

RRA Meeting – 09/13/16 Meeting opened @ 7:00pm by N8MRC

Present: AC8NI*, N8MRC*, KD8LZS*, NE8E*, W8WDW*, K8DC*, AB8KP, K8BUU*, KD8TOV*

1. Welcome and introduce new members, KD8TOV Rob. AND nice to see our friend Roger K8BUU with us at our first meeting of the club year.
2. Secretary/Treasurer's report – update on move from tech building to elementary school.
3. New home at elementary school – We have been given access to a shared classroom. Saranac Schools is providing us with several lockers for safe storage of our equipment between meetings. We have permission to modify one of the existing windows, to allow for a cable pass-through.
4. Recap on Field Day 2016: 374 contacts, 1,516 points and around 45 states worked.
5. Antennas – We will recover our UHF/VHF and HF antennas from the tech building and move them to the elementary.
6. Club equipment at Tim and Mike's – Equipment that was purchased by the school district has been donated to our club, including the repeater system. When Brian Bergy brings the locker key to the club, and the remaining lockers are moved from the middle school building to the classroom in the elementary, Mike and Tim will move club station and cw training equipment into them. The collection of paper QST magazines was approved for disposal.
7. Meeting time – We have been asked to conclude our meetings and exit the school building by 9:00pm so that the custodians may go home on time. We are considering moving our meeting start time up to as to allow for open radio room and special project activities after the meeting.
8. After meeting activities – Suggestion submitted for a “How To” session on digital modes and interfaces.
9. Club officers nominations – Mike for President, Gene for vice president, Tim for Secretary/Treasurer. – As there was only one nomination per office, current officers will continue on for the club year 2016-17
10. Needful things: access point for wireless hookup to school Internet by club members, network printer for club use, re-key the equipment lockers (won't be needed if Brian finds the one-fits-all key), set up connectors and cables so we may bring personal rigs in and hook them up easily to the antennas, ground, etc.
11. Dues – question raised as to whether or not we should raise our annual dues (currently \$10.00) to reflect our interest in increasing club capabilities and activities.
12. Question: Do we want to repair or sell the IC-746? AC8NI will attempt a hard reset of our 746 and see if it “comes back” to us.
13. N8FAU has donated a considerable amount of radio gear to the club for use/disposal as we see fit. N8MRC to take the lead on resolution.
14. NOTE: GRARA Hamfest this coming weekend. Saturday, September 17th at The Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI 49509-9702
15. NOTE: N8MRC is now the EC for Ionia County, operating under EM Doug DeVries and Director Jim Valentine
16. KDDC wants RACES information/description. AC8NI to help with that.
17. K8DC and NE8E represented the club at Spark-in-the-Park 2016. Watch our web page for an article. Thanks guys !
18. Possible Club affiliation with Ionia State Park. MiSPOTA. KD8LZS to secure more information.
19. W8WDW talked about the upcoming Jamboree on the air at Berlin raceway (Marne) Oct 14-16. “Outing for Scouting” STEM (science technology engineering and math). Volunteers and additional displays are welcomed. Please contact W8WDW via email: drockwell@voyager.net

if you are interested.

20. Club picture next month. (N8MRC will bring camera gear)

21. Our new member, KD8TOV, paid dues very late in the 2015-16 year. Club membership voted to count dues as paid for the 2016-17 year.

22. Next meeting will be at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by N8MRC