

SIARC MEETING NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: At 8:00 following bi-monthly VE testing session by President Tom Sanders KB2NCI with 14 members in attendance. The meeting immediately progressed to this month's program with featured guest Ross Mazzoia KC2LOC a member of Monroe County RACES who officiated in this year's **NORTHERN BORDER MARINE INTERDICTION EXERCISES**. The drill took place last June at the Port of Rochester, Charlotte and had the participation of governmental law enforcement, emergency, and public health and welfare agencies at the Federal, State, County, City level, and also an amateur radio contingent from Monroe County RACES. There were additional representatives from the Canadian Mounted Police because the scenario of this drill revolved around unknown terrorist obtaining radiological materials in Toronto which crossed Lake Ontario in a boat; entering the Port of Rochester, Charlotte to be used in a terror attack in the United States. This scenario was not so far-fetched and is in fact, a real threat which played out in a real life situation just a few days later when a man was arrested with stolen radioactive materials from Canada. The Drill which included all forms of transportation such as boats, helicopters, mobile bomb squads, along with all 3 letter agencies was headed by Greece Police Chief Todd Baxter. The purpose of the drill was to gain practice and experience for all of the participating agencies working together in locating the dangerous materials and suspects were something like this were to happen. Monroe County RACES purpose in this drill was to be available on the side for **Contingent back-up communication** for the County System where HF communication for reaching outside of the affected area (first time for this mode), and VHF repeater and simplex communication (voice and digital). During this drill the County System worked well but there were lessons learned, these being:

- In daylight hours the computer screens were hard to see
- There were power concerns when higher wattage was employed. It was thought that high wattages were not always needed, and lower wattages would ration power for when higher wattages were needed or for overall sustainability. Also better battery inventory is to be considered.
- There are space considerations when HF communication is to be employed in regards to antenna footprint.
- Frequency rendezvous should be established ahead of time.

At the end of this very worthwhile, informative and enjoyable program the group gave Ross a heartfelt round of applause in thanks and appreciation. At this point Tom resumed the regular club business and introduced the guests; some of which were new entry HAMS who remained after utilizing our bi-monthly VE testing session.

SECRETARIES REPORT: The previous month's minutes were read by secretary Ray Dreimiller AB2UY and accepted with one correction that being that Mike Friedland KD2EHU checked out the Canandaigua hospital station instead of the Geneva as stated in the minutes.

TREASURES REPORT: By treasurer Stan Avery WM3D. The current club checking account stands and entered into record at \$2188.15

COUNTY REPORT: By John Park WA2SSJ, the new County communication system is working and the plan is to pull the old system soon. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on December 3rd. The 442.2 repeater will be moved soon and it along with the antenna installed on Ganett Hill. A dual band J-pole antenna will be installed on the roof at the new 911 center. The County budget approval will be on November 14 with the normal RACES funding at \$5000.00.

VE TEST SESSION: Dave Foster AB2WZ reports that we had 7 test applicants, 6 of which passed. Dave also reports that there are no changes or news to report on the hospital stations.

RACES NET: Sunday at 8:00PM same participation and Tom encourages anyone and everyone to try Net control.

PUMPKIN PATROL: Dave Taylor KB2KBY reports that there was the best participation ever with 6 more than last year; however, it was a bit nerve wrecking almost up to the last minute to secure volunteers. Dave extends his heartfelt thanks to all who served. It was suggested that next year we have a program presentation featuring a State Trooper to speak on the importance of the Pumpkin Patrol. It is thought that this might bolster participation.

December 7th Skywarn Recognition Day: To be held in Buffalo, NY. Get in touch with Tom Sanders if you would like to attend.

THE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: To be held on the second Wednesday of December at the AWA at 6:30 instead of 7:30. Stan Avery will coordinate a tour of the new Museum after we first eat. The club will be providing pizza along with an assortment of soda. Bring a dish to pass if you like.

Sunday JANUARY 5TH ANNUAL KIDS DAY: This is an ARRL sanctioned event to be held at the EOC to show kids about Ham Radio. There will be HF as well as VHF and UHF communications taking place where the kids will get to talk on the air. Get in touch with Tom if you would like to assist in this event.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Minutes submitted by Ray Dreimiller AB2UY

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

RAY DREIMILLER SR. AB2UY BOB NEZELIK W2CNS STAN AVERY WM3D
GERRALD WHITNEY KG2BK JOHN PARK WA2SSJ FRANK DAVIS
KD2BSH DAVID TAYLOR KB2KBY JEFFREY KILLENBECK JR. K2KJK LEE
SCHUTT WA2LEE DAVID FURBER AC2HK SANDY FEDERICO KA2HQZ
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