

## January 8, 2013 SATERN Meeting Minutes

**Attending:**  
Tim KC8SIV  
Lucinda AB8WF

Dave KC8DJ  
Bob WX8BOB  
James KD8JOM

Minutes from October 2 meeting were read and liked. Parties were held in November and December

Bob WX8BOB was able to connect to his echolink simplex link via proxy server on TSA system

### Tabled Business:

- SATERN is still interested in a separate internet connection
  - have our own echolink node at Dickinson Park
  - Dave KC8DJ says also need for running HF winmore—allowing deployed people email contact
- 20m Loop—have balun and enough wire to make either a 20m or 40m delta loop
- EDS/SATERN banner is complete and will be sent to webmaster

### Reports:

**SATERN Nets:** 2m good attendance, 20m same

**Activities:** Good turnout for Christmas Dinner parking and toy distribution at Fulton Heights. Needed more volunteers for toy distribution at Kroc Center.

### Radio Room:

- Dave KC8DJ plans to donate Icom 735 to EOC when he gets his new transceiver
  - comes with auto tuner
  - will need interface cable
- EOC packet is up and working thanks to Dave KC8DJ
- TS-50 LI Battery replaced by Dave KC8DJ and all is working great now
- Request has been submitted to the Ladies Auxiliary for HT's, mobile units, portable on site repeater, and ?HF radio for EOC? James will find out 1-9 when we will know if approved.

### New Business:

**Commercial Frequency**—use and should we have people use their own equipment when using??

- identify with automatic identifier—new repeaters come with that
- no personal use allowed—only on call outs when asked to
- frequency should not be given to inexperienced hams to program into their radios
- will need to warn people if using inappropriately
- no use unless people sign accepted use policy
- if already programmed in radio, hams arriving on scene are able to use familiar equipment

### SATERN Event Ideas:

- some kind of jamboree with other local and surrounding county em comm groups
  - could be an overnight event and could be annual
  - could be open to hams interested in em comm
- Eastern Michigan SATERN would like to get together with WMNI and do activity
- SATERN special event
  - use SATERN stations from around country
  - make certificates with endorsements for each station worked
  - plan for 2014, ARRL listed special event station

-annual even commemorating something to do with Major Pat WW9E

**SATERN Clothing:**

- Jackets, shirts, vests, name tags
- start with vests as they are inexpensive and multi-seasonal
- need to come up with standards for clothing and for distribution
  - James KD8JOM promised to back standards
- EDS/SATERN will buy name tag as first earned item
- as accumulate time/service, can earn additional items
- additional items available at cost or possibly split cost as budget allows
- Major Bob has ordered James to get rain gear for use on call outs and events!!! (many thanks to those who got soaked and caused this order to be handed down!!)
- James is feeling rather Santa Clausey tonight....

**Upcoming SATERN Activities:**

- We will be working with the Coast Guard at St. Ignace February 18 through 22
- involves state, fed, and foreign oil companies
- simulating oil spills on ice or in icy water
- need to provide warming tent for 50
  - very windy conditions, so need to consult for viable shelter options
- snacks and lunches

Other upcoming EDS activities:

- EDS Training camp April 9 – 12
  - arrival April 8 if staying
  - need to know if SATERN wants to teach any classes or has special request for classes
  - will offer train the trainer for medic-first aid
  - will have additional CISM classes
  - no brochures yet
- River Bank Run May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - hot dogs, etc

**Upcoming Associate Activities:**

- February Skywarn at Grandville Middle School
- March – How to weather spot
  - Bob WX8BOB teaching
  - James offered auditorium at Dickinson Park—EDS/SATERN to sponsor