



**Riverside Radio Amateurs Meeting December
12, 2017
At Jay's K8DC house**

Attending: Jay K8DC, Gene AB8KP, Dell W8WDW, Mike N8MRC from Florida via EchoLink
K8DC taking minutes. Called to order by AB8KP at 6:47pm. □ No secretary or treasurer's report.

- No group photo was taken tonight due to the small group. We will try to get a group photo next month.
 - N8MRC confirmed that yes there normally is a January meeting unless cancelled due to weather conditions.
- K8DC reported on setting up an HF rig for digital communication in the Ionia EOC.
- We had some discussion about possible future meeting locations. There doesn't seem to be much interest in operating permanently-installed club radio equipment at this time, so there is not a strong reason to secure a public venue for club meetings. K8DC is willing to host future meetings, and AB8KP volunteered to host as a backup location.
- We still desire to make the club radio equipment more portable in a go-kit form. No further development has been done on it yet.
- There was a discussion about possible future club activities that might interest more members. W8WDW suggested we might work on some Raspberry PI based projects. Nothing is planned at this time and other suggestions are welcome.
- International DX competition is in March and we are looking for a venue. K8DC's home is available, and can support two HF rigs so we could use Jay's IC-7300 plus the club's IC-746. If anyone has other suggestions for a location please bring it up at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by AB8KP at 7:34pm.

Following the meeting we moved to the K8DC shack and joined the Michigan Digital Traffic Net using the Olivia digital mode. Band conditions on 80M were very poor but we were able to check in, and to mostly copy the other stations despite signals well below the noise level. This net meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00pm so it will be possible to join after future club meetings if others are interested.