

**RRA Meeting – 03/08/16** Meeting opened @ 7:00pm by N8MRC

Present: N8MRC, AC8NI, KD8WZH, KD8WEG, K8DC, W8WDW

1. Welcome and introduce new members.
2. Secretary/Treasurer's report:
  - > \$880.99 in bank deposits and \$10.00 cash pending deposit.
  - > Results of WA8RRA's participation in the 2016 ARRL International DX Phone Contest: Contacts 455, Countries 86, Points 275,730. WA8RRA contest log submitted to ARRL this date with confirmation # of 8328216.arrl-dx-ssb.
  - > Tonight, our club received a \$5.00 cash donation from member K8DC. Thank you Jay!
3. Discussion: National Parks on the Air. W8WDW is an active promoter/participant in this ARRL program. Del reports that this coming Saturday about 1:00pm he will be active at the Lowell Boy Scout Cabin. [Located at the end of Washington Street, north off of M-21, on the right side of the street.

Mike and Del suggested that we might participate in this ARRL program as a club activity, possibly in April or May. Parks on the Air entries must be submitted to the ARRL through the LOTW application.

4. Discussion: QSL cards; what type of card stock or paper do you use??
5. Discussion: ARRL Field Day 2016
  - a) We need to remember to prepare and submit a press release.
  - b) We could then publicize and run a VE testing session.
  - c) We could have an information table and pass out handouts.
  - d) We could acquire GOTA Pins and give them to non-hams who participate in field day transmissions and make a contact.
  - e) Field Day shirts and hats - Mike will get info on the price of shirts and hats and send the info out to club members. Orders for these items must be in by end of May. John suggested that club members might all wear hats and shirts and thereby be easily identifiable to our visitors, should they have questions.
  - f) Potential stations: Mike-2, Jay-1, Tim-1, John-1 ... more???
6. Meeting adjourned @ 7:40p and on to a very productive balun building session.