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UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC. Volume 25, Number 2, February 2009

USECA Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting—January 5, 2009

In attendance:

Bill, N8SA	President
Rob, KD8ENP	Vice-President
Ann, KT8F	Recording Secretary
Dennis, W8DFG	Treasurer
Joe, N8OZ	Membership Secretary
Jim, WY8I	Board Member
Larry, W8NIC	Board Member
Chuck, N8ZA	Board Member
Tom, N8ZI	Past President



*Absent

Note: board member's call signs are not included in the minutes as they are listed above.

Meeting called to order by the President at: 7:34 PM.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last BOD meeting made by Dennis, supported by Tom, motion carried.

Treasurer's report provided by Dennis. Motion to accept made by Ann, and supported by Jim, motion carried. Fundraising possibilities discussed. Dennis made a motion that USECA pay for table rental at other swaps for the purpose of promoting the radio raffle, seconded by Rob, vote, motion carried. Dennis motioned that we bring to the general membership a motion to approve \$163.00 to pay for our equipment insurance, seconded by Chuck, discussion, vote, motion carried.

Membership: Joe – 70 members.

Technical report: Chuck stated that Jim, W1IK will be working on the new controller soon.

ARRL: Bill reported that FCC requested that the ham population should inform the public about DTV. Suggested information could be disseminated at senior centers. Handouts would be provided.

Trustee: Dennis W8DFG – no official business report.

Winter FD plans discussed.

Old Business

Dennis reported on tents he has checked into for USECA's use.

Web master report – no report.

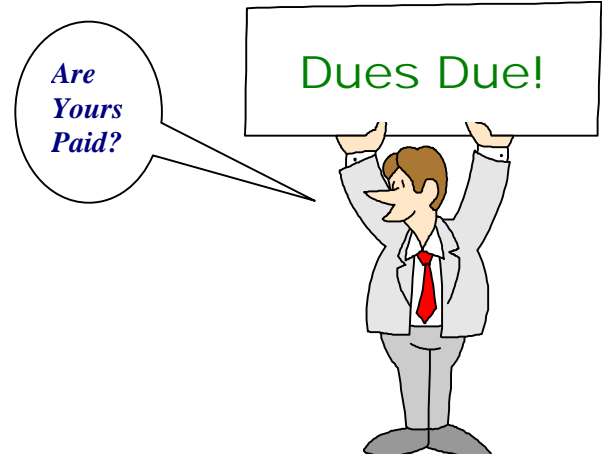
Swap: Larry, W8NIC stated he will not be able to be swap chairman. We need a new chairman. Larry and Chuck will be happy to help and train the new chairman.

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Eat B 4 U Meet

For the month of February, (for a small nominal fee), the menu will be, Bottomless Bowl of Soup with Bread, starting at 6:00 PM.

Dennis, [W8Dah](#) [Food Guy](#)



Bill Tate, N8JXW is taking in ham equipment for repair. Bill holds a first class FCC and has worked for Motorola, TRA Communications, and others. He has many years experience as a radio tech. His repairs are reasonable priced, relatively quick turn-around, and guaranteed. He is very capable and due to his employer cutting hours is looking for work. He may be contacted on his home phone at 586-473-8003. He lives on Wolcott Rd., north of 30 mile Rd. Best to call and arrange drop off time, etc. I purchased my first radio (an HW-101) while he was the tech at the Heathkit store on Eight Mile Rd. I believe that was 1978. He built it then decided he did not want it so I got a deal. I had it for many enjoyable years. He is good in QRZ.
—Submitted by Bill, N8SA

Next Meeting — February 9th

CLUB DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Bill Chesney/N8SA (586) 468-0106
Vice President	Rob Lifton/KD8ENP (248) 797-2264
Recording Secretary	Ann Manor/KT8F (586) 751-3893
Treasurer	Dennis Gaboury/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Membership Secretary	Joe Kennedy/N8OZ (586) 977-7222
Board Member	Jim Odam/WY8I (586) 879-3127
Board Member	Larry Logarta/W8NIC
Board Member	Chuck Perushek/N8ZA (586) 557-4983
Past President	Tom Tincknell/N8ZI (586) 651-7239

COMMITTEES

ARRL Liaison	Bill/N8SA
Awards Manager	Bob/N8ZY (586) 978-1682
Door Prizes	-OPEN-
Editor	Joe/K8OEF (586) 781-0050
Field Day Chair	Bill/N8SA, Steve/N8XO & Ray/N8UY
Health & Welfare	Rob/KD8ENP (248) 816-2222
Historian	Jerry/K8CFY (586) 791-4484
Mailers/Sorters	Ann/KT8F; Phil/W8IC; & Crew
Net Manager	Bob/N8ZY (586) 978-1682
Photographer	Wes/KD8DHS
Program Director	Rob Lifton/KD8ENP (248) 797-2264
Public Relations Officer	Ken/N8KC (248) 652-1187
Refreshments	Walt/WB8E; & Alec/NF8X
Repeater Trustee	Dennis/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Swap Director	Larry, W8NIC
Technical Director	Jim/W1IK (586) 771-4135
Technicians	KA8D; W8IC; WA8GQL; W8RO; AD8S; N8SA; W1SKU; N8ZI
VE Testing	Joe/N8OZ (586) 977-7222
Webmaster	Alec/NF8X (586) 873-8841

CONTROL OPERATORS (*Phone Number Above)

Jim/WY8I*	Joe/K8OEF*	Alec/NF8X*
Phil/W8IC	Joe/N8OZ*	Chuck/N8ZA*
Jim/W1IK	Floyd/W8RO	Tom/N8ZI*

PROGRAMMERS

Dennis/W8DFG	Jim/W1IK	Brad/N8VI
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The Editor is:

Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

Recently (within the past 2 months), history has been made with our newsletter. Not once but TWICE! We went from happy to sad.

Happy: Last month, the *Express* celebrated 25 years of publications; that is GREAT news.

Sad: This month, the *Express* is being published as the absolute smallest newsletter in its history.

In its last meeting, the entire editorial staff decided to modify the header/footer on our pages. From 1994 to 1998 we were extremely proud of our "Excellent" and "Superior" ratings; but times have changed and since the awarding organization is no longer active, it's time to make the change and be proud of our next phase—that is, 25 years and *Still Going!*

73 for now.

Program this month will be Dale, WA8EFK, our ARRL Michigan Director will be speaking about ARRL. This is a great presentation that everyone will get something out of.

—Submitted by Bill, N8SA

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USECA VE Testing

Testing will be the THIRD Monday of the month from September thru June. Joe, N8OZ, is the Contact VE. Pre-registration is encouraged. Test fee is \$14.00 cash (exact change only). Examinees need to bring Xerox copies of current license and un-expired CSCE's, if any. There is no copy machine at the test site. Official starting time is 7:00 PM. Walk-ins are welcomed. Test site is at the Mt. Clemens Elks Club (179 S. Main St. in Mt. Clemens). Other VE test sessions can be arranged—contact the Contact VE for details.

USECA Net Points										
CALL	NAME	VHF	HF	TOTAL		CALL	NAME	VHF	HF	TOTAL
N8ZA	CHUCK	113	570	683		WB8FUI	PHIL	23	0	23
N8ZY	BOB	27	444	471		K8RFP	RON	20	2	22
W8NIC	LARRY	73	294	367		KD8GVT	ERIC	10	12	22
N8YBY	LEONARD	33	250	283		N5WCS	MIKE	16	6	22
KD8CFU	DAVE	54	175	229		N8UY	RAY	20	2	22
AK8S	ALAN	42	158	200		W8WTH	RICHARD	22	0	22
W1IK	JIM	65	114	179		AC8AK	GENE	3	18	21
N8EB	KEITH	64	108	172		KV8Z	CHRIS	21	0	21
W8OMC	KEN	7	155	162		N8RUE	EDDIE	21	0	21
KD8CXJ	ED	97	36	133		N8ZZE	JOHN	15	6	21
W8SOX	LARRY	38	92	130		KC8CPT	DON	20	0	20
N8ZBA	DAN	46	52	98		N8KC	KEN	6	12	18
W8AOQ	STEVE	0	98	98		KD8GVO	PHIL	16	0	16
N8ZI	TOM	38	58	96		W8BHF	BOB	16	0	16
K8RDJ	RAY	24	70	94		K8QLM	JANICE	15	0	15
KD8GZE	TOM	86	8	94		NC8ED	ED	0	14	14
N8UJ	CHUCK	33	50	83		AA8OZ	PAUL	13	0	13
WB8E	WALT	49	30	79		W1NB	SCOTT	0	12	12
N8AE	CARL	8	70	78		KD8JNS	SHAUN	3	8	11
KD8HTU	MARTY	45	32	77		K7SDF	DON	10	0	10
KD8HMK	PHIL	46	26	72		K8PJQ	RICH	10	0	10
N8ESM	PAT	4	68	72		KC8UHK	RANDY	0	10	10
KD8HIZ	ANDY	38	32	70		N8HTV	JOHN	9	0	9
WY8M	ARPAD	14	56	70		K8JEH	JIM	4	4	8
N8CR	DENNIS	49	18	67		KC8WXF	JIM	6	2	8
KA2IBE	JOHN	32	34	66		KC8THE	BOB	7	0	7
KW8Z	KEN	48	16	64		KD8AAW	JIM	7	0	7
KI8JN	PHIL	1	60	61		N8COQ	KEN	1	6	7
N8UO	KEN	18	42	60		N8OZ	JOE	5	2	7
KC8NQA	MIKE	3	48	51		W1SKU	FRED	1	6	7
AA8GK	PETE	44	6	50		W8KZW	JEFF	7	0	7
W8AJA	WAYNE	0	50	50		K8MEM	MARK	0	6	6
K8DXX	BILL	3	46	49		KC8SYO	BOB	6	0	6
NF8X	ALEC	9	40	49		KD8CLC	ED	0	6	6
KC8REX	BERNARD	10	37	47		KD8HSQ	TONY	6	0	6
KG4JTC	DAVE	34	12	46		KD8HXJ	ERIK	6	0	6
KD8ENP	ROB	25	20	45		N8KLX	JERRY	0	6	6
KC8ZRY	RANDY	12	30	42		W8VO	CLEM	2	4	6
W8DFG	DENNIS	26	16	42		KD8HSM	JUNE	5	0	5
W8RIT	DAVE	4	34	38		KT8F	ANN	5	0	5
WY8I	JIM	20	16	36		W8IC	PHIL	1	4	5
KD8CIA	JEFF	4	30	34		WA8FEA	GARY	5	0	5
KD8IGM	BEAU	0	34	34		AB8XR	GARY	4	0	4
WB8F	DON	2	32	34		K8JRE	JOE	4	0	4
W8TRC	TOM	33	0	33		KA8LGI	DARRELL	2	2	4
N8ODY	STEVE	1	30	31		KC8VJC	RAY	0	4	4
KF8XO	JEFF	0	30	30		KD8IKM	SCOTT	2	2	4
KC8LUM	MIKE	1	26	27		KD8JTU	JAMES	0	4	4
N8KA	JOE	27	0	27		KW8J	LEO	2	2	4
WB8OAF	BILL	26	0	26		N8FGB	RICH	0	4	4
KD8DHS	WES	23	2	25		N8NTA	DAVE	0	4	4
KD8JDC	RYAN	4	20	24		N8OSD	DAN	0	4	4
N8QOQ	TOM	23	0	23		VE3TTF	ALLEN	0	4	4
W8EDX	ED	5	18	23						
								Submitted by Bob, N8ZY		

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New Business

Dennis made a motion that we make a donation to the Elk's for \$100.00, seconded by Chuck, vote, motion carried.

Dennis passed out copies of a financial policy approved in 1999 for review by this board, to be discussed later.

Eat-b4-you-meet: Tom, N8ZI volunteered to do the shopping and cleanup for the meal.

Recruitment of new members: Dennis stated he had looked at an old database of past members that could be contacted.

The books will be audited after the meeting by the board members at large.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dennis and 2nd by Jim, motion carried, meeting adjourned at: 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Manor, KT8F, Recording Secretary.



General Meeting — January 12, 2009

In attendance:

- Bill, N8SA President
- Rob, KD8ENP Vice-President
- Ann, KT8F Recording Secretary
- Dennis, W8DFG Treasurer
- Joe, N8OZ Membership Secretary
- Jim, WY8I Board Member
- Larry, W8NIC Board Member
- Chuck, N8ZA Board Member
- Tom, N8ZI Past President
- *Absent

Meeting called to order by the President at 7:30 PM.

Introductions were made, new members, visitors and upgrades recognized.

Motion made to accept the minutes as printed in the Express made by Rich, K8PJQ and 2nd by Bob, N8ZY; motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Dennis, W8DFG. Motion to approve made by Jim, W1IK and 2nd by Steve, N8XO, motion carried. Dennis made a motion that the club authorize the payment \$163.00 for our equipment insurance. Seconded by Ann, KT8F, motion carried.

Membership: Joe, N8OZ – 80 members currently. Need to pay dues by next month to be included in this year's roster.

Webmaster: no report.

Express: no report. Joe, K8OEF, our editor would like to see more articles submitted.

Technical report: Jim, W1IK – no new news.

ARRL Liaison: Bill, N8SA - no news to report

Trustee report: Dennis, W8DFG – no report.

Health & Welfare: Rob, KD8ENP – notified the club about 2 recent SK's.

Field Day: Steve, N8XO – start thinking now about antennas and practice with them.

Winter Field Day: Pete, AA8GK talked about the current status and promoted the event.

Swap: need a new chairman for this year's swap.

Old Business

Dennis, W8DFG has tickets to raffle off for the radio – Kenwood TMD-710. The club will be selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 per ticket to win a \$10.00 ticket for the radio. Will also be selling them at the Hazel Park Swap coming up over the weekend. The proceeds will go to purchase a new tent.

New Business

Dave, WD8IFL requested that the board consider his membership application during the general meeting tonight. Steve, N8XO made a motion that the general membership vote on his application, seconded by Ed, N8RUE. Discussion. Vote taken, Motion passed.

Bob, N8ZY – recognized the efforts of net control operators. Prizes went to Chuck, N8ZA and Larry, W8NIC.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 8:30 PM.

Thanks to Larry, W8SOX and crew for providing tonight's eat-before-you-meet dinner.

49 members and visitors were present.

Tonight's program was provided by Pete, AA8GK on Oakland County's new radio system.

Business portion of the meeting concluded at: 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Manor, KT8F, Recording Secretary



USECA APPLICATION



Rev. 6/08

DATE _____ NEW RENEWAL MAIL PRINTED NEWSLETTER
 CALL _____ CLASS _____
 NAME _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 TELEPHONE # _____ PRINT # IN ROSTER NO
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 MEMBER: **ARRL** YES NO **RACES** YES NO

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY:

CALL _____ CLASS _____
 NAME _____
 MEMBER: **ARRL** YES NO
RACES YES NO

CALL _____ CLASS _____
 NAME _____
 MEMBER: **ARRL** YES NO
RACES YES NO

Annual Membership Dues: Regular: \$20 — Family: \$30 — Mail Printed Newsletter, ADD \$10.00

New Member applications must be mailed to P.O. Box address below.

Please make check payable to: **USECA** — Address: **P.O. Box 46331, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046**

All mailed-in applications to the P.O. Box must include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

(Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.)

USECA reserves the right to accept or reject New or Renewal Memberships.



Local Area FM Nets

DAY	TIME	CLUB	FREQ.
SUN	1:00 pm	USECA/Information	147.180
SUN	8:00 pm	USECA/Traders/Tech Sup.	147.180
SUN	9:00 pm	HPARC/Info	146.640
SUN	9:00 pm	Garden City ARC	146.860
SUN-SAT	10:15 pm	S. E. Michigan Traffic Net	145.330
MON	7:30 pm	SATERN	147.180
MON	8:00 pm	MECA/Info	147.200
MON	8:00 pm	GMARC (PL 123)	443.075
TUE	9:00 pm	Motor City Radio Club	147.240
WED	9:00 pm	ARPSC/Info	145.490
THU	8:00 pm	RACES/ARES	147.200
THU	8:30 pm	LCARC/Info	147.080
SAT	11:45 pm	Hoot Owl	147.180

VHF PL'S — 100 Hz

On The World Wide Web

USECA Home Page

WWW.USECAARC.COM

Local HF Nets

DAY	TIME	CLUB/DESCRIPTION	FREQ.
MON	7:30 pm	LCARC/15 Meter CW	21.165
MON	9:00 pm	LCARC/15 Meter Phone USB	21.395
TUE	8:00 pm	USECA/80 Meter Phone LSB	3.830
WED	7:00 pm	USECA/6 Meter Phone USB	50.140
THU	7:30 pm	LCARC/10 Meter Phone USB	28.435
THU	9:00 pm	USECA/15 Meter CW	21.140
FRI	10:00 pm	USECA/80 Meter CW	3.570
FRI	11:00 pm	USECA/10 Meter Phone USB	28.425

Listings in **BOLD** are USECA club nets, but **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Net Ops Schedules

2-METER NETS

	SUN. 1 PM	SUN. 8 PM**	FRI. 11:45 PM
WEEK	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz	147.180 MHz
1	KD8CXJ	W11K	-OPEN-
2	N8ZA	W8NIC	-OPEN-
3	-OPEN-	-OPEN-	-OPEN-
4	WB8E	KD8GZE	-OPEN-
5*	KT8F	-OPEN-	-OPEN-

*If applicable

**Traders/Tech Support

Updated 12/09

NCO's—If you're unable to take your net please get a replacement or contact Keith, N8EB (586) 777-6751—Don't wait!

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FEBRUARY 2009

"The Happenin' Club"

Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
FEB	9	7:30 pm	General Meeting
FEB	16	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
MAR	9	7:30 pm	General Meeting
MAR	16	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
APR	13	7:30 pm	General Meeting
APR	20	7:00 pm	VE Test Session

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