



Annual EC Meeting

Saturday July 13, 2019

Time: 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

Location: Clare County Transit Corporation

Meeting Notes

Working Group Goals - Barcroft/McDonough

- Jaclyn Barcroft (MSP) and WB8RCR reviewed the Auxcomm Working Group goals and progress against them.

ARES Connect hints - McDonough

- WB8RCR will review some of the less obvious admin features of ARES Connect.

Auxcomm PTB - Imeson

- Auxcomm trainer John Imeson, N8JI, reviewed the Auxcomm Position Task Book recently released by Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

District/Service Update

o D1 -

- Region wide hospital net
- Starting D1 Auxcomm board - John Imeson co-chair, Tim Crane

o D2 -

- Asked for 3 Auxcomm Workshops - where is the funding approval? EMHSTC?
- Expansion of digital voice comms across region
- Macomb County- programming 70 cache radios specific to Auxcomm
- Monroe County - took top spot in Fall 2018 for Great Lakes Division, Looking for an EC-001 instructor.
- Oakland County - IS-909 requirement for their Auxcomm, hosted Auxcomm class
 - S & R exercise - simulated a public safety comms failure during exercise
- SKYWARN - Over 1000 amateur radio operators trained over the past couple years.
- Wayne Co - Primary and Secondary repeaters are offline. Updating all hospital radio kits (31)
- New EC for St. Clair County - has deployed team already for hazmat/rail accident.

o D3 -

- Ogemaw - ARES/RACES exercise at nursing facility.
- Bay Co - Doing MI CIMS training - Thanks Dennis
- Saginaw - Working on Coms trailer, getting ready for Tall Ships celebration
- Midland - Electronics class - Middle school. Balloon launch. APRS tracking, and radio directional finding, filling balloon recovering balloon.
- Participated in field day -
- NBS Exercise - started as table top (midland, bay, saginaw) Setup microwave link with video camers - had it on the screen in Midland EOC. Put APRS trackers on the transports. Had then at the hospital and tracker vehicles.

o D5 -

- Reviewing and rewriting operations manual -
- BPQ32 packet radio node up and running in St Joe County
- Hope to have 2 Dstar repeaters in next couple months, located on MPSCS towers
- Kalamazoo has a new RACES vehicle that also serves as a decontamination vehicle
- District hospital net - new addition of hospital in Marshal.

o D6 -

- A lot of time spent with ARES Connect - asked for input from coordinators.
- Ottawa - joint exercise S & R
- Kent Co - increased activity in area nets.
- 50 Mile Bike Ride support
- Appointed 3 new EC's -

o D7 -

- Traverse City Group - did ISS for schools at their library.
- TC - working with 22 hospitals, helping out with a lot of ARES/RACES projects
- Charlevoix - Working with D8 - looking at a Winlink connection between Mackinac Co, and potentially down to Gaylord.
- Lots Participated in Field Day -
- On standby for EM's - Line 5 - provide communications if necessary.
- Bridge Walk - coming up - in background for Comms - they keep an eye on things they do not have time to.
- TC - using inexpensive Android tablets - sending complex texts under 1 minute. - submitted call for papers.

o D8 -

- 121 on the roster for ARES - covering a lot of area with few people.
- Auxcomm class in Alger Co - next month
- Sled Dog Race - UP 200 in February - 70 stations covered by amateur radio operators. Going out mobile - 3 days
- Bridge Walk - Operation back door - patrolling back infrastructure in the county, report on traffic backups.
- Runs through the woods on North Country hiking trail - 50 km - Track all the bib-numbers
- Chippewa Co - hosted 2nd annual engineers day event station -
- 2 Auxcomm classes in the past year.
- 3 MI CIMS classes - added 40 more people
- Last winter did partial activation (uses TextCom to send out an alert). Severe weather - reported on MI CIMS, also on net. Developing better notification and call out, and activation routine - at each county and for district.

o SATERN- West MI/Northern IN

- Volunteers involvement increased. Monthly meeting - have started telephone conferencing.
- COW - Communications on wheels - one of most equipped communications vehicles in US. Has ARC, SHARES, MP-SCS, Ham Radio equip, 2 repeaters
- SATERN Team Typing - NIMS Compliant
- Deploying to WI with the COW - in Patriot North Exercise next week.

Fall SET Planning

- Need practice on digital forms
- County to county simplex
- Simplex circuit from Detroit to Copper Harbor
- Peer to peer winlink
- Exercise digital modes
- HF Winlink
- Is everyone aware of the winlink infrastructure in the state? Heads shaking no.
 - Explanation - maybe need to provide an updated map for all to see?

Amateur Radio Personalities - Crane

- WM8A's presentation at Interop received rave reviews. He will do it again for those that missed out.

What can amateur radio do for emergency management in MI? Williams/Kvochick

- If you don't train with them they don't trust you. You have to build relationships so people will trust you.
- Presentation/handouts - they can share with the emergency managers on what amateur radio does - Take them to lunch!
- It's all about relationships.
- In northern michigan - not a lot of people. Build relationships with neighboring counties too.
- Ask the EM - how is amateur radio serving you? What is it that you need? Finding the need as opposed to showing

your entire bag of tricks?

- Build testimonials in places that use Amateur radio a lot.
- They are more than "just" amateur radio - but communications people.
- How to get more youth involved? What is ARRL plans for this?
 - Team putting together a worldwide learning process for youth and all age groups - Dale will get the presentation on the program next week.
 - No other clubs to have competitions with in MI (Midland).
 - Science Olympiad - students at all grade levels compete (written and practical test). One section called a circuits lab - nothing is mentioned about amateur radio. All questions put together by IEEE - could ARRL work with IEEE to get some amateur radio technology into Olympiad.
 - Judge for robotics and involved in Maker Movement - Do not see anything regarding amateur radio.
 - Robocon, Lapeer this Saturday - booth for amateur radio, call sign
 - 3 clubs at Maker Faire - Detroit.

- o Have a public information officer slated to take on role within section.