

Greater Grand Rapids SATERN Unit

Monthly Business Meeting – May 2nd, 2017

Attending: AC8NI Tim, KC8DJ Dave, KB9IAR Don, KD8DLP Paul, N8NET Tim, W8OPD Paul, KD8RPR Martha

1. Opening: 7:00pm
2. Old Business
 1. Last Month's Minutes: Read; no changes
 2. Work-in-progress: [see reports below]
 3. Action Items: None at this time
3. Reports
 1. Events:
 - SkyWarn training support – report given by T. Mullen
 2. Call-outs / Incident Responses: None at this time
 3. SATERN Nets:
 - 20m has improving propagation
 - 75m has combined with GLETN (Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net) You may check-in, pass NTS traffic on the net, etc. Please mention you are a SATERN member when you check-in. Pre-net at 8:00pm with net proper following at 8:30pm. On Monday evenings, the Michigan Regional 75m SATERN Roundtable will immediately follow the net proper.
 - 40m bad to terrible propagation
 - 2m John new N/C attendance is up and down. Battle Creek IRA link is down and Holland link has an audio problem.
4. Radio Room: No activity/changes
5. Comm. Vehicle:
 - Project Manager report – gaining slowly
 - Out for wrapping/branding tomorrow 5/2/17
 - James would like to have the comm vehicle go to operation Patriot.
 - 800 MHz radio coming to comm. Vehicle.
6. Committees
 1. SATERN Shirts W8OPD spoke with James about putting EDS patch on shoulder James hasn't found anything out. satracentral.org
7. WMNI Coordinator: Nothing further to report
8. Territory News:
 - WUM SATERN Coordinator Paul Clay resigned. New coordinator appointed. Scott Ruesch KD9FYP

- EMI SATERN Coordinator Richard Vandecar W8RTV has become SK March 19, 2017, at 61 yrs.
 - New in Ionia County: Sgt. William S. Hoskins – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
4. New Business:
- Three Goals and 3 action steps per goal with how to measure/evaluate, turned in to territory.
 - We have been invited to present EDS and SATERN programs to the Riverside Radio Amateurs at one of their meetings. (5/9/17)
 - WS8EOC-3 MSP/Michigan Packet station on 145.760MHz
5. Work Session: USCG Radiotelephone Handbook – KC8DJ Dave
6. Training: Upcoming EDS courses have been updated on our EDS-SATERN website. (Go to disaster.salvationarmyusa.org – training for up-to-date)
7. Announcements:
- Upcoming SATERN Activities (not-so-up-to-date)
 1. IRA Hamfest – June 3ish
 - We will need handouts, tri-fold SATERN promo, water, bags & flashlights??
 - Upcoming Associate Activities
 - IRA Link System Michigan Noon-time Roundup Net
 - Upcoming Club Activities:
 - RRA SATERN presentation
 - RRA Field Day – possibly at Ionia State Recreation Area (Sessions Lake)
8. Comments:
9. Events: April 20th Preparedness Event / Kids Expo Info table, food table, 9 volunteers
10. Callouts: Nothing to report
11. Closing: Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm