

General Membership Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2014

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

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund:	\$5275.54
Membership:	<u>\$386.76</u>
Total:	<u>\$5662.30</u>

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

**Opening Remarks:**

Ed, KF8EV appreciates the help we've received with net control for the Monday night 2m net.

**Upcoming events:**

Programs:

June:

6/23 E.A.T.: We will be starting a CW class.

July:

7/14 Monthly Meeting: Bryan, KD8LDX will give a presentation on APRS and its capabilities beyond "tracking stuff."

E.A.T.: The CW Class continues each Monday at 7pm.

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)

Our next "Ham in a Day" event will take place on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Allegan County Amateur Radio Club (<http://ac8rc.org/>) needs help with the TRI Allegan Triathlon (<http://triallegan.com>). The event takes place on Tuesday, July 22nd. A full schedule is posted at <http://triallegan.com/schedule.html>.

#### **Old Business:**

##### Club Repeater:

The S-COM 7330 repeater controller has been ordered, arrival date unknown.

##### Michigan QSO Party:

Tom uploaded our log; we scored 4,888 points, primarily with technician operators.

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

This year's Field Day event will be held on June 28th-29th, 2014. John, AC8HZ will serve as the 2014 Field Day chairman.

##### "Spark in the Park":

GRARA is an official sponsor.  
GR Maker Faire would like to bring a 3D printer.

A foxhunt was held at the Hudsonville Hamfest. It took 2 1/2 hours to find Tom and Sheila.

#### **New Business:**

##### Club Repeater:

Tom purchased an 8-channel voter for \$120, and was willing to sell it to the club for that price. Motion was made for the club to purchase the voter. Motion passed.

Every Sunday night, Red Cross runs a net on their commercial 2 way radio frequency to check their radios. HARC will test them once per month.

Tom, K8TB will teach a General License class, starting September 24th. The class runs for 8 weeks, with a testing session on the 9th week. The class will be held at the Grand Rapids Red Cross; the cost is \$20.

Ike, K8EMU requested a donation of \$100 for the Larry Saylor memorial fund. Motion passed.

Jonathan, W8QPP suggested that we keep a tally of authorized expenditures so that the club can have a better understanding of our available resources.

Fred, W8FSM offered thanks from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for help with the Bike MS event.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm, followed by a discussion regarding our Field Day preparations.

Submitted:

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.