

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 4 September 2013**

On 4 September 2013 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 Bethany Kenney, Homeland Security Division – Oakland County:**

Steve Iannucci is on vacation this week. A CPR class (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) is available to Oakland County ARPSC members, if the class has a minimum of nine persons and maximum of twelve. Jim Richards – AB8JR polled members and ten signed up for Saturday, 14 September 2013 from 9 am to noon at the EOC front office conference room.

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

Our two meter repeater is still located in the EOC back room and still uses the EOC antenna. Jim hopes to have the repeater back in the water tower within several weeks. Reception from the northeast county continues to be poor. Signals from the northwest mostly go to the Novi receive site, and not to the closer Addison site. County radio service has been asked to evaluate the Davisburg receive site. The Davisburg site is at 900 feet (sea level) and needs a better antenna to get transmissions over a ridge to the water tower.

Saturday, 7 September 2013 will be the next siren test and everyone is encouraged to participate. Please go to your nearest subnet coordinator for assignments. Siren subnet frequencies and a list of sirens needing first time coverage can be found on our website – arpesc.com. The Northeast Area Subnet is on 147.180/100pl with Brad Maney - KD8QPF subnet controller. The Northwest Area Subnet is on 146.840/100Hz with Greg Siemasz, W8VIJ subnet controller.

Randy Love – WF5X and Jim Richards – AB8JR recently attended a meeting in Traverse City concerning a new organization called Aux Comm, which stands for

auxiliary communications. The meeting's purpose was gather people from all around the state to form and organize Aux Comm (of Michigan). This would include ARPSC functions, RACES, ARES, MARS, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and Saturn (Salivation Army Radio Group hams). Aux Comm will not be part of the Michigan State Police, but will be is a point of contact for them. An organization constitution needs to be written. Not everything would be radio related. The purpose of Aux Comm is to pull together all these groups under one umbrella. Benefits could include improved access to grant money due to organization size.

John McDonough – WB8RCR, Michigan State Emergency Coordinator, is looking for ham volunteers to work at the State ARPSC level, including Michigan Net Manager, Relay Station Project Manager, State level NTS, Data Architect, SET assistance, etc. Such volunteers must meet certain FEMA and other requirements to be eligible. Additional training may be needed and is available.

John McDonough also sent Jim Richards – AB8JR an email that cyber security needs national preparedness. International cyber attackers could bring down major networks, utilities, banking, etc. Alternate communications could be needed. Be sure to test your digital capabilities, i.e., packet and other modes. Have members who know how to use these modes, and have plans to counter possible attacks.

Jim asked members for ideas on presentations. Suggested were (1) thoughts on how to get 500-1000 word emergency messages transmitted within a reasonable timespan, (2) an update on spread spectrum, (3) revisit packet operation, (4) net etiquette do's and don'ts.

### **(III). Dream Cruise Wrap-up and Lessons Learned from Pete Gladysz – K8PGJ:**

Briefly summarized - The Berkley Cruisefest took place Friday evening, 16 August 2013. Volunteers were served dinner at the Berkley Firehouse before a 400 car parade took place. Nineteen volunteers assisted and no issues were encountered.

The Woodward Dream Cruise followed on Saturday 17 August 2013 along a sixteen mile stretch of Woodward Avenue. Our volunteers assisted Berkley and Royal Oak with 14 hams in the morning and 10 hams in the evening shift. There were minimal crowd and car issues and these were minor issues (21 tickets by police). The crowds were very well behaved and our volunteers were mostly involved assisting disabled cars. Our volunteer hours for both activities amounted to 144.

Pete discussed volunteer theory. One needs to be physically capable, properly equipped for the situation, to able to handle weather variation, have sun protection, food, water, medicines, clothing, working radio equipment, battery back-ups, and know as much as possible about the assignment and its possible difficulties. When problems

occur, make use of net control to solve problems, even if one is out of his/her assigned location.

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

**(1). Report from Pete Gladysz – K8PGJ, Operations**

Brooksie Way Half Marathon, 10K, and 5 K race is Sunday morning, 29 September 2013. More volunteers are needed and should contact Pete.

Our last Skywarn net occurred late one evening and was unexpected. We still had ten volunteers call into net control which was most remarkable.

Query: Do we have anything to do with NWS flood warnings? Answer: No, unless flooding is extreme.

The 2014 Sno\*Drift Rally will be held 24-25 January at Atlanta, Michigan. See Pete to volunteer. Pete is in charge of communications.

**(2). Report from Jim Richards – AB8JR for Mike Vander Veer – KD8ATK, Net Operations:**

Our W8OAK nets are held weekly on Thursday evening at 8 pm. As many as six additional net control operators are needed. If interested, please contact Mike or Jim – AB8JR. They will help with your training.

**(3). Report from Jim Richards – AB8JR for Ron Miotke – WD8MNX, Technology Systems/Membership:**

Gary Bouwkamp – N8HMP has had major cancer surgery and is no longer able to be webmaster for arpsc.com. Ron Miotke – WD8MNX will take this over and is developing a new website format wherein several people can upload information to the website.

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

**(1). Report from Jim Richards – AB8JR for Maurice Davidson – K8SJD, National Weather Service Liaison:**

August 12, 2013 had a record rainfall of 2.4 inches of rain.

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Murphy, N8ML  
Secretary, Oakland County, ARPSC 3 January 2013

