

General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Nick, KD8JBG.

Secretary's Report (Todd, W8YHF):

Minutes of the January 2016 meeting were accepted as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report (Rich, WA8MTI):

General Fund:	\$3677.55
Membership:	<u>\$36.76</u>
Total:	<u>\$3714.31</u>

40 paid members, analysis of deposits and withdrawals.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Upcoming events:

Programs:

February:

2/13: VE Testing (see below)

2/22 E.A.T.: We will view two more training videos.

March:

3/14 Monthly Meeting

3/28 E.A.T.

VE Testing:

VE Testing is conducted at the Red Cross on the second Saturday of each even-numbered month at 6pm.

"Ham in a Day" events are held prior to the April, August, and December VE testing sessions at 1pm.

The registration form for the Ham in a Day class is located at:

<http://tinyurl.com/harchiad>

SKYWARN Training - Ottawa and Kent County SKYWARN Teams:

The SKYWARN training will be held at the Jenison Center for the Arts, located at:
8375 20th Ave
Jenison, MI 49428

Please enter off the Bauer St. entrance, just north of the Center.

Our training this year will be held February 26th 2016, beginning at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

There will be several organizations with booths set up for you to enjoy. Please feel free to arrive early to take a look around and reserve your seats.

Please see <https://skywarn2016.eventbrite.com> for registration info.

Get Out of the Cabin Dinner (f.k.a. New Hams Dinner):

The dinner will be held at 1:30pm on Saturday, February 27th at Old Country Buffet, Rogers Plaza (<https://goo.gl/maps/aLaVBAXzzQD2>).

There will be door prizes for new hams.

National Parks on the Air (NPOTA):

From the ARRL Website (<http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA>):

“Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public.”

You can follow NPOTA activity on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NPOTA> or on Twitter: [@ARRL_NPOTA](https://twitter.com/ARRL_NPOTA)

North Korea Activation:

There will be an official activation of North Korea this summer. Polish operator Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX (QRZ: <https://www.qrz.com/db/3z9dx>) will be operating as P5/3Z9DX.

More information is available via his website: <http://k38dom0.wix.com/3z9dx>

Old Business:

Banquet:

24 members and family attended the banquet.

E.A.T.:

7-8 attended. They expressed significant interest in learning basic electronics.

New Business:

Julie from “Just a Chance” [<http://on.fb.me/21TgLfB>] contacted Nick about a ham radio course for young people. We would like to learn more about her needs to determine whether or not we can find a good fit.

Nick has requested a System Fusion presentation from Yaesu. We may include this in a future club meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm, followed by a presentation by Ken, AC8OF on the SDRPlay receiver.

Submitted:

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.