

MARC Meeting April 3rd 2025

The meeting was called to order by Dennis N8ERF at 7:30 pm with 19 members and two via zoom. Introductions and a sign-in sheet was passed around. Welcome to the new members.

A motion was made by Ric KD0RMK to except the March minutes, seconded by Stan K6VWE. Passed.

Treasurer's report-John W8QN- Thank-you to all those members who have renewed their membership.

ARES Report- Ric KD0RMK- SkyWarn Training will be held in Bay City on April 9th at 701 Salzburg Ave, and in Saginaw on April 23rd at the Thomas Township Fire department.

School Clubs- Dennis N8ERF- Not too much to report. The Middle School Balloon Launch will take place on May 3rd. Training for that has begun.

VE Exam Session- Dennis N8ERF- Dennis reports that all went well and that ten new hams tested and passed the exam that day. Well Done....

New appointees- Dennis N8ERF- Max KE8DON has a new Section Level appointment and Kanushi KE8RNA also has a new Section Level Appointment. Kanushi's job will include promoting amateur radio to other young people around the state. Congratulations to both Max and Kanushi for your dedication and commitment to Amateur Radio.

Exec Meeting - Dennis N8ERF- Three topics were discussed at the Exec meeting held on March 27th.
1) Lee KC8ITI has asked if anybody would like to take over the duties as quartermaster. The job would include storing and selling club equipment. Dennis suggested it might be a job for two people.

2) Repeater- Discussions about future use, prioritizing jobs and maintaining repeater sites. A committee has been set up. If you have ideas and or expertise in this area let John W8QN or Dennis N8ERF know.

3) Membership dues- A discussion was had about how to collect dues and reasons why our club has lost membership. It was suggested that a lack of community and no newsletter are factors. Your ideas on how to maintain and increase membership are welcome.

Swap- Keith KB8SOE- Swap will be held on June 14th. Keith also reported that their Ham in a Day class was successful. He also wanted to know if there were any plans to get together for the April 20th Michigan QSO Party.

Hospital Tower- Keith KB8SOE- Discussion about the Repeater Tower on the hospital. Keith wants to use that tower for a mesh net antenna.

Knowledge- Dennis N8ERF- Dennis commented on how much combined knowledge is in this club and in this room and that at each meeting there should be a question and answer session. There are new operators that could benefit from that. Ric KD0RMK gave an overview of a website called Discord which also can be used to answer questions.

Presentation Jack K8GTG- Jack used up the rest of the evening with a lively and interesting talk on SoftWare Defined Radio. Thank-you Jack that was great.

A motion was made by Larry N8CGP to adjourn and seconded by Stan K6VWE
The meeting ended at 9:29pm.

Respectfully submitted by
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MARC Secretary