

RRA Meeting May 9th, 2017

Attending: N8MRC Mike, AC8NI Tim, KD8LZS Brian, K8DC Jay, W8WDW Del, NE8E Scott, KD8TOV Bob, KD8WZH John, N8FAU Bob, AB8KP Gene, W8OPD Paul

- Pre-meeting: TSA EDS/SATERN Presentation
- Open meeting and welcome to new members & visitors by Mike N8MRC @ 7:00pm
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report (AC8NI):
 - \$1,037.11 in checking with \$0 Cash-on-hand.
- Club antennas (N8MRC): Pending email to Superintendent Geiger.(cc Jason Smith). Nothing further to report at this time
- MiSPOTA Update (KD8LZS): N8MRC will visit the park and introduce us.
- Field Day Location: N8MRC will talk to Ionia State Pasrk officials about field day at the Recreation Area. He will discuss power options and ask about cabins.
- Club logo (AC8NI): NE8E Scott's design is in! Scott and Penny, our new shirt/logo committee, will work up a prototype shirt and possibly an embroidered iron-on logo and the RRA will pay for any costs for the proofs.
- Progress report on IC-746Pro (NE8E and K8DC): remains in re-assembly mode. Mike will bring a dummy load to the next meeting.
- WION tour (N8MRC/NE8E): Saturdays are a good day. We will go to breakfast together and then on to the tour. NE8E Scott will get a couple date suggestions from Jim and get back to the club.
- Michigan QSO Party Report (N8MRC): N8MRC had a million things going on but still got on the air and made a dozen contacts. Thank you Mike.
- New Repeater opportunity: N8FAU Bob related that the repeater in question swill go into ham band. It is 100W on the chassis, though. To convert to ham, each stage must be re-tuned manually. The club passes on the opportunity at this

time.

- Field Day Shirts/Hats order (N8MRC): Wants to put order in by 20th of May. Get your orders in to Mike soon!
- IRA Hamfest Saturday June 3rd 8:00am Hudsonville Fairgrounds
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - W8WDW Del reminded us of the upcoming Great Lakes Ham Convention October 7th and 8th at the speedway in Brooklyn!! There will be training, testing and ham gear for sale inside and out. ARRL President will attend! High hopes for this convention to be as prominent as Dayton!
 - KD8LZS Brian talked about the upcoming Museum Ships On-The-Air, June 3rd and 4th an HF special event. Take a look at <http://nj2bb.org> .
 - Our thanks to Momma N8MRC for the fantastic butterscotch cookies ;-)
- Our next meeting..
 - ..will be held at Saranac Community Elementary School on Tuesday June 13th
 - 6:00pm pre-meeting activity:
 - 7:00pm our monthly business meeting.
- Meeting adjourned by N8MRC @ 8:27pm.