

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

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

**Present:** 21 members and 3 guest

- 1. Call to Order:** Charles (WD8AXA) called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm (Eastern Daylight Time) and Mark (KE8HAA) recorded the minutes. Members and guests introduce themselves, by call sign or otherwise.
  - a. Copies of the Board minutes from the February 21, 2019 made available for the members to read. Board minutes are available on W8VY.ORG..
  - b. Sign up sheets for the MI QSO Party on April 20, 2019. Sheets for operating in the ham shack were available.
  
- 2. Member Introductions:**
  - a. **Members Present:** 21 (including one new member)
  - b. **Guests:** 3 Dustin Thomas (N8RMA); Jim Hill (NB8SAW); Bill Lyons (KE8LEI)
  - c. **March Birthdays** – Jack (KE8TJ)
  - d. **Recent License Upgrades**
    - i. **Technician to General** - Lynn (WB8RWV) and Barry (KE8JCD)
  - e. **Remembering Paul Mejia (K9RRX)**
  
- 3. Announcements – Vice President:** Charles Agosti (WD8AXA):
  - a. Membership: 45 members including 3 honorary members.
  - b. W8VY will participate in the MI QSO Party on April 20, 2019 noon-midnight. Signup sheet for working at the Club ham shack circulated at the meeting.
  - c. Bus Trip to Hamvention
    - i. Arrow Communication Association (Washtenaw Co. – Ann Arbor, MI)
    - ii. Transportation – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (includes ontinental breakfast on bus)
      1. Leave park-and-ride 5:00 am – arrive Greene Co. Fairgrounds 9:00 am
      2. Leave Green Co. Fairgrounds 5:30 pm – arrive Ann Arbor 9:30 pm
    - iii. Swap Table at Flea Market for riders; reasonable space for sale/swap; volunteer one hour at swap table, if you bring items to sell/swap
    - iv. Cost: \$55.00 round trip (\$65.00 after April 1) - Does NOT include Hamvention ticket.
      1. Paypal or mail check
    - v. Info/Contact - <https://w8rp.org/activities/dayton-bus-trip/>
  - d. Charles (WD8AXA) proposed a a “rat tail” antenna build. Members present showed interest.
  - e. K.A.R.C. Goals for 2019 – Board set five goals
    - i. Club Logo on Apparel – clothing, patches, badges – Mark (KE8HAA)
    - ii. Promote Club Interest – dinners, special activities & events – Alex (KE8ICM)
    - iii. Honor Club Members – promote pride & morale – Mark (KE8HAA)
    - iv. Organize Records – Hardcopy & Online – inventory, membership, financial, bylaws, minutes – Charles (WD8AXA)
    - v. Create an Elmer{Mentor Program – Randy (KE8R)

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- f. Next Club Meeting will be on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Presentation will be about ham radio podcasts. Ten podcasts will be presented. Spread the word and bring a friend!
- g. Thanks to Mindy for providing freshly baked pastries.

**4. Educational Presentation: *Practical Antennas – Randy Mead (KE8R)* (7:40-9:00 pm)**

- a. Dipole antennas
- b. Off-Center-Fed (OCF) antenna
- c. End-Fed antenna
- d. Three antennas were built and measured for SWR
- e. Sample antennas from Gary (KB5BGC); Jack (KE8TJ); Mark (KE8HAA)
- f. Good discussion with many questions

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm (Eastern Daylight Time).

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