

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 September 2014**

On 3 September 2014 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 the Emergency Coordinator (EC), Jim Richards - AB8JR:**

Steve Iannucci - Oakland County Home Security Division, is on vacation this week. Oakland County Homeland Security offices have been busy wrapping up flooding and damage assessments from recent storms. A possibly exists that volunteers could be useful and we may hear more about this at future meetings.

There is nothing new about our repeater, except members report hearing it in Grand Blanc and Addison. The repeater seems to be doing better, but the Waterford receive site continues to be a problem. Jim has noticed good signals coming into the repeater input side but signals drop out on the output.

The Berkley CruiseFest Classic Car Parade and the Woodward Dream Cruise and were held Friday - Saturday 15-16 August 2014. Our volunteers assisted both Berkley and Royal Oak, who afterwards had kind comments about our efforts. Storms became a factor in the final hours of the Dream Cruise.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual HealthPlus Brooksie Way Half Marathon 10K, 5K, Kids Race and Victory Run will be held Sunday, 28 September 2014. Volunteers must be there by 6:30 am with the race usually finished by 9:30. The longest run is about 13 miles and enough volunteers are needed to man every half mile. Please do volunteer as help is needed.

Pete Gladysz – K8PGJ is enlarging the size of his contest station at home so that more operators can be used at one time. He plans to enter the W1AW/8 (ARRL) Anniversary Operation for Michigan beginning 15 October 2014. If interested in this contest, contact Pete by email.

**(II). Presentation – Oakland County ARPSC/RACES/ARES Membership and Technical Updates, by Ron Miotke – WD8MNX**

Ron hopes to open the new Oakland County ARPSC website next month. In the future, Oakland County ARPSC will have VE amateur radio licensing examinations. There are no new members to report.

Technical updates: On 3 September 2014, USA Today reported a massive batch of Home Depot credit and debit card information has been put on sale by a criminal internet site. This same site previously sold card data from P.F. Chang's and Target.

The FCC has upped the ante on fines for CB operators. Recently, there was a \$14,000 fine to a Florida operator and \$22,000 to a New York CB'er.

Jim Richards, AB8JR reported on the CryptoWall virus, a variation of CryptoLocker. Window users will find the virus encrypts all files and data, and blocks the user from accessing them; i.e. photo files. An expensive ransom is required to unlock them. Jim recently helped a neighbor who had this problem. Message to everyone: Be sure to keep your antivirus software up to date and make a backup of your files.

Query: What is the risk with iCloud storage? If the affected computer is linked to iCloud storage, the same thing could happen. Ron added that a lot of commercial companies are going to iCloud servers. Malware is so intelligent, it could well encrypt and destroy your information on iCloud. Be careful. A comment was made that external drives are cheap and easy to back up. When finished using the external drive, turn it off to be safe. Many persons have been saved because they had this backup.

Ron will be teaching an extra license class from 09/19/2014 to 12/19/2014. This class will have 14 sessions and will be held 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Lawrence Technological University, 21000 West Ten Mile Road in the Engineering Building room E-212, Southfield, Michigan. Pre-registration is required and there will be no fee. Sponsoring club is the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club. To contact Ron, email to [wd8mnx@arrl.net](mailto:wd8mnx@arrl.net). Campus and building maps will be sent to registered students. ARRL License Manuals will be available from the instructor at the cost of \$25 cash only.

**(III). AEC-Management Team Reports:**

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

The W8OAK nets are held weekly on Thursday evening at 8 pm. More net control operators are needed. If something happens, multiple nets may be needed to run at the same time. Net control is a lot of fun and possibly Mike can get you started

as early as this month. If interested, please contact or email Mike Vander Veer at kd8atk@wowway.com. He will help with your training.

A new net control operator will be training on the Thursday night 25 September 2014 net. When you call in, please talk slowly to your net operator and use proper phonetics. Give him time to catch up. Remember to make a slight pause before talking on the repeater. This could prevent your first two call letters from being clipped off.

**(IV). Specialty Officer/Coordinator Reports:**

**(1). Report from Dave Roberts – KD8RDG , Sirens**

After last month's siren test, only 53 sirens remain to be checked this year. Hopefully, they can be covered on the next test - Saturday, 6 September 2014. To volunteer, go to our website, pick a siren and check with the subnet operator as to availability before going out. This prevents two volunteers from showing up at the same siren. Jim Richards – AB8JR commented on the great turn-out by volunteers.

**(2). Report from Mark Shaw – K8ED, National Traffic System (NTS):**

The Southeast Michigan NTS needs traffic handlers for its nightly nets. This net is found on 146.760/100hz "Spirit of 76" repeater at 10:15 pm. Back-up frequencies are rarely needed, but will be 1st found on 145.330 and 2<sup>nd</sup> on the DART 146.640.

**(3). Report from Maurice Davidson – K8SJD, National Weather Service Liaison:**

Maury's prediction for next winters is "snow," not as much as last winter but more than 40 inches. Last 10 August 2014, Oakland County received 4.57 inches of rain causing much flooding. For the month of August at his house, he measured 8.9 inches. In the last 30 years, Oakland County has not had more than about 3 inches per month.

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Murphy, N8SML  
Secretary, Oakland County, ARPSC, 4 September 2014  
Minutes approved by Jim Richards, AB8JR, EC