

RRA Meeting – 9/8/15

Present: AC8NI, KD8HNF, N8MRC, KD8WZI, KD8WEG, KD8WZH, NE8E, AC8RP, KC8ZPI, W8OPD, K8DC

Meeting opened @ 7:00pm by N8MRC

1. N8MRC – Mike reviewed our statistics for Field Day 2015. Members suggested we have participant / visitor sign-in sheet for next field day, VE session at field day.
2. Secretary Treasurer's Report:
 - > \$ 932.27 in bank deposits and \$ NO cash pending deposit.
 - > Last month's meeting minutes posted on wa8rra.org.
3. N8MRC -- Reminder we have VE testing 3rd Saturday of every month, except December.
4. Nominations for 2015 – 2016 club officers: KD8WEG moved that we continue in the new year with our 2014 – 2015 officers. Members present affirmed. We will conduct formal election / appointment of officers at the October meeting, pending additional nominations / acceptance of nominations by current officers.
5. Discussion continued on whether or not to buy new HF rig for hamshack...Would we use it?? Open shack?? Hour after meeting?? Before?? What about a Project Night along with the open radio room??
 - 5.1 Membership agreed to a 6 month trial of an open radio room, starting with the October meeting.
 - 5.2 N8MRC or KC8ZPI will bring in an HF rig & tuner for club use during the trial. (Ryan and Mike to agree on who is bringing their rig each month)
 - 5.3 Radio room will be open from end of business meeting to at least 9:00pm during the trial.
 - 5.4 Along with radio room, we will develop projects and topics for after meeting activities, as in antenna assembly or current topics of interest to members.
 - 5.4 A project/topic idea sheet will be available for sponsors to make an entry, along side the sign-in sheet each month.
6. We need new QSL card 'cause we will be talking on the radio. KD8WZI volunteered to work on a card. W8OPD will also design a card, favoring the single-sided model. Sample cards may be brought in to the October meeting for review and selection by the membership.
7. Club photo taken.

8. N8MRC: Mike held a discussion of the coming year's club activities. Michigan QSO party will be in April, International DX phone contest March 5th...who will host? Family dinner in February... wherever we have it, we need more centralized seating for our members.
9. KD8HNF: Bob reminded us that the GRARA Hamfest is coming up on October 3rd, at the Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
10. AC8NI: Tim suggested some of us might want to get together and visit the 2nd Hand Ham Shop together. *If anyone is going to visit the shop, contact N8MRC and Mike will put out an email to see if anyone else wants to come along.*
11. AC8NI: Tim invited all present to help the Greater Grand Rapids SATERN Unit with their ARRL registered Special event which will be held at Tim's home this coming Friday through Saturday, 8:00pm to 8:00pm. (9/11 – 9/12) Operators are needed to man (3) HF stations concurrently for the 24 hour event. Address is good on QRZ!
12. AC8RP: Roger suggested we visit the Ionia dispatch center as a club activity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm by N8MRC.