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UTICA SHELBY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, INC. Volume 25, Number 9, November 2009

USECA Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting—October, 2009

In attendance:

Bill, N8SA	President
(Vacant)	Vice-President
Rob, NY8W	Recording Secretary
Dennis, W8DFG	Treasurer
Joe, N8OZ	Membership Secretary
Jim, WY8I	Board Member
Larry, W8NIC	Board Member
Chuck, N8ZA	Board Member
Walt, WB8E	Past President

*Absent

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

Board Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm by Bill.

No Correspondence.

Health/Welfare: Sent a Get Well card to Ed KD8CXJ's wife Pat.

Sent a Thank-You card to Mel KF8MB for the HT he donated.

Treasurer's report given by Dennis.

Motion to accept treasurers report by Walt and seconded by Larry; Motion carried.

Web Master's report given by Dennis: Brad renewed the USECAARC.COM for \$15.00.

Express Editors report: nothing to report.

ARRL Liaison: Michigan held simulated emergency exercises this past weekend.

Trustees Report from Dennis: Use of certain words is permitted on our bands. Although in bad taste, words like "crap" are legal. Bill indicated we will put an advisory in the Express.

Field Day: Nothing to report.

Swap report from Jeff KD8CIA: 41 tables are sold—everything is on track.

New Business:

Ann, KT8F informed the BOD that she and Phil, W8IC have had in their possession a 40-foot tower that was used by 15 CW at Field Day. The tower belonged to Chuck, WA8Z. He has donated it to USECA. Ann and Phil have delivered the tower to Jim, N8MCD for storage in his barn.

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Note From Ann, KT8F

Hi, everybody – just a few comments here. I want to say thanks to Joe, K8OEF for his kind words in the September Express. I really appreciated them. *[Meant every word—Ed.]*

I realize now that I have sat on the Board for quite a long time. I became a board member in 1994, as Floyd, W8RO's VP—did that for 3 years, then a 3-year stint as a board member, and eventually was elected as Recording Secretary in 1999. Wow – has it really been that long? I really enjoyed working on the Board in these positions over the years.

I'm sorry that I had to resign from the Board in mid-term this year, however, Rob, NY8W is doing a great job as my replacement. Thanks, Rob!

I have made so many good, life-long friends in USECA over the years. I met and married Phil, W8IC, what could be better than that? I will be showing up at meetings from time to time and will very much look forward to seeing my friends at the meetings and other events.

Thank you, USECA, for the opportunity to serve this fine club.

73 – Ann, KT8F



NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

There will be a special election held at the USECA November General meeting. The change, if passed, would increase the annual dues by \$5.00. The change would take effect in 2010—for further details, contact any of the board members.

Next Meeting — November 9th (Nominations)

CLUB DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Bill Chesney/N8SA (586) 468-0106
Vice President	Ed Tincknell/KD8CXJ (586) 752-7130
Recording Secretary	Rob Lifton/NY8W (248) 797-2264
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	Walt Gracey/WB8E (586) 596-9547

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/NY8W (248) 816-2222
Historian	Jerry/K8CFY (586) 791-4484
Mailers/Sorters	Ann/KT8F & Crew
Net Manager	Bob/N8ZY (586) 978-1682
Photographer	Wes/KD8DHS
Program Director	—OPEN—
Public Relations Officer	Ken/N8KC (248) 652-1187
Refreshments	Walt/WB8E; & Alec/NF8X
Repeater Trustee	Dennis/W8DFG (586) 465-7126
Swap Director	Jeff/KD8CIA
Technical Director	Jim/W1IK (586) 771-4135
Technicians	KA8D; WA8GQL; W8RO; AD8S; N8SA; W1SKU; N8ZI
VE Testing	Joe/N8OZ (586) 977-7222
Webmaster	Brad/N8VI

CONTROL OPERATORS (*Phone Number Above)

Jim/WY8I*	Joe/N8OZ*	Alec/NF8X*
Jim/W1IK	Floyd/W8RO	Chuck/N8ZA*

PROGRAMMERS

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

Still Going

Joe, K8OEF

Welcome to our newest NCO, Shawn, KD8JNS—he'll be running the 75 meter phone net on Tuesday at 7 pm on the 5th week.

Reminder: Nominations for our club's officers take place at the November meeting; with election at the December meeting.

Could it get worse? What? This newsletter. If it not for Ann's article on page 1, there would have been absolutely nothing submitted. I wonder what the problem is—and come up with a blank.

73 for now.

Eat B 4 U Meet

Walt is looking for meal suggestions and recipes, anyone who wishes to offer input should contact Walt or Dennis.

Dennis, W8Dah Food Guy

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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 Points	HF Points	TOTAL	CALL	NAME	VHF Points	HF Points	TOTAL
N8ZA	CHUCK	142	329	471	N8UZE	DEE	11	10	21
N8ZY	BOB	59	353	412	K8DJE	JONESY	16	4	20
N8YBY	LEONARD	131	92	223	KV8Z	CHRIS	19	0	19
W8NIC	LARRY	57	132	189	K8QLM	JANICE	18	0	18
AK8S	ALAN	67	104	171	KF8XO	JEFF	0	18	18
N8ZBA	DAN	42	98	140	N8ZI	TOM	4	14	18
KD8CXJ	ED	107	22	129	K8DXX	BILL	9	8	17
WB8E	WALT	56	70	126	N8RUE	EDDIE	17	0	17
K8RDJ	RAY	58	64	122	K8RFP	RON	16	0	16
N8CR	DENNIS	43	56	99	AB8YG	RICHARD	0	14	14
W8SOX	LARRY	51	45	96	KD8JWF	GENE	12	2	14
WB8F	DON	42	52	94	N8UO	KEN	14	0	14
KD8HIZ	ANDY	51	40	91	WB8OAF	BILL	14	0	14
N8UJ	CHUCK	36	52	88	KD8GVT	ERIC	3	10	13
N8AE	CARL	23	64	87	N8KA	JOE	13	0	13
KD8HTU	MARTY	31	52	83	K8GIM	ED	0	12	12
W1IK	JIM	47	36	83	KC8C	TONY	12	0	12
KD8JDC	RYAN	32	46	78	KD8IGM	BEAU	0	12	12
KC8REX	BERNARD	8	65	73	KD8IUO	RUSS	10	2	12
KD8CFU	DAVE	31	34	65	N8IGM	JOE	0	12	12
WB8WKQ	JEFF	27	36	63	N8KC	KEN	2	10	12
N8EB	KEITH	50	4	54	WB8SJD	LARRY	8	4	12
W8AOQ	STEVE	0	54	54	W8TRC	TOM	11	0	11
WY8I	JIM	28	22	50	AC8AK	GENE	4	6	10
KD8JNS	SHAUN	6	43	49	KD8DHS	WES	10	0	10
KD8CIA	JEFF	9	38	47	KW8YL	KIM	8	2	10
K9DLW	DENNIS	13	32	45	KD8JSV	GEOFFREY	3	6	9
KB3PTA	JAMES	0	44	44	KW8Z	KEN	9	0	9
KC8UHK	RANDY	8	36	44	KD8HNC	PHIL	8	0	8
W8RIT	DAVE	4	40	44	KD8HTG	JD	2	6	8
KC8ZRY	RANDY	16	24	40	KF9FK	ALLEN	0	8	8
KA8POZ	SHAWN	33	6	39	NC8ED	ED	0	8	8
NY5Q	TOM	5	32	37	W8BUJ	ROB	0	8	8
AA8OZ	PAUL	30	2	32	W8IR	MARK	0	8	8
N8FGB	RICH	0	32	32	WB8FUI	PHIL	8	0	8
KG4JTC	DAVE	31	0	31	WB8QGT	JIM	6	2	8
NY8W	ROB	22	8	30	KD8JTU	JAMES	1	6	7
KD8GVO	PHIL	19	10	29	N5WCS	MIKE	5	2	7
KD8GZE	TOM	21	6	27	KA8DYD	PAUL	6	0	6
KA2IBE	JOHN	20	6	26	KB8WMB	GLEN	4	2	6
W8DFG	DENNIS	21	4	25	KZ8N	BOB	6	0	6
WD8IFL	DAVE	23	2	25	AB8YR	ALLIECE	3	2	5
AA8GK	PETE	24	0	24	KD8EYN	STEVE	3	2	5
KC8CTZ	BOB	6	18	24	KW8J	LEO	5	0	5
KC8NQA	MIKE	6	18	24					
KC8CPT	DON	23	0	23					
KI8JN	PHIL	21	2	23					
W8OMC	KEN	0	22	22					

—Submitted by Bob, N8ZY

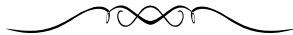
Meeting Minutes—From Page 1

Ed KD8CXJ told us that Bruce Township is looking to remove the tower that our repeater's North Site uses. Bill will contact the township.

Dennis brought up the new food tent. The old tent is now gone; Jim N8MCD & Kathy donated the old tent. Our new tent is wrapped up and sitting on Jim's Trailer. Dennis made a motion that we purchase the trailer from Jim for \$200. Larry seconded and the motion carried. Dennis also discussed the idea of getting another section for the tent to use as a dining area. This will need to be approved by the membership and is to be brought up at the general meeting on Monday, October 12.

Jim made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Walt seconded and the meeting concluded at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Lifton, NY8W
Recording Secretary



General Meeting — October, 2009

In attendance:

- Bill, N8SA President
- Ed, KD8CXJ Vice-President
- Rob, NY8W Recording Secretary
- Dennis, W8DFG Treasurer
- Joe, N8OZ Membership Secretary
- Jim, WY8I Board Member
- Larry, W8NIC Board Member
- Chuck, N8ZA Board Member
- Walt, WB8E Past President

*Absent

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm.

A round of applause was sent out to the fine members of the kitchen crew.

New licensees and upgrades were recognized.

No correspondence.

No corrections to the last minutes.

Dave WD8IFL moved that we accept the minutes from our last meeting as printed in the Express. Tom KD8GZE seconded this motion. The motion carried.

Dennis read the treasurer's report. A motion to accept offered by Ray K8RDJ and seconded by Larry WB8SJD. Motion passed.

Membership Secretary's Report: 158 members.

No Webmaster report.

Express editor's report delivered by Bill. Articles are due tonight.

Tech report delivered by Jim W1IK: Site visit is planned for tomorrow or Wednesday to the main site. There will also be additional visits to our satellite receive sites for routine maintenance.

No trustees report.

Swap Report given by Jeff KD8CIA: Swap is about two weeks away. Tables are ordered. Tom W8TRC will head up security. We need additional volunteers to help with tasks such as taking money at the door. We need people to get to the swap site to help set up beforehand. Show up at 5 am if interested. Polish buffet will be served at noon, for a nominal fee. If you need to order a table contact Jeff.

No health and welfare traffic. Please direct all such traffic to Rob NY8W.

Old Business:

Dennis has tickets for a chance to win a Yaesu 857D at the swap. The tickets cost \$20 each.

New Business:

Gerri KD8KCE reported that the Armada school amateur radio club has received their grant from the ARRL. The school club call sign is KD8MDU. They are looking for volunteers on October 20 from noon until 2:30 pm, October 21 from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm and October 22nd from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm.

There will be an open house at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site on October 18 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. They are located at 4996 Van Dyke, between 22 and 23 Mile Roads. Admission is free and further information is available by calling (586) 739-4800.

Antenna Party planned for the weekend following the swap at Bill's house. Bill needs help setting up his quad.

Dues increase proposal to increase dues from 20 annually to 25, as printed in June's Express.

Dennis moved that we table the matter until our next general meeting. Walt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Leo KW8J nominated Ed KD8CXJ to fill the vacant vice president post. Ed accepted the nomination. Dennis moved that since no one else was nominated for the post that we forgo a ballot process and declare Ed our duly elected Vice President. Dave WD8IFL seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mark W8IR gave the evening's presentation. Mark talked about and demonstrated Ham Radio Deluxe, which is a free amateur radio software suite, which features a logging section, digital modes, satellite tracking as well as many more capabilities.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ed and seconded by Andy KD8HIZ .

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Lifton, NY8W
Recording Secretary

USECA APPLICATION



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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/75 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	W1IK	KD8CXJ
2	N8ZA	—OPEN—	KD8CXJ
3	—OPEN—	N8EB	KD8CXJ
4	WB8E	KD8GZE	KD8CXJ
5*	—OPEN—	—OPEN—	KD8CXJ

*If applicable

**Traders/Tech Support

Updated 11/09

NCO's—If you're unable to take your net please get a replacement or contact Chuck. N8ZA (586) 557-4983—Don't wait!

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NOVEMBER 2009

"The Happenin' Club"

Club Activities

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
NOV	9	7:30 pm	General Meeting—Nominations
NOV	16	7:00 pm	VE Test Session
DEC	TBA		USECA 22nd Annual Christmas Party
DEC	14	7:30 pm	General Meeting—Elections
DEC	21	7:00 pm	VE Test Session

Daylight Savings Time Ends On Sunday, November 1, 2009

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