

SATERN Meeting – February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Attending: AC8NI Tim, KC8DJ David, N8NET Tim, N8LUF Perry, W8OPD Paul, KD8RPR Martha

Opening: We opened with a moment of silence for our friends & family who are dealing with illness and the passing of loved ones.

Last Month's Minutes: OK

Reports:

- Nets: 20m – band stabilizing, 75m – AC8NI forgot to be n/c last Thursday ;-(, 40m – band long and unable to check-in last two weeks, 2m – 4 check-ins last Wednesday.
- Callouts: Nothing to report
- Events: Nothing to report

Radio-Room: Nothing to report

Training: Nothing to report

Comm. Dave KC8DJ has accepted the duties of project manager for the outfitting and configuration of the comm. vehicle. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE HAS TO DO ALL THE WORK!** Email sent out to members, friends and interested parties to contact Dave in order to follow his lead in scheduling work sessions and having access to the vehicle, etc. **THANK YOU DAVE!!**

Division News: Nothing to report

Territory News: We have a new friend, Paul Clay WUM SATERN coordinator. Paul has a good group of SATERN volunteers who are helping out with EDS and SATERN callouts in our neighboring division.

Corps News: Don Prosser KB9IAR is very active in promoting and developing a SATERN program in and about the Battle Creek / Kalamazoo area. Don is going to conduct a SATERN presentation in the Kalamazoo area on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information to follow.

- Old Business:  
Branding/painting of comm. vehicle: ...is currently waiting for a return on a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid. 1<sup>st</sup> bid has come in at approximately \$2,200 + concept prep of \$75.00 per side(3). We should have the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid in about a week.
- SATERN shirts - ...waiting for James KD8JOM to secure approval for placement of “SAC” patch above breast pocket area and EDS patch on left shoulder. Also, Perry N8LUF wishes to recommend a source for shirts to James. Paul W8OPd and Perry have been cleared to call James directly with questions and input regarding the shirts. We hope to move forward in acquiring SATERN Team shirts in the NEAR future ;-)

New Business:

- Martha June KD8RPR is once more securing pursuing a yearly volunteer grant for EDS through State Farm. This will be Martha's 5<sup>th</sup> year in working on this \$500 grant for WMNI EDS. Thank you Martha for your efforts.
- AB Dick, a CJ Hiotas printer/copier company in Grand Rapids, has given WMNI SATERN \$200.00 toward the outfitting of our comm. vehicle. Thanks to Charlie and Dynl from AB Dick for your generosity and support.
- We discussed our urgent need for new EDS/SATERN volunteers in order for us to continue with our ambitious activity plans, as well as supporting WMNI EDS and SATERN callouts through the coming year! Please keep this in mind when you meet with friends and associates who might be inclined to engage in public service through amateur radio.

#### Upcoming Activities:

- Lowell ARC Youth Hamfest this coming weekend at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes St., Lowell MI 49331. Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am to 12:00noon. Admission \$5.00. See you there??!!
- Please go to <http://eds-satern.sawmni.org/wmnisatern/event-and-call-out-planning> to see an up-to-date listing of volunteer opportunities coming up for March through May 2017.
- Ottawa and Kent County SKYWARN Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 9:30pm at Grandville High School 4700 Canal Ave SE, Grandville MI 49417 – EDS/SATERN will be there, you are welcome to help.
- Operation Safe & Secure, A Free Family Fun and Educational Expo Focused on Keeping Homes and Families Safe! April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the DeltaPlex, 2500 Turner Ave NW in Walker. EDS / SATERN will have a table and will be handing out beverages, etc. Please come and help!!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm