

SIARC MEETING NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:30 by President Tom Sanders. Tom began with us observing a moment of silence for club member Roger Kessler KD2PRK who passed away on January 19, 2015. Afterwards, members were invited to contribute towards a club sponsored collection in Rogers honor. SIARC club member Dave Mette has been helping Roger's widow by selling Rogers ham radio equipment. There are still two hand held Bao Feng radios for \$40 and a Yaesu 2700 for \$100 available.

Tom held the first of the club's monthly raffles to raise money for the club. This month's raffle was for the hardbound 2015 ARRL Handbook. The raffle tickets cost \$5 and the prize was awarded to Ray Dreimiller AB2UY.

TREASURES REPORT:

The club treasure Stan Avery WM3D reports that club checking account stands at \$3383.33 the amount for which was carried and accepted.

REPEATER STATUSES:

Steve Benton WB2VMR reports that Gannett Hill is running well. John Park has put a requisition into the county for a 20 foot section of antenna mast pipe along with new feed line which will be changed out when the weather gets better. Steve also was glad to report that the 442 repeater is running well and that another controller is on its way which will also be installed when the weather gets better.

Dave Mette W2ACC reported on the relocation of the DSTAR repeater along with the call sign change that is currently taking place. There will be more on that to report as time progresses and the weather improves by the next meeting.

HAM RADIO MENTOR PROGRAM:

Because of our very successful VE program along with the new entry level hams joining our club, Tom Sanders thought it would be nice if we started a mentorship program to assist these new hams as they progress in the hobby. It was suggested that anyone interested could have their name, call and contact information placed on the Mentor list where by the new hams could call for advice or with any questions they may have. Tom also said that everyone should let Stan Avery know if there is any change in your contact information so that the Club Roster can be updated.

DRUMLINS HAMFEST:

April 18. Last year SIARC in support of the Drumlins club had a table to sell any equipment you may want to sell. There will be a testing session so any VE from our

club that would like to assist in testing or for the other activities should contact Jay or Sabrina Hamill.

OUTREACH PROGRAM:

To be held by the Wayne County 4H sometime in April or the 1st Saturday in May. Tom would like to have a program to show kids about Ham Radio which would be about 3-4 hours. Contact Tom if you would like to help.

NORM SCHRADER:

Norm WB2GGM talked to the group about a few programs that he is working on and invited any club members who would be interested in assisting.

-He was approached by the Honeoye Library staff about setting up a static display on Ham Radio in the Town Library.

-The new Field and Stream store would like some help in demonstrating emergency communication radios that are currently available for purchase by outdoorspeople.

-St. Mary's Church in Honeoye would like a Ham Radio presentation for the Scout Troop that meets there.

-Norm is working with the Parkinsons support group out of Canandaigua to introduce Ham Radio as a possible hobby for persons affected by Parkinsons disease.

OTHER FUTURE PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS:

-Wild Water Derby; Saturday April 25

-Tour de Cure in Webster June 13

-MS Bike Event in Penn Yan July 18 & 19TH; Dormitory accommodations along with meals will be provided for persons helping on both days. We do this event along with the Drumlins Club.

-Run For the Red in Canandaigua which is a Red Cross Event.

-Finger Lakes Triathlon Sunday September 13

-Pumpkin Patrol on Halloween for 4 hours.

FIELD DAY 2015:

Thanks to Don Smith who will preside over the event again this year. It will be held the last weekend in June 27-28. It will be held at the Watkins Lodge, Gannett Hill Park from 2pm Sat. to 2pm Sun. Setup will be at 9am Sat. There will be 3 to 4

stations. We opted for T-shirts again this year which we will order at the April meeting.

John Greco KD2GTA proposed that we consider minting a RACES and or SIARC T-shirt. He will present the figures obtained from a supplier at next month's meeting.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Tom showed the newspaper article announcing John Park's retirement as Ontario County Attorney for the last 35 years. Congratulations to John for the many years of great service. We all wish him the very best.

-The SIARC May meeting will be held again at the Human Resources Building, County Complex Drive; this year again because of the County Tax Foreclosure Auction.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

At 8:36. Steve Benton took a show of hands for anyone interested in building a frequency counter for next month's program. The kit will cost \$20.

This month's program was on how to program the DSTAR radios.

Minutes submitted by club secretary Ray Dreimiller AB2UY

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom Sanders KB2NCI, Dale Hansen KB2TNL, Vern Kunes K2VJK, John Greco KD2GTA, Dave Mette W2ACC, Tony Golumbeck KD2HNI, JoAnne Rosato KD2FCX, James Rosato KD2AVK, Karl Eurenins KD2HWK, Nathan Castle NY2NC, Norm Schrader WB2GGM, David Reussow KC2DQS, Steve Benton WB2VMR, Gib Buckbee KC2JTU, Dave Foster AB2WZ, Don Smith N2VDE, Stan Avery WM3D, Ray Dreimiller AB2UY, Russ Dreimiller WA2LTH, David Hunter N2EZY, Wes Mills W2WES, Sandy Federico KA2HQZ, Sabrina Hamill WD2STK, Jay Hamill KC2TCM, Jerry Falletta W2TXB