

RRA Meeting September 12th, 2017

Attending: N8MRC Mike, AC8NI Tim*, KD8LZS Brian*, KD8TOV Bob*, KD8WZH John*, W8WDW Del*, K8BUU Roger*, KD8HNF Bob

- Our meeting was held at N8MRC's home and our host provided beverages and munchies. Thank you Mike! Our business meeting opened at 7:00pm.
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report (AC8NI)
 - \$982.45 in checking with \$10 Cash-on-hand
 - Collecting dues for this club year, now \$20.00 (Tonight, dues were collected from: AC8NI, KD8LZS, KD8TOV, KD8WZH, W8WDW and K8BUU – thank you)
- AC8NI will review our club constitution and bring a proposal for amendment back to the club to cover non-voted spending provisions, i.e. for porta-potty & QSL card expense, web registrations, etc (need single purchase and annual limits for these expenditures)
- Picture night will be next meeting (October)
- Nominations / elections for club officers will be held next meeting (October)
- Note: KD8LZS has our Icom 746 at home and N8MRC has the FT-8800 & Power Supply
- KD8LZS – MiSPOTA is at a standstill. We discussed what do we have to do next.. How do we get the QSL cards & etc? - KD8LZS will make contact with Ionia State Park Area Supervisor and report back
- Field Day 2017 review & comments: Held at Ionia County airport
 - folks loved the location
 - liked how everybody had space for separation so the signals didn't interfere
 - some folks came up to see what was going on.. had a pilot, Ned, & a couple of glider riders show up
 - our location was way back from 66, so maybe we need a sign up by the road
 - could we get WION involved with publicity next year?
 - our generators were ok & didn't appear to bother anyone
 - next year we might go out to the site on our June meeting to plot out where our stations should be
 - we didn't have a campfire... was kinda windy though.. maybe a fire pot with a lid on it would be something to acquire
- Our Icom 746 HF radio worked right through field day just fine!
- Meeting place (Airport) Unknown at this time. Next month or til December, N8MRC will try to get permission from Ionia County dispatch to have meetings there.
- Club Shirts (NE8E not here)
- KD8HNF has a suggestion – Could we use our pre-meeting time to help folks working on their general license tests?
- WION Tour (NE8E)
 - Best time?? Maybe Friday evening, 6:00pm & eat afterward.
 - UPDATE from N8MRC: “I contacted Jim at WION, looks like after the new year before he can get us in, he's having issues with the station. I told him I would keep in touch...”
- Club antennas – need to get our antennas from the SCS central office. N8MRC still in charge of this project.
- KD8LZS – has re-submitted repeater coordination information to MiARC, so we are up-to-date with that duty.
- Our business meeting was adjourned by N8MRC at 8:10pm