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Attendance Up 60%!

HamFair2000 Wows Em' at the Summit

HamFair2000 went off like a Fourth of July celebration, complete with a big old fashioned 'bang', on Sunday October 8th, at The Summit in Lansing's Capital Centre.

Making a move of this magnitude gave more than a few people plenty to talk (and worry) about, but in the final analysis, The Summit was just what the doctor ordered. With a crowd estimated at pushing 700, it gave HamFair committee members even more to talk about...and smile about!

Winning one of the major door prizes this year, CMARC's own Irv Graham (KD8PI) came away with a snappy little Alinco DJ 195 2m HT and Fowlerville's Kenneth Ciszewski took home the Kenwood TM G707A dualband mobile. Kenneth came as a shopper for computer gear, but was surprised when CMARC President, Erv showed up at his home with the grand prize.

Swap attendees were treated to an ARRL Forum, featuring MI Section OOC, Dave Sefcik (N8NJE) and the FCC's Jim Bridgewater, as well as another fantastic presentation on DX'ing by Bil (W8EB) and Ron (ND5S). Additionally, an unusually nice amount of quality door prizes caught HamFair-goers' eyes. The mobile and HT were but two of the prizes awarded at the show. Others included TWO \$100 gift certificates from Sky-Tech Computers, a philatelic cover signed by ALL members of the ZL9CI DXpedition on Campbell Island, a beautiful digital clock (donated on behalf of a Silent Keys' estate by Jan (K1ND)), the usual ARRL offerings of a repeater directory, Handbook and Antenna Book and subscriptions to Amateur Radio Trader, World Radio and others miscellaneous merchandise.

Table sales were unusually slow through the end of August, giving CMARC President, J. Ervin Bates something to worry about. "We didn't like the trend we were seeing. The usual jitters were compounded by our move to The Summit", he said. "But then, it just took off like a rocket. My wife has grounded me from the phone, because it rang so much that last month."

By the time HamFair opened its doors, some 130 tables had been spoken for, plus a few more that sold the day of the event.

Weather forecasters called it the coldest weekend of the season, but attendees didn't notice. Even while waiting for the doors to open, people were allowed inside the main foyer of The Summit, keeping them warm and toasty. Of course, the one mainstay of our swap had been trunk sales, but that was also taken out of the plan and ALL sales were held inside this year. The few who complained were silenced when temperatures dipped into the upper 20's that morning, however and HamFair is likely to remain a completely indoor event from here on, thought indoor trunk-type sales are still welcome.

For long time HamFair vendors such as Barb and Duane from ComDac, HamFair2000 was a treat. "We left the show with not one single HT in stock. Our sales were double the usual", Barb said with a smile. "We'll be back next year!"

HamFair2001 is already in the works, with approval given by LCDRA members at their October 19th meeting. Please plan to attend November 3rd's CMARC meeting, as we will be discussing and voting on our site for 2001 and the Chairman's position. Your voice counts.

For comments and lots of photos of HamFair2000, please see the CMARC website: <http://www.qsl.net/cmarc> and go to the photo page, once you are inside the site. Oh, and drop us a line to share you thoughts on HamFair...we'd love to hear from you!

CMARC Meetings Will Begin at 7:30pm through the end of 2000, pursuant to passage of a motion made at the October Meeting. A vote on permanent time change will be made at the December Meeting, if the membership desires.

News From Around Town

Including Meeting Minutes from CMARC & LCDRA

CMARC BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2000

President Erv/W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. We were 15 minutes late in getting the Board meeting started as the President was late, the Treasurer was eating a sandwich for her supper, and the Secretary was making coffee for the meeting, in Jane/KC8FSK's absence. Those Board members present for the meeting were Vice President Steve/W8CRH, Secretary Julie/KB8ZXR, and Treasurer Pam/KB8PSF. Both Director Don/KB8RAD and "Under 22" Director Tyler/KC8LWG were excused because of illness, and no one had heard from Director John/N8LLC, who was also absent. Also sitting in on the Board meeting was Currin Skutt/W8FSZ.

Erv gave us an update on Ham Fair and said, "What a difference a month makes!". He reported that as of today, we already have 130-135 tables reserved for Sunday's Ham Fair, and said that it looks like we are going to top last year's number of tables sold. He also told us that we would be having 4 major Computer dealers, and 3 major Amateur Radio accessory dealers at the Swap.

Erv then updated us on the Digital Voice Recorder (DVR) and said it had been installed on the 145.39, but unfortunately, wasn't working the way we had all expected. Since the DVR had just been purchased (in late September), Dennis/KB8ZQZ (LCDRA's Repeater Trustee) did not have adequate time to read up on, and become acquainted with, all it could do. He and Jim/KA8DDQ did have it up and running as requested by the Ham Fair Chairman, Bill/KB8TTS,

however, there were a couple of bugs that couldn't be worked out at this late date. They were: the Ham Fair announcement was made only every 3 hours instead of every hour; the muddled audio; and the 100 cycle tone (an already ongoing and constant source of irritation) which is heard below the signal, interfered with us being able to control the DVR with an HT, thus making it mandatory for someone to actually go to the site to make any changes. Erv said that after the Ham Fair was over and Dennis had more time, it would be worked on and that LCDRA's group will make the necessary changes so we can make good use of our new DVR in the future.

Erv introduced Currin/W8SFZ to the Board, and then gave him time to address the meeting. Currin, who was one of those responsible for creating the Ziegenbein Award in honor of Ralph Ziegenbein after he passed away, has been working on revising the rules for the Award. He said that over the years the rules have been misplaced and the Committee members have gone by what they remembered, so something needed to be put in writing for the new Ziegenbein Committee to follow. Currin said he had worked off a copy that the Secretary Julie/KB8ZXR had in her files from when she had re-typed the rules at the request of Dick Pennington/W8SFA a couple of years earlier. Here are the revised Ziegenbein Award Rules that were approved by the Board on October 6, 2000 and as they were read into the minutes: (1.) THE RECIPIENT MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF CMARC. (2.) NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE IN WRITING, IN YOUR OWN WORDS, NO CHAIN LETTERS TO BE ACCEPTED, STATING NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO CMARC AND AMA-

TEUR RADIO. (3.) ALL NOMINATIONS TO BE KEPT SECRET UNTIL AWARD IS PRESENTED. (4.) ALL NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE MAILED. (5.) THE SAME PERSON CAN RECEIVE THE AWARD MORE THAN ONCE. (6.) THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE LAST THREE RECIPIENTS, THE SENIOR MEMBER SHALL BE THE CHAIRMAN. (7.) ALL NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE CLOSELY CHECKED AND DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE. (8.) IF THE COMMITTEE FEELS THE NOMINEES ARE NOT DESERVING, THE AWARD DOES NOT HAVE TO BE GIVEN. (9.) NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED **BEFORE** MARCH 15 SO THE COMMITTEE CAN MAKE THE SELECTION AND HAVE THE PLAQUE ENGRAVED. (10.) THE RECIPIENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT.

The Treasurer said that we received a letter from the Red Cross thanking us for our donation of \$300 and telling us that it will be designated for local disaster relief services, per our request.

Pam then told Erv that she would like to address the membership later in the regular meeting, to ask if there is anybody who is going to work with the Boy Scouts for JOTA ("Jamboree on the Air"), which takes place on the third weekend in October.

Erv said that the Ham Fair Chairman (Bill/KB8TTS) had sent out a very nicely worded "Thank You" to all those who helped with the Ham Fair, and Erv said he would like to echo those words of "Thanks" also, and take this time to thank the Board members for all their hard work to make Ham Fair 2000 a huge success.

Having discussed all of the business at hand, a motion was made by Julie/KB8ZXR to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Steve/W8CRH and approved. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary

CMARC MEETING

October 6, 2000

President Erv/W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. per last month's motion to experiment with the new starting time of 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. Erv welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 33 members in attendance and 2 visitors. **Our VISITORS WERE:** Mark Francis and Mario Boccarossa/WA8YRJ. Mark told us he is studying for and is very anxious to get his Amateur license. He also said he just got his "Courage HANDI-HAM" tapes and that he doesn't plan to stop at Tech, but wants to go all the way to Extra. Mario Boccarossa/WA8YRJ, who is from Williamston, said he is just getting back into Amateur Radio and recently put up a tower and beam. He said he works mostly DX.

There were no NEW LICENSES OR UPGRADES.

INTERESTING CONTACTS:

Bernie/N8PVZ said he had an interesting "contact" on his way to the Club meeting—he said he had driven through rain mixed with snow pellets. The membership all groaned at Bernie's news, and the President told him he wasn't supposed to use those four letter words in the meeting. We all had a good chuckle over Bernie's report!

OLD BUSINESS: Bernie/N8PVZ made a motion to accept the Secretary's Minutes as printed in the Scope. The motion was seconded by Forrest/

N8PWD and approved. Forrest then made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed in the Scope. The motion was seconded by Bernie and approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Erv took Ham Fair Admission ticket reservations from the membership so their tickets would cost \$5 instead of \$6 at the door.

The membership was told that Currin/W8SFZ had revised the Ziegenbein Award Rules, and the rules were then read aloud to the membership. (See the Board minutes for details and the revised rules.) A motion was made by Ken/W8HNI to accept the revised rules. The motion was seconded by Bernie/N8PVZ and approved.

Pam/KB8PSF talked about the Boy Scouts "Jamboree On The Air" (JOTA), which would take place on October 21st and 22nd, and asked for volunteers to help the Scouts make contacts using Amateur Radio. There was a short discussion and she was able to get some volunteers for JOTA.

Erv asked the membership if they happened to notice that Bill Cote/WD8NYW, the one who asked for the trial time change for the October meeting (a half hour earlier), had failed to make it to tonight's meeting!? Erv then told the group that Bill called him earlier to explain that, when he asked for the meeting time change, he forgot all about the fact that he promised his wife Donna he would take her to her class reunion in Iowa, and therefore, wouldn't be able to attend tonight's meeting. After a brief discussion about the time change to 7:30 p.m. from 8 p.m., Bruce/KC8ODP made a motion that, for November and December, we start the meeting at 7:30 p.m., as well. It was seconded by Clint/KC8EHR and approved
Clint/KC8EHR, LCDRA's President,

announced that he would not be returning to the LCDRA Board in January. He said he is enjoying his position as Ingham County Emergency Coordinator and that there is just too much going on at the present time to stay on LCDRA's Board for another year. He said that if anyone is interested in running for LCDRA, there are plenty of positions available.

PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS: We had three prizes for our drawing which were: headphones with four "90 minute" blank cassette tapes; 2 tickets to the Kalamazoo Swap; and a digital alarm clock with large LED display. Our first drawing winner was Steve/W8CRH who took the tickets to the Kalamazoo Swap. The second winner was Ken/W8HNI who won the headphones. A third ticket was drawn... and Steve won and declined, followed by a fourth ticket drawn... which Steve once again won and declined, then a fifth ticket... and would you believe it... it belonged to STEVE, who once again declined the prize!! Finally, as a sixth ticket was drawn, our visitor, Mario/WA8YRJ, was the winner of the alarm clock!

For our October meeting, we generally don't have a guest speaker as we use the time discussing the upcoming Ham Fair on Sunday. We discussed all the jobs and who were covering them, how we needed more food for the Bake Sale, and much more. With everything being completed, a motion to adjourn was made by Bernie/N8PVZ and seconded by Bruce/KC8ODP. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary

CMARC Nominations

November 3, 2000

CMARC Elections

December 1, 2000

CMARC ELECTIONS ARE COMING!!

Yep, it's that time of year again...time for nominations and elections to the CMARC Board. This year we have 6 directorships being vacated, where we usually only have 4. Although these directorships are two-year positions, because Erv/W8ERV is extremely busy and Julie/KB8ZXR is plagued with health problems, they will NOT be returning for their second year. Therefore, we need YOUR help to see that the Board gets filled and CMARC continues to run smoothly. We will be needing a Cards & Flowers Chairman, as well, since Julie will also be vacating this position at the end of the year.

Nominations will be taken at the November 3rd meeting where we will be nominating 5 Directors and 1 "Under 22" Director. You MUST be a member of CMARC to get on the Board, so if you are and you're willing to do your part in helping to make CMARC an even greater Club by running for the Board, please let any of the current Board members know, or just show up at the November 3rd Club meeting and tell us.

At the December 1st meeting we will take additional nominations from the floor and then have the elections. Following the business portion of the meeting we will have our annual party, and your contributions toward the "goody stash" are requested. Please contact Jane/KC8FSK or Mary Lou Tillitson if interested in bringing goodies for this event.

Remember, we will start the November and December meetings at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. Hope to see you at these special meetings and remember, your Club needs YOU!!!

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary

The Patter of Little Feet Again

In all the confusion I am learning that there are still more people that I need to notify about the birth of Sam. Getting the SCOPE reminded me that there is another one I forgot about (last week I remembered I didn't tell Tom). So you can forward the following to whoever does the Scope these days.

Its a Boy! Russ Fitzgerald N8FZ became a first time father with the birth of Samuel Edward Fitzgerald on Aug 14th at 5:49pm("in plenty of time for Monday Night Football", as the Doctor put it). Sam was 7lb 9oz 203/4 in. Mom, Sam and Dad are going great.

So is first time Grandpa Ken Fitzgerald N8FPR. Russ states that code practice will begin soon!

-Submitted by Russ Fitzgerald (N8FZ)
(congratulations, Russ!)

Dues are Coming Due Again...Calling Earlybirds

Better late, than never right? Well, this is your first reminder that the year 2000 is almost outta here. Hard to believe, isn't it?

Please take time to contact either John Ingraham, NG8L (for CMARC members), or Scott Newfer, W8SRN (for LCDRA members). You can also send in the included certificate on the back page of this edition of The SCOPE, to the address on it.

We're trying to remind people now, so we don't have as many stragglers in the early part of 2001. The rest is up to you. Your continued support of The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and The Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association will be most appreciated and we'll see to it that you continue receiving The SCOPE.

HamFair2000 VE Session Yields 7 New Licensees

(Editors' note: HamFair2000 was a great success, but read on and you will see that our newest addition to the show, VE Testing, was a GREAT success, as well.)

REPORT ON THE VE SESSION OF
10-8-2000(HAMFAIR)

7 New Licensed Technicians

Jan G. Nelson, David R. Richmond, Craig I. Dobis, David M. Vincent, Mark D. Kosar, David O. Work and Mike D. Baker.

1 Passed examination to earn upgrade from Tech Plus to General; Roger L. Gutka (WD8QYF)

2 Paperwork only upgrades from Tech Plus to General; William D. Hamilton (KC8NJM) and Michael L. Lord (KA8IXR)

(2 Applicants failed to pass their Element 2 exams)

Larry Nordeen, N8VEN
VE Liaison, Lansing

JOTA Report From Down South

Erv:

What a day I had yesterday with the scouts. First I was almost late for JOTA, then my computer would not fire up....OK I brought an old laptop I used for packet years ago just in case something like this happened. Ha, It would not boot up. What else could happen?

A scout came by and asked what was the matter (This was about 30 minutes later) "The computers will not work" I said as I pushed

the on button. NOW the power comes on. I spent the morning looking for contacts with no takers so we had fun playing on the BBS reading messages. I managed to get my mother in Oklahoma (KD5HDY) thru a 2 meter repeater and had her meet me on packet so we did ok after that.

Lunch came and of course I brought a few QRP projects for show and tell. I started showing these to a few hams and one wanted to try out the SW40+. He hooked it up (K2UFA) and these scouts around the area started gathering up to the table.

They took turns listening in the headphones and playing with the frequency readout. This led to a possible CW contact with the boys listening. We tried to hook up the qrp radio to an external speaker for all to listen but could not get all the correct connectors gathered so we moved to a kenwood rig they were using for side band and set it up for CW. K2UFA did the honors.

They all stayed, eyes and ears glued to the sounds of CW while it was described to the boys what was being said. One scout playfully danced to the rhythm. Who said CW was dead. I and other hams saw a spark that I hope with some help will grow. They thought it was neat. That was the highlight of my day. Oh and at the end of the contact the sending station sent that he was running 2 watts from a MFJ cub kit he had just finished putting together. This started another spark, this time in K2UFA.

This one I will be working on :-). What started as a disaster ended with a happy ending.

You take care now
73, James Wayne Rue (KC5HAC)



Ziegenbein Nomination Guidelines Replaced

After some time without a firm set of nominating guidelines available

for review, the man who brought CMARC's highest honor to the fore, Currin Skutt (W8FSZ), has submitted a revised version of them to the Club. These 'Rules and Regs' were approved by CMARC Board members at the October meeting and, since Currin was instrumental in initiating this Award, it seemed only fitting that he revise them.

They are as follows:

1. *The Recipient must be a current CMARC member.*
2. *Nominations to be made in writing, on your own words, no chain letters to be accepted, stating nominees contributions to CMARC and Amateur Radio.*
3. *All nominations to be kept secret until Award is presented.*
4. *All nominations are to be mailed.*
5. *The same person can receive the Award more than once.*
6. *The Committee shall consist of the last three recipients, the senior member shall be the chairman.*
7. *All nominations are to be closely checked and discussed by the committee.*
8. *If the committee feels the nominees are not deserving, the Award does NOT have to be given.*
9. *Nominations are to be submitted BEFORE March 15 so the committee can make the selection and have the plaque engraved.*
10. *The recipient will be announced at the annual Ladies' Night.*

(Ed. Note: Our sincere thanks to Currin for his work in getting this ready for the 2000 Ziegenbein Committee. Announcements regarding nominations will begin next month, due to the new deadline of March 15th.)

For Your Consideration.....

A New Era of HamFair is Here

There's an old saying I have been fond of. "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" And I guess it's been a theme at CMARC for these past three years, but bad grammar aside, can anyone disagree with that few words?

As HamFair2000 drew to a close, a sigh of contentment swept over the weary faces of our many dedicated workers. Yes, the show was over, the tables and chairs had to come down, but we succeeded where some thought we would fail. (and I was one who kept that concern in the back of my mind)

With attendance up more than 60% at this year's swap, the months of agonizing over slow table sales were but a faded memory. The other shows we attended paid off handsomely as we welcomed several first time vendors to HamFair. The 5,000 fliers we put on the streets paid off many times over as our crowd, estimated to be near 700, filed into the cavernous Field House #2 at The Summit.

Lessons learned along the way were many. We learned that a better communication between HamFair coordinators and Summit management was paramount. We learned that attending other swaps to personally invite vendors is a must. We learned that our prize drawings could be better listed for attendees to check over. We learned that the floor plan, while spacious and open, could be tightened up a bit for even more tables....while not losing that much elbow room. We learned that HamFair CAN be a medium-sized swap with successful results. All it took was a bit of good old fashioned hard work.

Comments from visitors and vendors were plentiful. You already read Barb's comment from ComDac. Can you imagine? Selling DOUBLE the usual at a show? It's the sign of things to come. But here's a few more for you to chew on. Read on.....you'll like this.

*Long-time CMARC/LCDRA member, Don Tillitson (WB8NUS): *"Best HamFair ever!"*

*CMARC Membership Dir., John Ingraham (NG8L): *"I agree that HamFair was a great success. I was there shopping and helping out as a VE. I wish to thank you for making the HamFair a success. Your enthusiasm & Hard work made it happen. You're a very good leader and we are going to miss you next year."* (Thank you, John!)

*Our own Jack Wiswasser (WA8IAL): *"Thanks to you on a great job. Well Done. Only thing that I heard was there should have been someone at a table for the Clubs to take on new members."*

*From Jan (K1ND): *"Well—as one of the peddlers' reaction—it was nice inside!! We liked the accomodations and driving IN to setup was nice, too. We enjoyed the morning there"*

*From Jeff Oberg (KB8SXX): *"How come I didn't win anything. You done a good job!!! Please do not tell anybody that I said this."*

*From ARRL Great Lakes' Division Director, George Race (WB8BGY): *"Yes, What a show! I predict that HamFair will continue to grow beyond our expectations. Within 5 years you will be talking about having the Division Convention as part of the two day, Convention Weekend. What can I do to help you all work toward that goal? (Well, George, got a few extra thousand lying around? hi hi)*

Next year, I want to have a full blown ARRL Forum. That probably means only the Section Manager and I doing that one, and maybe even a couple of other smaller attractions. You already have the DX group, they do a great job and draw attendance. Maybe another FCC Forum, and maybe some other forum. Lets plan ahead and do a great job! "

So there you have it. My sincere congratulations on a job WELL DONE! We had some great fun and it's time to get it all together again for 2001. HamFair meetings are already being planned, fliers are being setup and you're invited to come and join the fun. It's gonna be great and we hope you all enjoy yourself.

73, ERV

Something Funny, Something Special

Humorous, Sometimes Touching Submissions from our Members and Others

A Glass Of Milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry.

He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." He said..... "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Year's later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes.

Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the

consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval.

He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill.

She read these words..... "Paid in full with one glass of milk"

(Signed)

Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands."

~submitted by Steve Dible (W8CRH)

Embarrassing Moment

This is dedicated to everyone that has been embarrassed by a child's words or actions. (Are you listening, Russ.....and Bill?)

Have you ever asked your child a question too many times? I hope you remember my story when they start getting frustrated. My three year old son had a lot of problems with potty training, and I was on him constantly.

One day we stopped at Taco Bell for a quick lunch in between errands. It was very busy, with a full dining room. While enjoying my taco, I smelled something funny, so of course I checked my seven month old daughter, and she was clean. Then I realized that Matt had not asked to go potty in a while, so I asked him, and he said "No."

I kept thinking, "Oh Lord, that child has had an accident and I didn't have any clothes with me." Then I said, "Matt, are you sure you did not have an accident?" No," he replied. I just knew that he must have had, cause the smell was getting worse. Soooo.....I asked one more time, "Matt, did you have an accident?"

This time he jumped up, yanked down his pants, bent over and spread his cheeks and yelled....."See MOM, IT'S JUST FARTS!!" while nearly 100 people choked to death on their tacos, he calmly pulled up his pants and sat down to eat his food as if nothing happened. I was mortified..... but some kind elderly people made me feel a lot better, when they came over thanked me for the best laugh they had ever had

~submitted by James Wayne Rue (KC5HAC) of Henrietta TX

Attention Story Collectors:

If you have recently stumbled upon something that tickles your funny bone, or makes you pause to reflect, send it in to us! We are always looking for funny and serious goodies to put in the SCOPE. You can email it to w8erv@arrl.net or drop it in the mail. J. Ervin Bates, 1470 Harper Rd., #38 Mason, MI 48854.

The Y2K CMARC Board

The 2001 LCDRA Board

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Douglas Goodrich/N8ECL and Wife's 14th Anniv.!
- 3 – Joy Clark/KC8GAL's B'day!
- 4 – Allan Budden/W8WDA's 77th B'day!
- 5 – Cary Britten/KC8JKA's 41st B'day!
- 6 – Lloyd Mox/WB8GXN's 61st B'day!
- 8 – Jim/W8ERV and Laurie Bates' 14th Anniv.!
- 8 – Bill Mathews/KB8TTS' 38th B'day!
- 9 – Don Ashland/N8XMF's 68th B'day!
- 10 – Ron Meddaugh/KB8MUN's 51st B'day!
- 14 – Bill/KB8TTS and Margaret Mathews' 4th Anniv.!
- 15 – Randall Stortz/KC8IHV's 57th B'day!
- 15 – Marion Stoner/W8VWY's 76th B'day!
- 15 – William Wing/KB8PQP's 50th B'day!
- 16 – Charlie Keep Jr./KB8SKV's 37th B'day!
- 18 – Marv Sommer/WB8OIP's 56th B'day!
- 19 – Doug Morgan/N8OBZ's 45th B'day!
- 19 – A.C. Stoddard/W8KLN's 82nd B'day!
- 20 – Arnold McCardell/KI8AJ's 68th B'day!
- 21 – Don Rickerd/W8BQD's 75th B'day!
- 24 – Bernie Gaffney Jr./N8PVZ's 53rd B'day!
- 24 – Chad Lycos/N8JFY's 27th B'day!
- 24 – Don Tillitson/WB8NUS' 75th B'day!
- 24 – Dan/N8VKV and Doris Carleton's 52nd Anniv.!
- 26 – Michael Baird Jr./KC8LJD's 30th B'day!
- 26 – Bob Wright/W8QN and Wife's Anniv.!
- 27 – Edward Fitzgerald/N8FPR's 80th B'day!

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 6, 2000

ASSETS:

Cash & Bank Accounts	
Mich. Nat'l Bank Checking	\$570.31
USPS Postal Deposit	<u>\$24.53</u>
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$594.84
Other Assets	
Comerica Bank CD	<u>\$1,349.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$1,944.49
LIABILITIES:	\$0.00
TOTAL NET WORTH:	\$1,944.49

Income & Expenses: September 8-October 6, 2000

INCOME

Coffee Fund	\$8.95
Dues	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$48.95

EXPENSES:

SCOPE Mailings	\$89.19
HamFair Mailings	\$107.89
Red Cross-Donation	\$300.00
Non-Profit Filing Fee	\$10.00
Harold Bell-Radio Repair	\$50.64
Polack Corp.-Ink	\$91.58
Service Charges	<u>\$11.81</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$661.11
TOTAL NET PROFIT	\$(612.16)

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Denomme-KB8PSF, Treasurer

Ingham Co. ARPSC Meetings

If you are an RACES or ARES member, and wish to play an active role in the Ingham County ARPSC Group, you are invited to attend the Ingham County ARPSC meetings. These meetings are held the third Monday at 7pm each month. They alternate between the Ingham County Sheriff's, Department; 630 N. Cedar St, Mason and Fire Station #8; on the corner of Marshall St. & Grand River, Lansing. Talk in frequency is the Okemos repeater - 145.390MHz 100Hz PL.

Every other Monday during the month, there is the Ingham County ARPSC net held at 9pm on 146.580MHz. This net is held for RACES/ARES equipment check and information pertaining to RACES/ARES members.

If you have any questions, please contact Clint Hannahs, The Ingham Co. Emergency Coordinator, at kc8ehr@arrl.net or Cary M. Britten, The Assistant Ingham Co. Emergency Coordinator, at kc8jka@arrl.net

Ingham Co. ARPSC 2000 Meeting Schedule

November 20th at 7pm held at the Lansing Fire Station #8

December 18th at 7pm held at the Ingham Co. Sheriff's Dept.

---For Sale---

1. An old friend-Ten Tec Triton IV HF Transceiver with 262G power supply. Great Audio and simple to use. \$350
2. Astatic model D-104 power mike set for the Ten Tec. \$60
3. Digitex model 7600 frequency counter. \$30
4. Kenwood 2 meter transceiver, 25 watts. Easy to use and set for local repeaters. \$85

Call Don Cote, KD8BD, at 517-882-3294

SSC Status Renewed Thru 2001

Dear Erv,

I am pleased to report that the Central Michigan ARC has been officially renewed as a Special Service Club. The next renewal for the club will be in two years. Through the work of its members, this club is recognized for its continued efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio and services to its community.

Congratulations! If I can be of any help to you, please let me know.

Sandy Mondro, KG8HM
Affiliated Clubs Coordinator
Michigan Section



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How's That, Again???

An actual advertisement, spotted in an insert for Wal Mart stores. Note the circled power rating of these Family Radio Service HT's. It begs the question: "Do these come with hot pads?" (sign me up for two, please)

Local and Area VE Sessions

Lansing V.E. 2000/2001 Test Dates

Testing is held at the Lansing America Red Cross, in the Kropschot Room at 1800 E. Grand River; Lansing, MI 48909 Talk-In 145.390 - (100hz PL)

Registration begins at 9:30am and testing starts at 10:00am for the following dates:
November 11, 2000/Jan. 13th, Mar. 10th, May 12, Jul. 14th, Sep. 8th, Nov. 10th.

VE Team's local contact is Joe Denomme-N8VYS at (517) 589-5263

Corunna VE Testing

On the 4th Thursday of the month at the Red Cross in Corunna, MI

(except for July, Nov. & Dec.)

7pm Registration

Email: aa8tc@arrl.net

Call in frequency is 147.020 +

Charlotte VE Testing

On the 2nd Saturday of the even months at the Eaton Co. Sheriff Dept.

Email: x95korroch@wmich.edu

12 Noon Registration

Talk-In frequency is 147.080 +

Howell VE Testing

On the 2nd Tuesday of the odd months at the Emergency Operations Ctr.

Highlander Way, Howell, MI. 7pm.

Contact: Greg Mcdiarmid-AA5GO

517-548-5893

Talk-In frequency is 146.680 - (100 hz PL)

Mt. Clemens VE Testing

On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at the Salvation Army in Mt. Clemens, MI

Contact: Bill Chesney 810-468-8345

7pm. Registration~Talk-In frequency is 147.180 + (100 hz. PL)

Grand Rapids VE Testing

On the 1st Friday of the month at the Red Cross,

1050 E. Fuller Ave., NE, Grand Rapids.

6:30pm.

Contact: Ed/N8UXN 616-458-9029

Talk-In frequency is 146.760 - (94.8 PL)

Jackson VE Testing

On the 3rd Saturday of most months (10am) at the Jackson District Library, 244 W. Michigan

in Jackson, MI

Contact: Dick McGuire 517-782-1430

Walk-Ins Welcome! Talk-In frequency is 146.880 - (100 hz. PL)

COMPUTER WORDS

BY WA8LAY

Word list

ALLOCATION	MODULATION
ANTENNA	PORTABLE
BANDS	PUBLIC
BEACON	RADIATOR
BIOLOGICAL	REGULATION
DIGITAL	REPEATER
DOCKET	SIGNAL
EMISSIONS	TEST
ENERGY	VHF
FCC	WARC
LICENSE	
MOBILE	



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Calendar of Events for November, 2000

- Nov-3rd CMARC Meeting 7:30pm (The Years In Review)
Nov-4th 5.39 Breakfast, Theio's (North East St.) 7:30am
Nov-5th St. Joe/Benton Harbor Swap <http://www.comdac.com/bara>
Nov-7th Election Day. Polls open until 8pm-Make sure to vote!
Nov-8th OOTC Lunch 1pm. (contact Jerry Maslowski or Irv Graham for location)
Nov-18-19th Ft. Wayne Swap www.acarts.com
Nov-25th QCWA Breakfast, Theio's (North East St.) 8am

Monday evenings at 9pm, ARPSC Net 146.580 simplex, No PL tone

Tuesday evenings at 8pm, QCWA Net 146.700 -600

Sunday evenings at 8:30pm, 5.39 Information Net, 145.390 -600 100hz PL

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