



# Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

# INFORMATION



## Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

[www.centralmiarc.com](http://www.centralmiarc.com)

Serving Our Community Since 1921

[www.lcdra.com](http://www.lcdra.com)



### There is Something for Everyone at CMARC & LCDRA

Amateur Radio. What's it all about? Amateur Radio is many things to many people from all walks of life, but mostly, it's about Community Service.

Among our ranks, you will find Doctors, Lawyers, Teachers and Truck Drivers...and Moms, too! But we also have young people, as well. From 8 to 80, Amateur Radio offers something for everyone...including you.

With the arrival of the 21st Century, Amateur Radio has so much more to offer. Popular modes such as CW (Morse Code) and Slow Scan TV have been given new life with the addition of IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project) and high speed, or fast scan (Amateur TV).

It's a great time to explore all that Amateur Radio has to offer and the members of **CMARC** and **LCDRA** stand ready to share the excitement of this fantastic Hobby with you.

We offer local Ham Radio Classes for entry level (Technician Class) and upgrades (General and Extra Class). You can get all of the details on our

local websites, which are listed at the top and bottom of this page.

Interested in a social gathering for Hams? **CMARC** is just what the doctor ordered, with monthly meetings and programs that will keep you coming back for more. Do you want to support the local repeaters? **LCDRA** operates and maintains many in the Greater Lansing Area and you are welcome to drop in for a visit.

For those interested in SKYWARN, RACES and ARES, the **Lansing ARP-SC Group** is here to help, too! They meet each month in either Lansing, or Mason and details are on the web.

We look forward to your visit and be sure to bring the Family, because all functions are 'Family Friendly'. For more information, contact Don (KB8RAD) at 517-694-0812 and we'll see you soon!

### Our Meeting Schedules

\* **CMARC** First Friday of each month, unless affected by a Holiday. 7:30pm, Lansing Red Cross, 1800 E. Grand River. Open to the public

\* **ARPSC** Third Monday of each month, at Lansing Fire Station #8 or Ingham Co. Sheriff Dept. 7pm (see website for addresses and schedule)

\* **LCDRA** Quarterly at Lansing Fire Station #8, corner of Marshall and Grand River, third Thursday of the month, 7pm.

### A Little CMARC History

The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1921, when a group of 16 Amateurs first came together to organize their efforts, as well as to share ideas amongst themselves. At that time, the Central Michigan Wireless Association and the Hobby itself was still in its infancy.

With the groundwork laid, little more is mentioned until 1932, when still more informal meetings were held. It wasn't until 1950 that the Club members got organized and became affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). At this time, the members were meeting at 429 North Cedar St., in Lansing.

The Club and its members occasionally moved from location to location, but finally found a home with the Lansing Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1800 E. Grand River, Lansing, where they have been meeting since.

Among our Club's many achievements, the Amateur Radio Callsign license plates rank near the top, but we also have one of the best SKYWARN teams in the Midwest, not to mention a fun and friendly group and it is still growing. For more history, please visit our website.



See all we have to offer at: <http://www.lansingamateurradio.com>

## Local VE Testing Locations/Information

If you are interested in taking your test for an Amateur Radio license, or you just want to upgrade your current license, opportunities abound in the Greater Lansing Area.

Below you will find a list of VE Testing locations that offer a variety of dates and times and we suggest you contact them with questions ahead of time.

For all testing sites, you will need to bring the following with you: (if applicable) your current FCC issued license, a photocopy of your license, all current CSCE's (if applicable), a photocopy of current CSCE's, two forms of identification (including one with photo), (2) #2 pencils and a black or blue pen. You will also need a check made out the ARRL VEC or W5YI VEC in the amount of \$14. Good luck and we'll see YOU on the air soon!

-Lansing: Odd months, second Saturday. 9:30am registration, 10am start. Lansing Red Cross, 1800 E. Grand River, Lansing. Contact: Donald L. McLain (KB8RAD) 517-694-0812 or [kb8radon@aol.com](mailto:kb8radon@aol.com)

-Lansing2: Odd months, first Tuesday. 7:00pm registration, 7:30pm start. Lansing Police Dept. (South Precinct), downstairs, 3400 S. Cedar St., Lansing. Contact: Donald L. McLain (KB8RAD) 517-694-0812 or [kb8radon@aol.com](mailto:kb8radon@aol.com)

-Charlotte: Even months, second Saturday. 12 noon registration. Eaton County Sheriff Dept., 1025 Independence Blvd., Charlotte. Contact: Mark Korroch (WB8TGY) 517-645-2398

-Corunna: Fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30pm registration. American Red Cross, 712 Corunna Ave., Corunna. Contact: Thomas Carpenter (K18AS) 517-579-0599

**ALL VE SESSIONS LISTED WELCOME WALK-INS, but it is customary to contact them ahead of time just to be safe.**

**Amateur Radio is something everyone in the Family can have fun with!**

## Lansing Area Repeaters

-**145.390** Okemos Repeater/SKY-WARN (100hz PL in/out)

-**146.940** Lansing #1 SKYWARN backup (100hz PL in/out)

-**146.700** Lansing #2 (100hz PL in/out)

-**145.470** Onondaga/W. Michigan Link (100hz PL)

-**224.980** Lansing 220 Repeater (100hz PL)

-**146.680** Howell (162.2hz PL)

-**147.020** Owosso

-**147.080** Charlotte (103.5hz PL)

-**146.880** Jackson (100hz PL)

-**443.700** Mason WB8RJY

-**443.625** Charlotte N8HEE (100hz PL)  
IRLP Node #7930

-**446.150** (Simplex) Owosso (173.8hz PL) KD8AYM IRLP Node #4035

-**442.725** Lansing KB8SXX Repeater (100hz PL)

## Listen In and Get Involved in our Weekly Nets

There is a lot going on in Greater Lansing and we have Nets on the air most nights. Here is a listing:

-Sunday 7pm 146.940 Slow Scan Net with Carl (K8YHH) lots of fun trading pictures with SSTV (Fall/Winter months only)

-Sunday 8:30pm 145.390 CMARC

Information Net with Bob (K8RDN) See what's happening at the Club and around town (-) offset 100hz PL

-Monday 7pm 145.390 Lansing ARPSC Net with Don (KB8RAD). A weekly training Net to get more acquainted with procedure during a structured Net. (-) offset 100hz PL

-Tuesday 8pm 146.700 QCWA Net with Don (WB8NUS) Been a Ham for 25 years? All are welcome

-Tuesday 7pm 145.390 Ladies Tea Time Net with Julie (KB8ZXR) Not just for Ladies, bring the OM, too!

-Thursday 7pm 145.470 MRAY Youth Net with Corey (KD8BOQ). What are the younger members up to? Find out each week and be sure to get the kids, even if you have to bring them in 3rd party. You don't want to miss out, so join in and have fun! (-) offset, 100hz PL

## Recommended Study Materials

\* **The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual \$24.95** The comprehensive study guide for the Technician Class license. Contains the complete question and answer pool, as well as a wealth of information useful to anyone interested in our Hobby. Available locally at Fulton's on Pennsylvania Ave. in Lansing

\***Gordon West (WB6NOA) Radio School** Prices vary, depending on materials ordered. West delivers his complete line of tapes and books and are another excellent resource. [www.gordonwestradioschool.com](http://www.gordonwestradioschool.com)

\* **ARRL** All supplies necessary are also available through the **American Radio Relay League**, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111-1494 or call them at (860) 594-0200