

Oakland County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp (ARPSC)  
W8OAK Repeaters – 146.900 MHz/100pl & 444.325 MHz/107.2pl  
Weekly 2 meter net 8 pm every Thursday  
Hospital Radio Net – 7:30 pm last Thursday of Month  
Packet 144.950 MHz/1200 baud, connects made with Oakxxx or  
Callsign-# to OAKBBS (W8OAK-3) with nodes at  
OAKNOD (N8NM-1 Pontiac – most coverage),  
OAKEOC (W8OAK-7 at EOC) or K8DTX-7 (White Lake)  
APRS – 144.390 MHz  
Web Site: <http://www.arpesc.com>

Next meeting is on Wednesday 5 July 2017
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### **Meeting Minutes for 7 June 2017**

On 7 June 2017 at 7:10 pm, Jim Richards - AB8JR, Emergency Coordinator (EC) for the Oakland County ARPSC, called the meeting to order in the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The order of business included:

#### **(I). Report from Emergency Coordinator (EC), Jim Richards – AB8JR:**

Kevin Scheid – KD8ZVO, Homeland Security Division Oakland County is at a meeting up north.

The Addison receive site now has a firm date for the tower climb to repair and replace equipment. By 13 June 2017, everything should be completed with the work being done by Oakland County radio section rather than a private vendor. Quotes are being put out for repairs on the Pontiac and Southfield sites. Hopefully, there will be enough money to complete all repairs.

Query: When repairs are done and the 440 DRM Repeater is working, how well will it work for county coverage? Answer: Its antenna will be up 300 feet instead of the current 90 feet. This should extend coverage.

Jim has started selling raffle tickets for four new Tytera MD-380 DMR handheld radios which a member donated. One radio will be raffled off after a minimum of \$150 tickets are sold. One ticket costs \$5 and 3 tickets are \$10. Money raised would be used to cover small miscellaneous expenses, particularly those associated with Michigan State Parks On The Air and training activities associated with MSPOTA operations.

Cotton shirts for ARPSC members are being reviewed including estimating cost and deciding on a design logo. One possibility: An ARRL black and gold diamond on left side, ARPSC logo on center, and a tower on right side. At bottom might be silver and

gray ARPSC, ARES, RACES. Kevin Scheid has already ordered two shirts for inspection and costs for the shirt would depend on quantity ordered.

Query: Lady sizes? Answer – yes.

Query: Hats being considered? Not at this time.

Michigan State Parks on the Air (MSPOTA) will take place over the next three years honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Michigan State Parks in 2019. MSPOTA already has its own website at mspota.org. Our APRSC is beginning plans to run a special event station and has selected Bald Mountain State Park – South as the best nearby location. The site selected is between Upper and Lower Trout Lakes and has a pavilion and nearby restrooms. Next is to decide which days are needed and get a quote on renting the pavilion.

Training exercises with HF and VHF/UHF would include members moving out into various locations in the park to set up communications. This would help train members with one's own equipment, setting up equipment, and making contacts. Hilly areas of the park should create spotty communications and would add to the challenge, possibly requiring relays. Raffle money might be used to provide hot dogs and other food. Jim would like to make a 6' x 2' banner to identify our activity in the park and other events.

Our involvement will be increasing with the County Health Department, Region 2 North and similar groups. We hope to show and demonstrate our capabilities to others.

Query: What paper form do we use to write emergency net messages? Answer: ICS 213 General Message form which can be found online. This is a standard form used with most emergency groups. It includes incident name, to, from, subject, date, time, message, approved by, reply message, replied by whom with signature and date/time.

A sign-up sheet was passed for the Woodward Dream Cruise on Saturday, 19 August 2017, which includes the Berkley CruiseFest on Friday night, 18 August 2017. The Berkley CruiseFest starts with a 5 pm dinner to which we are invited. The parade of cars begins about 6:30 to 7 pm. Sign-ins are at the Berkley Fire House, 2395 12 Mile Road, Berkley, west of Woodward on the south side. The Parade begins by coming out of the cemetery at 12 Mile Road and Woodward. The after-parade activities are non-required activities.

## **(II). AEC-Management Team Reports:**

### **(1). Communications and Radio Systems – Mike Vander Veer – KD8ATK**

After the Addison receive site is repaired, concentration will be next on problem solving with the water tower, Pontiac, and Southfield sites.

W8OAK nets are held weekly on Thursday evening at 8 pm on 146.900 MHz/100 pl. With the complexity of emergency situations, additional net control operators are needed and Mike will help you get started. More net control operators become critical when an emergency goes on for 3 to 7 days. If interested, please contact or email Mike Vander Veer at [kd8atk@wowway.com](mailto:kd8atk@wowway.com). Please help, you are needed!

## **(2). Report from Pete Gladysz - K8PGJ, Operations**

Sno\*Drift Summer Rally is a one day event on Saturday, 5 August 2017. Thirty ham radio volunteers are needed - contact Barb Steencken at [www.sno-drift.org](http://www.sno-drift.org). Already, 20 cars have registered for the maximum cap of 30 cars.

## **(III). Specialty Officer/Coordinator Reports:**

### **(1). Report from Patrick White – N8CPW, Hospital Communication Teams with Jim Richards – AB8JR, EC:**

Pat is our new Hospital Radio Coordinator and next month will be inspecting radios and their set-ups at various hospitals. Hospital Nets are held on the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on 146.900 MHz/100hz. November's net will be held one week earlier in order to bypass Thanksgiving. The December meeting may move up if it interferes with Christmas. Check-ins for the monthly hospital radio nets have dropped off considerably and need improvement. Pat will be working getting the net back up.

The Hospital Radio Net covers 16 hospitals in Oakland County. Rebuilding this network will begin by first finding volunteers to fill missing or absent hospital team captains. Then efforts will be made to have three additional members for each hospital, so that each one would only be needed three times a year, unless an emergency occurs. For this, sixteen hospitals would require 64 volunteers. To accomplish this may include contacting inactive members and other area hams to volunteer. Recent volunteer requests received positive responses from five people.

### **(2). Sirens – Dave Roberts – K8RDG with Jim Richards – AB8JR, EC:**

Last Saturday, 1 July 2017, was our 4<sup>th</sup> test of the year with 5 more to go. So far, 184 sirens have been checked for the first time this year. The southeast quadrant is already complete. (*Correction – should be southwest quadrant is already complete.*) Jim talked with Tracey who runs the county siren tests, and so far, there are no new hot-list sirens. One siren is still waiting new bearings before being put back into action. Marsha Fleming, subnet control or SE Quadrant, asks her volunteers to contact her, including by email, for assignments.

Comment from one siren subnet operator: If a volunteer is having trouble getting into the net with his handheld, (1) consider purchasing a much better antenna, or even (2) consider purchasing a mobile transceiver. A really good antenna can save one considerably more money than a new transceiver.

Jim thanked Al, K9BQ, for his time and efforts during his tenure as Hospital Net Coordinator.

### **(3). National Weather Service – Morrie Davidson – K8SJD**

Precipitation for May was 4.34 inches of rain at Metro Airport, which was about average. High was 88 degrees. Be prepared for coming 90 degrees soon.

### **(IV). New Business**

(1). Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, Michigan is Sunday, 18 June 2017 on Father's Day.

(2). The Monday following after Woodward Dream Cruise will be the last total eclipse in North America during our lifetime. In Michigan, it will be only 80% total.

(3). Jim Richards asked for comments on the recent May 2017 Dayton Hamvention at its new venue in Greene County, Ohio. Positive comments: nice facility, sheriff of Greene County did a great job with handling traffic, shuttle buses from other locations were good, and was much cleaner than previous Dayton Hara Arena (now closed). Negative side: aisle ways in facilities narrower and a problem, indoor available space much less, outside truck sales and flea market a muddy mess and there was a need for boots. Outside needed improved drainage and compacted grounds. Inside needed more space.

Coming up is the October 7 and 8 Great Lakes HamCon planned at Michigan International Speedway (MIS) which is the same weekend as the Michigan – Michigan State Football Game – Saturday 7 October 2017 and the Oakland County Siren Test – 7 October 2017 at 1 pm. The speedway offers 22,500 square feet of indoor area for commercial vendors and a large paved area for flea market space with the whole event held in the infield of the 2 miles track. Could this be completion for Dayton?

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Murphy, N8SML  
Secretary, Oakland County, ARPSC, 8 June 2017  
Minutes read, corrected, and approved by Jim Richards, AB8JR, EC