

RRA Meeting March 14th, 2017

Sign-in: AC8NI, KD8LZS, K8DC, KD8WZH, K8BUU, AB8KP, W8WDW, NE8E, KD8TOV, KE8AAY Mike

- Opened by Gene AB8KP @ 7:00pm & welcome new friend Mike KE8AAY
- Jay K8DC wants to compile a list of pre-meeting activities.
 - One suggestion was to view some of the many informative You-Tube videos on HAM Radio equipment construction projects.
 - Another suggestion was to allow The SATERN folks to have a presentation on Emergency Disaster Services and SATERN. (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network)
- Roger K8BUU wants to know if anyone is going to Crossroads Swap. We sent an email out to the club email list to see if there was any interest.
- A quick review of last month's minutes. No changes were made.
- Brian KD8LZS updated us on the status of the Michigan State Parks on the Air program. Ionia State Recreation Area will participate in the program and the RRA will be the sponsoring club.

A pdf file listing sponsoring club responsibilities has been emailed out to our email list.

We asked Brian to find out if we will be able to hold our club's ARRL Field Day activities at the park this year. Also we briefly discussed the possibility of organizing an ARRL listed special event at the park, some time after field day.

- Secretary-Treasurer's report: Checking account balance is \$1,036.93 and we have \$ zero cash-on-hand. Club picture is in the rotating header on the website. Changes in club meeting time also reflected on the website. Change in annual dues reflected on the website as well. Last meetings minutes posted on website.

- WION tour on hold per N8MRC
- Antenna removal – play by ear per N8MRC
- Per Del W8WDW we have been invited by Mark Weaver to have radio setup on the north country trail on April 15th for National Jr. Ranger day. Mark asked that we also find the kids to attend. The location would be in Lowell & we would be responsible for bringing all the equipment. After a discussion on the offer, it was determined that nobody from the club would be able to attend on this date, and so we must decline this year.
- It was suggested that we check and update our website, as there is nothing on our calendar and no placeholders for the January and February 2017 minutes, when we did not have a meeting.

If the membership would like to see anything in particular on our site, please contact Tim AC8NI.

- Request out to membership for donated tools IS STILL ACTIVE ;-) We would like to add to club tools which are available for projects. These tools remain on-site in a locked locker. Current needs: multi-meter, work holding stuff, snap ring pliers, etc.
- NE8E offered a progress report on status of the club's Icom IC-746 Pro. The parts finally came in for the radio, but after three months of waiting for a work session on the transceiver, the parts wandered off into oblivion. Scott will re-order the parts for us. (Not a big financial deal... about \$5.00)
Thanks to Scott!
- Our annual February Family Dinner was held at the Lamplight Grill in Ionia, 314 Main Street; February 12th at 3:00pm. Good buffet! We had fun and good food in the company of good friends!
- Storage locker repair update AB8KP: pending.
- Feed thru panel KD8LZS, K8DC and AC8NI will install antenna and ground connections over the air conditioner. Tim will secure permission from the school principal to drill holes through the plywood panel that holds

the room air conditioner in place.

- Bob KD8TOV advised that this coming Thursday night begins CERT Training for new CERT volunteers in Ionia County. There is a new Emergency Manager, Deputy Sgt. William Hoskins, and he appears to be very supportive of volunteer operations in the county.
- Our business meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Gene AB8KP. Our next business meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm Tuesday, April 11th, at the Saranac Elementary School. Project/presentation time is at 6:00pm, ahead of the business meeting.