

General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Nick, KD8JBG.

Secretary's Report (Todd, W8YHF):

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

Treasurer's Report (Rich, WA8MTI):

General Fund:	\$3,903.02
Membership:	<u>\$126.76</u>
Total:	<u>\$4,029.78</u>

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Upcoming events:

Programs:

June:

6/13 Monthly Meeting

6/27 E.A.T.: Instructional electronics videos, and a presentation on more advanced topics by Jeff, KD8THX.

July:

7/11 Monthly Meeting: Solar24 will be returning to talk about their products.

7/25 E.A.T.: Instructional electronics videos, and a presentation on more advanced topics by Jeff, KD8THX.

VE Testing:

VE Testing is conducted at the Red Cross (schedule TBD)

“Ham in a Day” events will be held at 1pm on June 11th and October 8th in Lowell, and on August 13th and December 10th in Holland.

For more information, or to register for the Ham in a Day class, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/holohiad>

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 DXpedition:

Polish ham Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX will be operating from North Korea this year on very short notice. More details available via ARRL at <http://bit.ly/1txkcwB>

Midland Hamfest:

From the Midland Amateur Radio Club Newsletter (<http://bit.ly/1S6jLgE>):

The 42nd Annual Midland Hamfest will be held at the Salvation Army Family Center (330 Waldo Rd, Midland, Mi) on June 18th, 2016.

The show runs from 8:00 am to noon, admission is \$5, and tables are available for \$5. Trunk sales are also \$5. Food will be available.

Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club Hamfest:

The Lowell Amateur Radio Youth Club will be holding a hamfest on Saturday, July 16th from 8am to noon. More information is available at <http://www.k8lhs.club>

ARROW

ARROW (Ann Arbor, MI) is looking for volunteers for "One Hell of a Ride" on Saturday, July 9th. From Jim Lommel, WD8RWI:

I am reaching out to you for help with this year's One Hell of a Ride because we are in desperate need of volunteers for SAG duty and Rest Stop monitors. The One Hell of a Ride is sponsored by the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society and usually involves about 1800 or so riders on one of five different courses. There is a 100 mile course, a 75 mile course, a 65 mile course and two "Fun" rides of 15 and 32 miles. The Start and Finish line for the three longer rides is at the Chelsea Fairgrounds and the Fun rides start and finish at the Portage Lake lunch stop.

To be a SAG driver you need a vehicle that has a 50 watt mobile 2 meter radio and a 5/8ths wave antenna and can transport, at least, one rider and their bike. It is also helpful to have a small bicycle tool kit. AABTS will provide us with spare tubes, SAG vehicle signs or flags and water. The SAG drivers cruise the various courses looking for riders that need help and assisting them. The SAG drivers are under the control of the Net Control operator who assigns the SAG drivers various sections of the courses to patrol and also directs one or more of the SAG vehicles to

trouble spots. There is more information about the ride at the AABTS website, aabts.org. The Rest Stop monitors are assigned to one of the three Rest/Food stops. There is a free lunch available at the Portage Lake stop. The Rest Stop monitors generally keep track of what's going on, advises Net Control if there are riders who need transport back to the Start/Finish line.

No prior experience is needed for this activity and you can get reimbursed for the miles you drive by AABTS. Please, please help ARROW by volunteering. You can volunteer by responding to: wd8rwi@... When you reply to volunteer, please provide your tee shirt size. If you volunteer, you will need to show up at the Chelsea Fairgrounds at around 7:00 AM on Saturday, July 9th to pick up your tee shirt, collect the spare tubes and course maps and cue sheets and sign a waiver.

I have posted a description of SAG duties put together by Jeff Zupan W8SGZ at this URL: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ARROW-General-List>

If you would like more information, just let me know.

Thank you very much,

*Jim Lommel
ARROW Public Service Officer*

Bike MS

Fred, W8FSM offered thanks from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for help with the Bike MS event.

Old Business:

Tulip Time:

Tom, K8TB: We had a full team on Wednesday and Thursday. We were a few operators short on Saturday, but the Red Cross was short on medical personnel as well.

The club received a thank-you email from Duane and Mary. It is posted on the reflector.

Hats/Banner:

Phil, K8PVH: There has been interest in getting club hats; preferably made in USA.

Elite Activewear (based in Holland, MI; <http://eliteactivewear.net/>) has been used in the past. \$12.50 for a sandwich brim cap including "Holland ARC." Individual callsigns will add to the price. Phil will post more information on the reflector.

Phil also checked with Graphix Signs and Embroidery (*warning: auto-playing music* <http://www.graphixsignsandembroidery.com/>): \$11.40 for a hat with no embroidery.

The club's event banner has been missing for some time. A 3x5 ft. replacement with HARC and ARRL logos would cost roughly \$100. Motion to spend up to \$125. Motion passed.

Field Day:

John Hanse, AC8HZ: We will have a GOTA station this year. We may need one more generator. If you have one available, please contact John.

Ernie would like help with 20 meter CW.

Food will be served at 6:30pm on Saturday. Bring a dish to pass. Dessert is covered.

Amazon Smile:

HARC has set up an account on Amazon to receive a percentage of our members' Amazon purchases if they choose to designate HARC as their selected charity. More information about the Amazon Smile program is available at <http://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about>.

Nick, KD8JBG and Rich, WA8MTI are working through the approval process for the account.

Ham in a Day / VE Testing:

Bob Broene, K8RJB has been appointed the chairman of the Ham in a Day program.

HARC is working with the Lowell Amateur Radio Club on scheduling Ham in a Day and VE Testing.

Lowell held their first HiaD/VE testing session on June 11th. From Tom, K8TB:

Congratulations to the Lowell ARC on their first ham in a day. Eight students, and seven passed their tech. In addition, one tech came in and studied and passed his general.

Now, all of these people are important, but one of the new techs is noteworthy. None other than Mark Weaver, who is the Superintendent of the North Country National Scenic Trail, of the National Park System.

This is known on the ARRL National Parks on the Air (Npota) as TR04, a small 4,600 trail across seven states. His office and the trail headquarters, cool enough, is right in Lowell.

We will let you all know his call when he gets it, and we should hear him on the air.

We are working on a brochure to explain the Ham in a Day program to other clubs. Of the 101 people that have completed Ham in a Day at HARC, only half have been from Ottawa County. Other clubs have been asking Larry Camp, WB8R (ARRL Michigan Section Manager) about the program.

Outing for Scouting:

Bob, K8RJB is looking for volunteers set up and help during the day at the Boy Scouts "Outing for Scouting" on October 15th:

<https://scoutingevent.com/?outingforscouting>

The event will be held at Berlin Raceway. This event runs concurrently with Jamboree on the Air.

Kiwanis Shoe Drive:

Hank, K8HLD mentioned that the Kiwanis Club of Holland is having a shoe drive. They are looking for old shoes in good condition; they will be sent to developing nations. You can bring your shoes to a club meeting and give them to Hank.

More information on Kiwanis Holland can be found at their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/kiwnishollandmi/?fref=ts>

New Business

Donation:

Bruce, WB8YXY has two HTs programmed for the local repeaters. Bruce is donating them to the club.

Red Cross Building:

Tom, K8TB: Per the American Red Cross organization, the building will be listed for sale as of August 1st. HARC will need to find a new space to hold meetings.

Tom will lead a committee to find a new location, joined by Dave, WA8RSA and Phil, K8PVH. Ideally we will need some space for files and a ham shack. Please contact Dave or Phil with ideas for new locations.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm, followed by a video on Arecibo Radio Telescope in Puerto Rico.

Submitted:

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.