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For ARES Members:

(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 8

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: June 13, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 19

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
May 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Judy KC8BYI at 8:04 with 18 members and guests present followed by the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Gordy KC8YVD made and John KC8WZM seconded a motion to accept the April minutes as published in the Harmonic newsletter with a correction to the call sign of Joe K8CQF.

A motion is made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded by Dave W8DW to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Jeff KC8BDQ.

Mike KD8MMH is called upon to share about upcoming Ham swaps. The next one will take place tomorrow in Cadillac. He also passes around a flyer for the Kalamazoo club. They hire a bus for a long one trip to Dayton and back. Perhaps we could do something like it next year.

Emmett W8EAB reported on the upcoming Frankenmuth MS walk. He had all the bases barely covered and could use a few extra. Meet at Kern Pavilion at 8:30.

Dave N8ERL asked all who will to meet behind Swan Creek High School near 8:00 dress for the weather and bring chairs.

Care Break update included reiterating that the package had been submitted with intent to serve Saturday to Monday on Memorial and Labor Day weekends. Since the state opened the 4th thru 8th of July. We chose not to work all five days but may work the last two days.

Upcoming events include the club breakfast tomorrow at 8:30 and Board meeting has been moved to the second Tuesday after the first Monday due to scheduling conflicts. Ares training will take place at 7:00pm May 24th at the Harry Brown Airport.

Larry WD8RIK let all know about the health problems of Ed W8HZF.

Emmett W8EAB said Ron KC8YDV planned to fly to Florida and drive his father up to Michigan but found his flight delayed due to flooding at Bishop Airport. He will be hard pressed to make the trip on schedule.

Judy KC8BYI showed new tool box donated by Dave N8ERL. Jeff KC8BDQ showed the tools they bought and asked for suggestions.

Fred K8EMQ shared about his collection of antique radio equipment and brought some antique books on radio and electronics to show.

The IRS form 990 has been submitted by Judy KC8BYI on the clubs behalf.

Dave W8DW addressed the about the upcoming Field Day. He has been looking for a new location this year because Richland Township Park has received an \$86000 grant for several improvements. Looking towards Elmer Lang Park in Kochville Town-ship renting its pavilion will cost a resident \$30 a non-resident \$40 with a \$75 deposit. Dave W8DW has found a resident ham Elmer Lang so we can use the site in his name. Hoping a closer location will encourage a better turnout. We will look into renting a port-a-potty for the event. Dave W8DW asked for volunteers to form a committee and will address the board at the next meeting.

Gordy KC8YVD won \$16 in the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Dave N8ERL at 9:18.

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
May 15, 2012

Duane KC8AUI called this meeting to order at 7:31 with Mike KD8MMH, Tom N8EUI
Dave W8DW, Judy KC8BYI, Dave N8ERL, Doris KC8MMG, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Mike N8XPS present to discuss the issues.

Secretary's Report: Dave N8ERL made and Doris KC8MMG seconded the motion to accept the April minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter.

President's Report: She has heard back from the state about the upcoming care breaks we are set for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends but not Independence Day weekend. Judy KC8BYI asked Dave N8ERL to check with the Michigan Area Repeater Council we a late with an update. Dave W8DW noticed the listing for a 6 meter repeater on our web site and inquired if it would be utilizing the frequencies. It was decided to concentrate on the current repeater projects before starting another.

The Treasurer's Report: reviewed as presented at the general meeting. We chose to discuss the Rosien Tower project at the next meeting.

Mike KD8MMH talked about the Cadillac Swap.

The Frankenmuth MS walk was rained out with participants walking around the Kern Pavilion.

The Dow run will take place Saturday May 19 and The Run for Windy will take place May 20. The ARES meeting will be at Harry Brown Airport on the 24th of May.

Duane KC8AYI will be presenting the Evolution of Video Recording at the next meeting. We also discussed other possible ideas.

Those who visited Elmer Lang Park pointed out advantages of being the new Field Day site. Amateur Operators in a regional area of Kochville Township will be invited in hopes it rekindles some interest. Pot-luck planned for Saturday evening.

Motion made by Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Dave N8ERL to move the August meeting across the street to Bliss Park, weather permitting, with possible demonstration by Brian KA8YXV.

Two Tables are reserved for selling the estate of Bill WA8KFC and other equipment.

Old and New Business or Comment: Dave N8ERL shared that ARES shall be showing “1000 heroes” a feature film about the emergency response after an airline crash.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff KC8BDQ seconded by Mike KD8MMH at 8:16.

Respectfully Submitted
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Secretary



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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 8:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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