

**KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MINUTES THE CLUB MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the American Red Cross Kalamazoo Chapter House.

**Present:** 24 members and 3 guest

**1. Educational Presentation: *Linear Amplifier Basics – Robert Naumann (W5OV) – DX Engineering***

**a. Skype Presentation (7:00-7:50 pm)**

- b.** Do you need an amplifier – good antenna with low SWR is most important
- c.** Is it a good investment? – go for quality; higher resale value
- d.** Will it help you?
- e.** What are some popular amplifiers
  - i.** HF
  - ii.** VHF
- f.** Considerations when selecting an amplifier – 220 volts better than 120 volts
- g.** Q&A

**2. Call to Order:** Charles (WD8AXA) called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm (Eastern Standard Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. Members and guests introduce themselves, by call sign or otherwise.

- a.** A copy of the Club minutes from the January 17, 2019 is available online at W8VY.org under the Membership link. One copy for reading was provided to members at the meeting.
- b.** A copy of the Board minutes from the January 7, 2019 for reading was provided to members at the meeting.
- c.** A copy of the LoSTeam 2019 schedule is available online at W8VY.org and on the K.A.R.C. Facebook page. One copy for reading was provided to members at the meeting.
- d.** Sign up sheets for the MI QSO Party on April 20, 2019. Sheets for the ham shack and rover were both available.

**3. Member Introductions:**

- a.** Members Present: 24
- b.** Guests: 3 Charlie Burgsthaler (K8BLC); Bill Lyons (KE8LEI); Ken Irish (W8JVP)

**4. Announcements – Vice President:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA):

- a.** W8VY will participate in the MI QSO Party on April 20, 2019 noon-midnight. Signup sheet for working at the Club ham shack and for roving (working mobile from nearby counties)
- b.** Membership: 46 members including 3 honorary members.
- c.** W8VY is looking for someone to coordinate ARRL Field Day activities at the Oshtemo Township Park. This is the same location as last year, but hopefully we can get the pavilion at the back of the park.
- d.** Kalamazoo County Skywarn Training is being held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Portage City Hall.
- e.** The LoSTeam 2019 schedule is on W8VY.ORG and the K.A.R.C. Facebook page. The LoSTeam was explained at the meeting.

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- f. Next Club Meeting will be on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme will be Antennas. Members will bring small antennas. Randy (KE8R) will build and measure antenna SWRs. Spread the word and bring a friend!

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm (Eastern Standard Time).

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Kerstetter (KE8HAA), Secretary