

# Minutes for October 2021 LARC Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting – 10/21/2021

Meeting called to order 19:05

Officers Present: (x) President, (x) Vice President, (x) Treasurer, ( ) Secretary, (x) Tech Advisor, (x) PIO, ( ) Web Master

Number of Members present: 12, Number of Guests present: 0. Of the 12 Attendees 12 are ARRL members.

**Secretary's Report:** (x) Read - ( ) Amended - (x) Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** (x) Read – ( ) Amended – (x) Approved

Proceeds from KD8HNF Estate Auction were transferred from PayPal to General Account. So far there are 7 Diamond donations for 2021. 10 former members are unpaid for 2021 dues.

\*\* Minutes and detailed Financial Report are available in Club Dropbox\*\*

**Vice President's Report:** Ken (K8ENT) has nothing new to report

**Technical Report:** Josh (KE8CPD) has nothing new to report

**Web Master's Report:** Nothing new to report

**PIO's Report:** \*\*See attached 2 page report of various events of interest to the Amateur Radio Community in Western Michigan. This has also been emailed to all members\*\*

## Old Business:

1. HIAD was conducted on 10/09/21. 7 out of 8 examinees passed testing for Technician's Class licensing as reported by Nate (N8THN)
2. A letter of thanks was sent to Cascade Engineering for their generous donation of \$600 to LARC.

## New Business:

1. The Get Out Of The Cabin Lunch date was discussed and dates of March 12, 2022 or March 26, 2022 were proposed. The final date is "TBD".
2. A Motion to donate \$30.00 of LARC funds to the Get Out Of The Cabin lunch for purchase of Raffle prizes was made by Mike (KB8ZGL) and the Motion was approved.
3. The topic of making the personal phone numbers of LARC members available to all members was discussed. A Motion was made by Ken (K8ENT), seconded by Del (W8WDW), then approved, that a designation to include personal phone numbers be made starting on the next Yearly Membership Renewal form. Publication of individual member's phone numbers for the use of other LARC members would be optional. Final technical strategy to facilitate this TBD.
4. A motion to donate LARC funds to the IRA Club for repair / maintenance of the Mt. Pleasant tower was made by Mike (KB8ZGL). The final donation amount for the donation TBD at the December, 2021 LARC business meeting.

Meeting adjourned per motion by Del (W8WDW) at 19:28

Minutes taken by V.P. Ken (K8ENT)

:Attachment

# October meeting Attendance 10-21-2021

Ken Markewicz	- K8ENT
Erich Dellenbusch	W8KHXA
Del Rockwell	W8WDW
Eddie Briel	K8BKNI
JACK AMELAR	NY8D
FRANK McLELLAND	K080HS
LYNNE SNYDER	K8BCWP
SAM LASSINI	N80SY
Mike Walthuis	K82GL

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## Attendance by Zoom

NATHAN HOROWAN - N8THN  
JOSH MOCINSKI - K8BCPD  
Philip Nordstrand - A8BIN



CW / Phone Simplex Net

Having settled on a good frequency, (146.480), I would like to invite you to join us after the Thursday evening After Work-Dinner net for a little fun with Simplex. If you have an oscillator, we can practice some CW on 2m, or<sup>3</sup> if you want to test your radio for Simplex operation, we got that too.

73, Greg, KE8GC

**\*\*RESCHEDULED\*\*** AMWAY RIVER BANK RUN, Now Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Grand Rapids. We are still looking forward to the 2021 River Bank Run. This event will be very different than the past. The October 23 date will be a major change. Also, the number of aid stations will be changing. The one thing that will remain the same is the need for volunteers.

<https://amwayriverbankrun.com/>

Karl Palma W8KRP Secretary/Special events <https://bit.ly/3tQA8t3>

[rbrsafety@kcest.org](mailto:rbrsafety@kcest.org) <https://www.kcest.org/events/> <https://www.facebook.com/41KCEST>

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) monthly meeting first Friday, November 5, 6:30 gather, 7PM meeting.

LOCATION CHANGE for winter: Grand Valley State University Downtown, Kennedy Hall of Engineering room 124, 301 Fulton St W. Parking will be available in GVSU lots after 6:30 (parking enforcement ends then) Primary parking (closest to the meeting space) is in the Eberhard lot on Front St. Secondary parking lot is the Mount Vernon Lot south of the building. If using the Mt. Vernon lot, its encouraged to park on the northern most part to have a shorter walk. Entrances to the building are on the north and west faces.

Parking map is available here:

<https://www.gvsu.edu/homepage/files/pdf/maps/robertc.pewgrandrapids-campus.pdf>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GRARA.W8DC/>

<http://www.w8dc.org/> 147.26+(94.8Hz)

All area hams are invited to meet DX Engineering Chief Operating Officer Tim Duffy, K3LR, on Friday November 5th. He will be speaking on the 'DX Engineering Story' via ZOOM at our regular GRARA monthly meeting. The venue is again at GVSU downtown in Kennedy Hall of the Fred Keller Engineering Building. Eye-Ball at 6:30. Short business Meeting at 7:00 (officer nominations will be solicited for our Dec election). Tim speaks at 7:30-8:15 or whenever people are done asking questions. Parking is free after 6:30 PM on Fridays at the GVSU lots at Eberhard and across Fulton from the Keller Engineering Building (it's connected to Eberhard). Enter Keller from the North door which should be open in the evenings. The large lecture hall is on the first floor.

Tim Duffy, K3LR

Tim has been an active amateur radio operator for 48 years - starting as WN3SZX in 1972. He has hosted 145 different operators from around the world as part of the K3LR Multi operator radio sport contest efforts since 1992. Tim has built a 13 tower station with 11 operating positions. He was the ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement award winner in 1998. Tim has been the moderator of the Hamvention Antenna forum for 35 years. K3LR serves as chairman of Contest University (14 years), the Dayton Contest Dinner (28 years), chairman of the Top Band Dinner - as well as coordinator of the Contest Super Suite (35 years) in Dayton during the yearly Hamvention. He is founder and moderator of the popular RFI Reflector ([RFI@contesting.com](mailto:RFI@contesting.com)) since 1999. Tim serves on the board of directors of the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) as Chairman and is President Emeritus of the Radio Club of America (RCA). Tim is multiyear President of the Mercer County Amateur Radio Club (W3LIF). K3LR serves as a Director on the ARRL Foundation board. Tim was elected to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 2006. He was honored with the prestigious Barry Goldwater Amateur Radio service award by the RCA in 2010. Tim was honored in 2016 with the YASME Excellence award. K3LR was also honored as



Hamvention Amateur of the Year in 2015 by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association. Tim is the Chief Executive Officer of DX Engineering. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University.

General in a Day, Kinda ~ Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021

The Holland ARC will hold a "General Class in a Day, Kinda" class at the Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club, 9279 E. Ottogan Street, Holland. It will follow the technician class process in that on that Saturday there will be a 5 hour memory retention study hall. Please understand that no theory will be taught. These 5 hours will be you reviewing the approximately 440 questions used in the general class pool. Registration is now open, and registration is required. Registration closes October 22. This class is limited to the first twenty people, and the cost is \$10.00.

Once you register, you will get an email every week reinforcing what you should be studying. That word "kinda" in the title? Your part of the deal is to spend about 30 minutes a day for 21 days studying the materials we recommend - that's the "kinda". You will then have the 5 hour study hall to finish your studying and review.

The "General in a Day, Kinda" study session will begin at 1:00 on November 13, and at 6:00 we will start the exam session. For more information or to register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/harcgiad>.

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo, ARRL Central Division Convention

Saturday & Sunday November 13 & 14

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Talk-In: 146.880-

Type: ARRL Convention

Public Contact: ACARTS Fort Wayne W9INX, PO Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: 260-579-2196 Email: [chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com](mailto:chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com)

HIAD (Ham in a Day) class, Holland, Saturday, December 11.

This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to get their amateur radio technician license to study and take the exam all in one afternoon. Directed study starts at 1:00 and continues till 6:00, when the test will be given. For registration and more information <http://w8lrc.org/hiad-registration/> Cost for the Ham in a Day study session is \$25. Also, anyone wanting to take an exam (technician or upgrade) without the class may arrive at 6:00. There is no cost for the exams. Anyone whose license is within 90 days of expiring can also renew their license between 6:00 and the end of testing at no charge.

GET OUTTA THE CABIN DINNER! Saturday, March 12 or March 26?

(Saturday, March 19 is likely SMARS hamfest in Kalamazoo, Sunday TMRA hamfest in Toledo)

How about China Buffet, located toward the west end of Roger's Plaza, 1038 28th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. Arrive 6PM.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/XLUct1BAbnNJexrS9>

<https://chinabuffetmitogo.com/>

This would put the dinner about central to Holland and Allegan as well.