have struggled with this for over a year now. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to designate Mark KB9S as the "agent" for our club in this matter.

ARRL Field Day took place 6/28/14. Location was at the Saving Grace Facility. The folks in attendance operated with a Yaesu 450 and an antenna on a "Buddy Pole". Generally they were operating from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Local time. Some pizza and refreshments were served and all had a good time. Thanks to Rolf and the Saving Grace Parish for use of the facilities for Field Day and tonight's meeting.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Chippewa Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC) will be hosting their annual Hallie Tailgate Hamfest on July 19<sup>th</sup>. (This coming weekend) Gates open at 8:00 AM and it will run until about noon. Admission is \$5 for buyers or sellers. Think about it, you buy and sell items for only \$5. More information on the CVARC website or Jim Linstedt W9ZUC email [jlinstedt@charter.net](mailto:jlinstedt@charter.net) or phone (715)456-4814.

The Onalaska Ham Fest put on by the Riverland Amateur Radio Club is coming up August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This Swap Fest will run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Onalaska Omni Center. It will be \$5 Admission and \$10 for a table to sell. Contact Greg Miller KA9FOZ at (608) 792-7841 or email at [gmliller@centurytel.net](mailto:gmliller@centurytel.net) for more information. Talk in will be at 147.97 PL138.8.

The Belvidere "Radio Expo" 2014 is being held on September 13 and is hosted by the Chicago FM Club. This is a large swap meet and show. Event is being held at the Boone County Fairgrounds East of Rockford Illinois. Outdoor Swapfest opens at 6:00 AM and indoor Swapfest opens at 8:00AM. Everything closes up about 3:00PM. \$10 admission at the gate. More information on line or call Steve Bosnyak K9VO at (773) 817-2744 or the club # is (708)457-0966. Talk in at 146.76 PL107.2.

Ron W9RLL is offering to get room discounts if you are interested. He is the "GO TO GUY" for this event.

Eau Claire County Warning Siren testing continues in and around Eau Claire. Ron W9RLL will be handing off the Net Controller duties to Dave KB9WPC for the next couple of months due to a medical issue. Next siren test will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday August 4th. Check in with Dave, KB9WPC beginning at 10:45 AM. The net will be on the 146.910 repeater. Thanks to all of you who helped last time. Ron reported that coverage of all the sirens was very complete.

**Next Ham Examination in Eau Claire** was scheduled to be on October 11th, 2014. **This has been rescheduled to October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.** Jon will inform the ARRL regarding the change. If you know someone who is planning to write one of the tests in October, make sure they know of this change. Exam will be held at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center at 9:00AM. As always, walk-in's are welcome! \$15 for each test. 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.

Jon noted that he could use someone as a "back up" in case he (and Diane) can't make it to an exam session for some reason. Contact him if you might be available.

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 scheduled two operating sessions in Wisconsin. The first session was 2/12/2014 and was primarily operating in the Southern part of the State. The second session was 7/2/14 thru 7/9/2014. Paul gave a brief report on how the celebration in this area went. The ECARC website has more information. Paul W0AIH and Mark KB9S were very active with this event.

Treats were available for those who wanted them.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:25 PM.

**Next scheduled meeting** will be August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 continue to harp on Club Membership Renewal.
2. Mark will report on Contesting.

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