

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>

Meeting Minutes for 3 August 2016

On 3 August 2016 at 7 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 Kevin Scheid, Homeland Security Division – Oakland County, KD8ZVO:

Training continues for (1) personnel on using the Oakland County EOC and (2) active shooters. In 2017, there will be an EOC activation exercise. Also, coming up will be ICS training for ICS 100, 200, 7000, and 800, with the first group in two weeks.

Kevin received a call recently from an aircraft group complaining one of his people was parking in a no park zone. This car, red in color, make and model not provided, had “Oakland County Emergency Communications” imprinted on it, but the car didn’t belong to Oakland County. There is no such thing as “Oakland County Emergency Communications.” The owner is pretending to be someone he isn’t and doing our county no good.

(II). Report from the Emergency Coordinator (EC), Jim Richards - AB8JR:

DMR Support Group Meeting will meet Saturday 10-12 am, 13 August 2016 at the same Troy Fire Department Training Center. The focus will be preparation of the DMR radios for the Woodward Dream Cruise.

UASI/GAC grant funding proposals are due (1) for 2016 in September and (2) for 2017 in November 2016. Consideration will be given to replacing two antennas per year and to begin equipment replacement rotation.

Coming up is the County Health Open POD (Point of Dispensing) Exercise on 9 September 2016 (Friday) from 9 am until noon at the Oakland Schools Center (2111 Pontiac Lake Road). The exercise goes through all the steps needed with activation and dispensing a drug within a limited time; i.e. 1,000 plus people per hour. Our ARPSC will

be there to support communication should phone and other communications fail. Two ARPSC members will be placed at each location and the County Health group is looking for volunteer victims. This is a good opportunity to practice passing radio traffic and find out what goes on behind the scenes.

Dave Roberts – K8RDG stated the Troy “Move Across Troy 5K/1K” event is still scheduled for early October, but no further information is available.

The wife of Larry Hornsby – K8POD is very ill and has been hospitalized. She has been moved from Pontiac St. Joseph Hospital to UM Hospital.

The 2017 Dayton Hamvention is officially moving to the Green County Fair and Exposition Center Fairground in Xenia, Green County, Ohio. Xenia is about 15 miles southeast of Dayton, Ohio.

(III). Presentation “Seven Signs of Terrorism” by Jim Richards – AB8JR, EC:

Jim showed members the video “Seven Signs of Terrorism” produced by the Michigan State Police. This video has useful information for Woodward Dream Cruise volunteers and other events. It requests citizens to look for persons who don’t belong, who are spotted doing unusual surveillance, making solicitations for information, testing security for soft spots, acquiring suspicious supplies, sighted making test or trial runs, and suspicious deployment of assets and people to some site or location. Never attempt to stop such a person or group, but report what you see to police.

**(IV). Dream Cruise Operations Directive by Jim Richards – AB8JR, EC:
(condensed)**

The 17th annual Woodward Dream Cruise is coming up and we have been asked to assist the cities of Berkley and Royal Oak. Recent events involving terrorist attacks, anti-law enforcement violence and protests, civil unrest, and a tense political climate increase the possibility of disruptive or violent acts. The Dream Cruise draws over a million people and could be considered a target for such acts. We as volunteers and citizens need to maintain an extremely high level of professionalism, vigilance and situational awareness.

The first priority is to maintain your personal safety – always keep this in mind. Our primary function is to be another set of eyes and ears on the street without becoming an event that takes public safety away from primary duties. Be alert – see something, say something. Assist the public when requested and where appropriate. Observe and report any unusual items or activities, such as unattended packages, suspicious behavior, putting odd objects (i.e. a backpack) in or near a garbage can, etc. Provide assistance to police or fire personnel if requested and if it is within your capability or comfort zone.

We are **not** law enforcement. We do **not** represent law enforcement. Do **not** insert yourself into situations involving disputes between parties. We possess **no** authority over the public.

Best Practices for Dream Cruise: Remember we are to observe and report events, unusual objects and suspicious behavior. Do not draw attention to yourself, do not make yourself a target, and do not place yourself in the center of tight crowds. In tight crowds, you lose your ability to observe and find an escape path should you need one. Stay on the move.

Reporting: Accuracy and detail are essential to provide law enforcement with actionable data. Be sure to include (1) time, (2) nature of the event, (3) location of the event, (4) full description of individuals; i.e. age race, hair color, height, clothing, etc., (5) vehicle description to include make, model, color, direction of travel, number of occupants, etc., (6) direction of travel, (7) if you have smart phone, photograph the vehicle or subject if it can be done inconspicuously.

In order to maximize effectiveness: Place yourself a short distance away from packed crowds. Position yourself to maximize your field of view. Scan your field of view continually. Look for individuals carrying backpacks. Make a mental note to check that they leave with whatever they came with. Look for someone overdressed for the season whom might be hiding something. Watch in a way a subject of interest doesn't notice that he/she is being watched. Don't stare.

There are areas of potential concern in light of current events. This includes recognizing one or several groups with histories of disruptive behavior. Keep in mind that it is legal in Michigan to open carry guns. If you observe any of these groups/persons, contact Net Control immediately. Do not approach them or engage in discussion with them. Do not follow them. Such groups are protected by First Amendment rights. Law enforcement will dispatch a command officer to make the initial contact. At this time, there are no known threats. Federal, state, and local agencies are monitoring this and will keep the County and local law enforcement advised. **Be Alert – See Something, Say Something!**

Query: Why do we wear orange vests instead of something more invisible?
Answer: Our vest states "radio communications." This is a way to recognize you and for some person to ask for help; i.e. a lost child.

Query: What happens in Oakland County with a stolen police radio? Can they monitor communications? Answer: Oakland County has Open Sky programming which permits the radio to be shut down through its network.

(V). AEC-Management Team Reports:

(1). Report from Pete Gladysz - K8PGJ, Operations

Woodward Dream Cruise is the 3rd Saturday of August (20 August 2016). Friday night before is the City of Berkley CruiseFest. Plans are to use both FM and DMR radio communications. Ham radio volunteers are needed and please volunteer. Please indicate which session(s) – Berkley, or Woodward Cruise in AM or PM, and add your cell phone number. At least 20-25 members are needed for the Woodward Cruise on Saturday. To volunteer, email to k8pgj@arrl.net. Mike Vander Veer – KD8ATK mentioned that roll call will be about every 30 minutes. In part, this is a check to see if you (a volunteer) are okay and possibly need assistance.

Recently, Pete visited W1AW at the ARRL headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. He picked up some DXCC awards and toured both the ARRL headquarters and their W1AW ham station next door which operates from 10 am to noon and 1 pm to 3:45 pm. Using their equipment on 20 meters with 1000 watts, he made 64 contacts in 20 minutes. The radio station had separate transmitters for CW and side band on each band. Outside were several towers with elaborate stacks of antennas. He visited the ARRL Lab where most equipment in QST magazine is tested. While going through this lab, one of the ARRL personnel mentioned the recent radio testing by Ron Miotke – WD8MNX and hoped to see this as a future article in QST. Pete also visited the CSL Bureau room where 1.2 million QSL cards are sent before being mailed to individuals. The ARRL had on display one of the three Oscar II spacecraft.

On 6 August 2016, the 2nd annual Sno*Drift Summer Rally will be held at Montmorency County, Michigan. Atlanta is a three hour drive from Detroit. Ham volunteers are needed and should contact Barb Steencken (head of volunteers) at www.sno-drift.org. Pete will be net control.

(2). Report from Mike Vander Veer – KD8ATK, Net Operations:

There are two new net control operators in training: Del Beauchamp - WW2MI and Dennis Jones – KD8MAW. W8OAK nets are held weekly on Thursday evening at 8 pm. More net control operators are needed and Mike will help you get started. If interested, please contact or email Mike Vander Veer at kd8atk@wowway.com. With the complexity of emergency situations, additional net control operators are needed at the EOC and for the Dream Cruise.

(3). Report from Ron Miotke – WD8MNX, Technology Systems/Membership:

Repeater update: Getting the receive sites up and correctly running has been a challenge. A CW identifier is needed which permits no one else to use the site. Ron's understanding is that the Vertex radios can do this, but how this is done isn't yet understood. He recently made contact with the Vertex Radio people to ask for help.

The radio from the Southfield site has been transferred to the Novi site and is operational. The “s” notification no longer means “Southfield, but “Southside.” The Novi radio antenna is up 300 feet on its tower, as compared to the former Southfield site at 200 feet. Additionally, the Novi site enjoys a 200 feet above sea level advantage over the Southfield site. The NE site is waiting for repairs. Other county tower sites such as Troy and Rochester may be reviewed in the future.

(VI). Specialty Officer/Coordinator Reports:

(1). Report from Dave Roberts - KD8RDG, Sirens

Siren testing is this Saturday, 6 August 2016 at 1 pm. There are only 54 or 55 sirens not yet checked this year. Marsha Fleming – N8FE is looking for volunteers for the SE quadrant.

(2). Report about Hospital Communication Teams:

The Henry Ford – West Bloomfield Hospital’s amateur radio is sitting on top of a refrigerator and needs a better location. There have been problems in getting in to the hospital for radio communications.

Query: What is the new name for Doctor’s Hospital in Pontiac? Answer: Pontiac General Hospital.

(3). Report from Morrie Davidson – K8SJD, National Weather Service:

July was hot and rainfall two inches below normal at the airport.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Murphy, N8SML
Secretary, Oakland County, ARPSC, 4 August 2016