

General Membership Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Tom, K8TB.

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the February 2014 meeting were accepted as published on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund:	\$5499.35
Membership:	<u>\$386.76</u>
Total:	<u>\$5886.11</u>

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

**Opening Remarks:**

Tom introduced Ed, KF8EV as the HARC member of the month. Ed has been doing a great job handling the net control schedule for a very long time.

Todd, W8YHF made an announcement reminding the club that the Red Cross would greatly appreciate HARC members' participation in Tulip Time operations and passed out a Red Cross schedule of events: <http://bit.ly/1lkH1wF>

**Upcoming events:**

Programs:

March:

3/24 E.A.T.: Bryan, KD8LDX will demonstrate how to make a 1/4 wave vertical antenna.

April:

4/14 Monthly Meeting: Damon Talbot, KC7NEC will give a presentation on Broadband-Hamnet: <http://www.broadband-hamnet.org/>

4/28 E.A.T.: Bryan, KD8LDX will continue the discussion on Broadband-Hamnet.

ARRL Centennial QSO Party:

From the ARRL Website (<http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>):

*"The ARRL Centennial QSO Party is a year-long operating event that celebrates hams making contacts. In the end you will have accumulated points, worked new stations and made new friends all over the world.*

*The Centennial QSO Party is made-up of two main activities: (1) W1AW operating portable in each state and most territories; and (2) The Centennial Points Challenge which is the accumulation of points from qualifying contacts made throughout 2014. To have a score listed online in the Points Challenge competition, logs must be submitted through the Logbook of the World (LoTW) system.*

*W1AW will be on the air from every state and most territories, and it will be easy to work WAS working only W1AW portable operations. This is the first ARRL-sponsored operating event where every member is worth at least one point, so work as many points as you can during 2014! Earn awards based upon points, working all states or working W1AW portable in every state and territory. This is an on-the-air event like no other."*

The W1AW/8 contact for Michigan is Randy Hatt, AA8R. Michigan's slots begin on 2/19/2014 and 10/15/2014. The full schedule is available at  
[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On%20the%20Air/W1AW\\_2014\\_sked.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On%20the%20Air/W1AW_2014_sked.pdf)

Kent/Ottawa County Skywarn Training:

Kent/Ottawa Skywarn training was held 3/6. Many other local Skywarn training events are listed at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/skywarn/training/> including:

Allegan/Barry Counties

Saturday, March 15th, 2:00pm  
Luella Collins Community Center  
419 126th Street, Shelbyville, MI 49344

Technician License Class:

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club has a technician license class starting next Wednesday, March 19th.  
It will be held every Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Michigan QSO Party:

The 2014 Michigan QSO party will be held from 16z on 4/19/14 to 04z on 4/20/14.  
More information is available at <http://www.miqp.org/>

**Old Business:**

13-14 people have signed up for our next Ham in a Day event.

We will wait to install the antenna pulley on the tower at the Red Cross building until the weather improves and the bucket truck is in town.

The migration from Yahoo Groups to the email list software is on hold until we can resolve an issue that is preventing us from publishing the archives. Tom is working with Pete, N9SSA.

**Club Repeater:**

Tom and Laryn will try to find a date to install the new batteries now that it is getting warmer outside.

**Field Day (<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>):**

This year's Field Day event will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

John, AC8HZ will serve as the 2104 Field Day chairman.

**New Business:**

None to report.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm, followed by a presentation from Art, KOTWB. He demonstrated his remote rig control system: <http://www.remoterig.com/>

Submitted:

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.