March 2002 – Came In Like A Lion Cub

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club THE SCOPE ansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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ZIEGENBEIN NOMINATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 15TH!!

Hey, is it March, already??? Then, don't' forget to mail your nomination for the annual Ziegenbein Award to the Ziegenbein Chairman by March 15th!!!!! It doesn't take much time? just think about the CMARC member (must be current) who you think has contributed the most to CMARC and/or Amateur Radio in general, during the year 2001. Then get out a piece of paper and write why you think they should get the award, stick your nomination in an envelope (don't forget the stamp!) and address it to: Ziegenbein Nominations; Julie McLain/KB8ZXR; 4444 Sycamore St., Apt. #1; Holt, Michigan 48842-1651. Remember, they MUST be received by March 15, 2002 or they won't count.

After the nominations are received, the Ziegenbein Committee (which is made up of Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Chairman, Pam Denomme/KB8PSF, and Erv Bates/W8ERV) will meet together to select one of the nominees to receive the Ziegenbein Award. At the Ladies Night Banquet in May, a plaque will be presented to the winner of the Ziegenbein. Below is a list of the winners of this most prestigious plaque to date.

Ziegenbein Chairman-Julie McLain/KB8ZXR

	Ziegenbein Honor Roll										
2000	Jim Erv Bates-W8ERV	1986	Marion Stoner-W8VWY	1972	John Sheldon-WA8MVH						
1999	Pam Denomme-KB8PSF	1985	John Hewitt-K8DHN	1971	Mert Henry-K8ETU						
1998	Julie McLain-KB8ZXR	1984	Rowena Elrod-KA8OBS	1970	Wally Beck-W8QQL						
1997	Roy Uchigashima–N8GAQ	1983	Linda Haigh-KA8HHA	1969	Harold Bell-WA8LAY						
1996	Pete Elrod-N8EST	1982	Jere Haigh-WA8BAP	1968	Duane Cross-K8ATU						
1995	Don Cote-KD8BD	1981	Harold Mahlke-W8OG	1967	Dick Kelly-K8BZV						
1994	Dick Pennington-W8SFA	1980	Beverley Stoner-K8ZJU	1966	Ben Hassell-W8VPC						
1993	Dick Thomas–W8VJC	1979	Lee Hamilton–K8CDM	1965	Dan Harger-W8BCI						
1992	Ken Kruger–W8AAX	1978	Dale Moore-K8YRD	1964	Don Rickerd-W8BQD						
1991	Bill Chapman–W8TJQ	1977	Larry Alman-WA8QCW	1963	Pete Gossett-W8CKK						
1990	Don Devendorf–W8EGI	1976	Lloyd Brox-K8ZKM	1962	Currin Skutt-W8FSZ						
1989	Inez Pearson-KY8V	1975	George Croze–K8VKX	1961	Gorden Main-W8OCK						
1988	George Wood-K8GHX	1974	Carl Hunsaker–K8ILF								
1987	Don Tillitson-WB8NUS	1973	Lyle Brooks-W8TIJ								
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Oh Where Oh Where Did My Scope Go!

Once again the deadline for dues renewal is here close. Folks who Due to over exuberance on the editors part, Wayne and Candy were have not renewed by March 1st will be ineligible to receive The Scope until after their dues are paid. Please use the membership form on the back page of the newsletter for renewal and keep the newsletter coming to your door.

Thanks, John Hayes

Field Day 2002 Update

volunteered to help in this event in a capacity that they are not able to accommodate due to time constraints. Field Day needs a chair to pull it together and get it rolling. It comes up sooner than the Ham Fair which I 'm organizing (I'm feeling pushed for time with this). Promote any victim you want for the job, just don't say I told you

Michigan Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the Board Meeting (February 1, 2002)

The meeting was brought to order my club president Mike Rhew (KC8DBP) at 7:00 pm.

The following board member were present for the meeting: Michael Rhew (KC8DBP) – President Ken Faiver (W8HNI) - Vice-President Candace Coburn (KC8QZF) - Treasurer Wayne Atkinson (AB8MI) – Secretary Bruce Rainy (KC8ODP) - Director Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) - Director Tyler Whitney (KC8NSB) – Under 22 Chairman

The following items were discussed the board meeting:

Mike Rhew (KC8DBP) went over the agenda with the

board members.

- The board had a general discussion about the state of the Ham Fair.
- Wayne (AB8MI) brought up for discussion some issues in regard to the CMARC radios and station at the Red Cross.
- Mike Rhew (KC8DBP) provided the board members with a list of positions that needed to be filled for the coming year. It was decided that we would announce these positions during the regular meeting and ask for volunteers.
- Candace Coburn (KC8QZF) informed the board that CMARC donated \$25.00 to the American Cancer Society in the memory of Rick Hayner (WA8JQV).
- Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) mentioned to the board that he would like to discuss the issue of club projects during the regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

LCDRA Minutes From January

Meeting at 7:35 by Dan(w8bci)

- *Busy year but all things are positive.
- *Thanks to Tom(kc8njk) and the City of Lansing for the use of Fire Station #8 to hold the quarterly LCDRA meeting.
- *A special thanks to Bruce(kc8odp) and Don(wb8nus) for restoring the Delta Township **Emergency** Communications group.
- *Everyone introduced themselves around the table and told a little about themselves.

room for list of members

- *The Secretaries report was read by Troy(w8tcc) and was moved by Wayne(kc8qek), and 2nd by Bruce(kc8odp) and was carried by the group.
- *The treasurers report was read and submitted by Scott(w8srn) report was moved and seconded and carried.

Repeater report: Dan(w8bci):

- *145.390 repeater is in good shape. the id talks over people.
- *146.700 repeater has some beeps on it.
- *Jamming has occurred over the years and some of the people responsible for it leave and new ones end up taking their place. The best way to deal with it is to ignore them. Try not to feed their need for publicity.

* There is a group outside of town that has a stability, and many other functions. repeater that causes the 146.700 repeater to trigger, from either a New Business... 100 hz pl or a product of more than two frequencies.

Dan tuned the 145.390 repeater, works great.

- *Dan put together a remote controlled repeater controller, to be used on our coordinated 70cm remote control frequency, which will control two 145.390 repeaters, main and back-up. These two repeaters will be cycled from time to time to keep them in good working order.
- stacked beams. The beams will be used to remotely control the 145.390 repeater(s).
- equipment from our source, before it dries up. The company that was dumping the equipment found a new way to get rid of them.
- his expenditures; made by Don(w8bqd) and seconded by Clint(kc8ehr), motion carried.
- * \$450 was needed to buy three extra base stations. Moved by Wayne(kc8qek) and seconded by Bil(w8eb).
- *Technical discussion followed by John(n8ifb) showing the group the Cushman ce50 Communications Monitor for testing Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm radio deviation, frequency

- *Dan(w8mmq) is concerned with the 220 repeater and the usage of it. He The repeaters are working better than ever. would like to link the 220 repeater to the 146.940 or 145.390. There is and added turns to the cans, and the repeater a lot of activity on 6 meters, as of late and it would be nice to have a 6 meter repeater for the area. Cost could be negligible for the 220 to be linked into the 146.940.
 - * Moved by Dan(w8mmq) to link 220 repeater to the 146.940 seconded by Bob(k8rbt) carried by the membership.
- *John(kc8rqv) is not only editor of the *Bil (w8eb) will donate a pair of 440mhz Scope, but also Chairman of the Ham Fair committee. John also went over possible locations for ham fair. We need to get a location set before the Marshall swap, March 16, 2002 so that * Need to move quickly to buy enough the word can be gotten out for exposure.
 - *Election of officers: All officers will remain the same
- *A motion was made to authorize *Motion was made to pay Dan(w8bci) for candy(kc8qzf) to collect LCDRA dues at the CMARC meeting for LCDRA's treasurer, Scott(w8srn) who is unable to make the CMARC meetings. Bruce(kc8odp) and it carries.
 - *The Constitution and Bylaws changes passed unanimously, and to receive a copy, pull off a copy from the LCDRA web site.

Wanted To Sale

I have a Butternut HF5B beam antenna for sale. This is commonly called the butterfly beam. It is a very compact antenna, and is easily turned by a TV type rotor. It is about 20 + years old, but has been repaired and still tunes up good. I am asking \$100.00 for it. It is assembled and resting at ground level at my home. Buyer must partially disassemble to transport in a pickup truck or van. ontact Mike Rhew, phone: (989)725–1853; E-mail: KC8DBP@arrl.net

Tell The World You're A HAM HB 5679

H.A.M. OPERATOR PLATES (Brown, R.) Allows two identical plates to be issued for two different vehicles for amateur radio operators. Am. Sec. 217a, PA 300, 1949 (CL 257.217a) as amended by PA 419, 1988.

For more information, see this site. http://michiganlegislature.org/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName =2002-HB-5679&userid=

DBS – Reviewed by Dan Harger, W8BCI

Many amateurs, both new licensees and old timers, are somewhat shakey in their knowledge of decibels. A short review might 100% and 10db is a gain of 1,000%. -3dB is 4 help reinforce knowledge of dBs:

The decibel is a shorthand way of measuring relative changes in power: that is it does not

gains is an increase of 60%, 3dB is a gain of 3 a loss of 50%, and -10dB is a loss of 90%. 5 The following table converts dB gains (+) 6 and loses (–) to multiplying factors:

the last number, and each dB loss (decrease

Gains (+) stand alone but compares two sets of values. dBs Loss (-) Each dB of gain (increase) is 26% more than 0 0x0x1.26x.79x) is 11% less than the last number. A 2dB 2 1.60x.63x 2.00x.50x .40x2.50x3.20x.32x4.00x.25x10 10.00x.10x20 100.00x.01x

Ham Fair 2002 by John Hayes

On Sunday, March 3 the third CMARC-LCDRA 2002 Ham fair was held at 4:30.

The next Ham fair will be held at the Red Cross building on Sunday April 7 at 4:30 in the Kropschotz room. All are welcome to attend. In attendance at the last meeting

FM Evolution From Scope '91 by Dan Harger, W8BCI

Last month I talked a little bit about the FM Bulletin and communications we had with one another about getting on FM and hints and kinks, etc. The FM news and information was started with a single mimeographed sheet but went from the FM Bulletin format and evolved eventually to R P T magazine; or it seems as though I saw on used small caps, r p t magazine. For a long time it was called FM, period. It ended up at the end as glossy, so that increased the cost of printing and eventually it fell by the wayside. During this period, FM was certainly not being completely neglected by QST, CQ, 73's and the other amateur journals, with the FM Bulletin however, this was the reason for its existence, FM!

The information we were getting in the early FM Bulletins let us know right away that other areas already had repeaters working, up and running. In fact the East coast had a complete hookup up and down the East coast

were: Mike Rhew John Hayes Don Tillitson Mary Lou Tillitson Don Rickerd Scott Newfer

as the site.

with multiple repeaters, using VHF, UHF and 220 Mhz links! It was overpowering to our simple .94 simplex minds even to comprehend complexities of magnitudes! Our problem at the moment was to make our single frequency rigs TWO frequencies! Then manufacturers were coming out with 6 and 10 frequency ten and 25 watt units all crystal controlled. So we were starting to get the information on multiple frequency conversions. If you happened to get a used rig that was more than one frequency it was a find!

So we all wanted to have a repeater in our area and .34/.94 was chosen without even looking at anything else, mainly because we were already on .94 simplex. This required only that one get a second transmit rock on .34 Mhz. Simple enough.

So at this time we pressed into service the help of our two-way radio techs like Vic Jackson, W8BLT who has a call of W9NDM now and people like Greg Hiscock. I think that both of these were working for Troup Electronics at the time.

Mark Humphreys has constructed the shell for a website to promote the fair and is patiently awaiting the development of a flyer (due to be done this weekend) so that he can finish it. Please visit the site in the near future. All information will appear there, then in the Scope. I'll avoid saying more at We have selected Lakeside Christian school this time as a couple of items need finalization. The address of the site is: http://www.gsl.net/lcdra/hamfair2002.org.htm

> By this time I had put so many rigs on .94 I practically knew everyone in Motorola. And eventually ended up working full time in state and local government sales for Motorola as a representative selling and designing communications systems.

> One of the FM issues had complete instructions in it for a ring diplexer to use a simple antenna with .600 separation. We put this together, WKAR helped us by supplying some aluminum cavities, Dick Thomas did some fancy aluminum soldering on these to make them operative. We also selected the Michigan National Tower, downtown Lansing as a site. Unfortunately, the level of RF there made the receivers on repeaters go comatose! There was a 10 KW FM transmitter there, the stations call letters at the time was WMRT which is now WITL. Brother! The repeater transmitted out terrific, but it was limited by desensing because of the high level of RF present at the site.

> The view from the top of the Michigan

talked to several of those who had a hand in tower. WKAR had some old rigid copper indelibly imprinted at Dobie. I held on so the repeater just to find how many floors we transmission line. 1-7/8" stuff. I forgot to tight, my whole body was sore after each could take up in the elevator. The elevator ask Dick Thomas where this came from, but weekend we took to install the antenna. In went all the way to the penthouse, but the I think it was some that was taken off the the end we got the line to the 170' level and owners at the time would not give access to 300' self-supporting tower on Forest road mounted the antenna right in the middle of us or other maintenance people. So we went when the FM station was there with the this triangular tower. It worked very well to floor 21 and hauled the equipment and ourselves up the other two floors (or circular groove in it that was designed to inside the tower! whatever the distance was) to give us access to the roof. It has a very solid railing all around the top and we eventually mounted the antenna directly to the railing.

worked on the COR (carrier operated relay) for the repeater and Dick Thomas said the requirements was extensive. We had to have some sort of control and we did this by telephone. It was not as fancy as the East The first thing we had to do was to hang a Coast hams, but it worked.

Converting the Heathkit SB-220 for **Use on Six Meters** By Dan, W8MMQ

The six meter band has been growing in popularity over the past several years. It's wonderful to hear many new call signs on This amplifier is particularly nice for the six the band as I tune around FM and SSB.

In my previous article, I gave a basic introduction to six meters, and some of the types of equipment that are available. This article is more for the serious six meter enthusiast, and details the conversion of the First, the 10-meter tap on the plate coil Heathkit SB-220 linear amplifier for use on six meters.

(Converting – continued)

First of all, let me introduce you to this amplifier. The SB-220 was first introduced in the mid to late 1970's. This particular amplifier covers the 80 through 10 meter bands. Average PEP output on 80 meters is C33 and C34 need to be replaced by a single about 1,500 watts. On 10 meters, average 10-pF mica capacitor. PEP output is about 1,000 watts. The amplifier uses two 3-500Z final amplifier Finally, C35 will need to be changed with a tubes. For full power output, it does require 33-pF mica capacitor. 100 watts of drive.

Science Olympiad 2002

Science Olympiad 2002 is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. The Olympiad brings

National Tower was really spectacular. I department we had access to the Dobie Road however, I left many fingerprints, etched present AM transmitter. Anyway, this had a there. At least it never got hit by lightning place a rubber "O" ring to seal the line. This was crucial when you were running high No one knows unless they have climbed a power RF from a large broadcast transmitter. tower like this that it may be calm windwise I was trying to remember who it was that tower, the loss would be negligible at unbelievable! We only went up the tower on

another ham with the call W8CAP helped through, however to climb a large tower. More than once this site has suffered from out. The other situation we had with the Also, the strength it takes to hoist a line, Mama nature! She loves to blast the heck out repeater was with licensing. The FCC was hangers, tools. A professional crew has a of the 3 phase power not to mention phone not too easy to deal with. The list of motorized winch at the bottom of the tower lines. I was horrified to have Dick T. tell me and this powers the operation.

pulley, which we did as I recall on the 300' platform. This platform is quite large at Since I was working at MSU in the radio Dobie; this did nothing for my well-being in a bathtub, WOW!)

> These amplifiers are fairly common, and you can pick one up off of eBay, or at any good hamfest, for around \$400.00. I have seen them as high as \$500.00, but I wouldn't pay any more than that for one.

> meter enthusiast, primarily because of the easy modification for operation on six meters. There are only a few components that need to be changed, in order for the SB-220 to operate on six meters.

> needs to be moved to a point 1-2/3 turns from the plate-tune capacitor. At this point, you may want to check for resonance at 50-

> Next, the 10-meter input coil needs to be unwound, leaving 2–3/4 turns.

high school students from around the state to compete in science-related events. Activities are held in about six locations on the MSU campus.

We decided that it would be OK to hang this on the ground, but up the tower above 100' line up to the 300' platform on the Dobie the wind was always blowing 30 to 40 MPH, beautiful days; you would really be taking your life in your hands to do otherwise guys from Owosso, Keith Coates and We were not prepared for what one has to go because the Dobie tower loves lighting! the railroad tracks also contribute to the woes from strikes at Dobie!

> (Next month I work my first maritime mobile, he's in the middle of Lake Michigan

> The SB-220 has now been converted to six meter operation. General operation and tuning of the amplifier will remain the same. After you have moved the 10-meter tap on the plate coil, you may want to use a griddip oscillator to check resonance at 50-MHz. This is not necessary, but may save time later on when attempting to tune the amplifier for the first time on six meters.

> After this modification, the SB-220 is capable of 800-watts on six meters. Depending on the condition of the final amplifier tubes in your amplifier, your output results may vary.

> I have copies of the schematic for this amplifier, if you would like one. I also have a couple of manuals that I would be willing to loan out, if you should need one.

> free to contact me w8mmq@email.com with any comments or questions. I will get back with you as soon as possible.

73 de, Dan, W8MMO

Organizers have asked the ham community for communications support for this event again this year. The main communications school group, and helping organizers locate this group the last two years. missing supplies or staff. I'll be NCS; I will participants seem to enjoy working this need 6-7 operators. We're asked to be on event; the favorite activity is the launch field e-mail (drb@msu.edu) the MSU repeater, 440.500, PL 77.0 Hz. pop bottles. Coverage of this repeater is much better this year than it was a year ago, though we've Public service events of this type are good KB8ZQZ not had problems in the past.

needs are in locating the rally point for each I've organized communications support for etc. If you're able to participate, please duty from 7:30 AM to noon. We will use for the air/water powered rockets built out of phone (337–0857).

> practice in directed net operating, handling informal messages, testing your equipment,

Ham contact me by:

Dennis Boone

What Are These Old Tubes Worth

Jackie Welch lost an uncle a while back. Kenneth Noyce, W8DSH left her with some

tubes that are 2 ½' to 3' tall. She needs some appraisals and can be reached at: help in pricing and selling the equipment. 482-1498 Foremost, she needs to know how much the

vintage radio equipment including some stuff is worth. She would welcome any

Editorial Commentary

Well, I guess I'm about as late as I was last _ a monthly events calendar month. Family problems have contributed to the tardiness. I should be right on time in April. Short months being what they are and all the first Friday in April falls on the 5th, hooray! I really will be adhering to deadlines so that the April Scope is out before the April CMARC meeting.

By the way, ANYBODY is more than welcome to contribute to the Scope! In particular, I could use a little help with a few items. I believe they are things folks would like to see in the newsletter. I am seeking a monthly commitment for preparation of the following:

- a monthly ham fair calendar
- a monthly VE testing calendar
- a monthly local net column
- a monthly HF net column
- a monthly contest calendar

Each one of these would take no more than 1 hour a month to maintain at most, but it would really help me out to have these things passed my way in a from that I could integrate into the newsletter. I ran them last month and they are running this month.

If you noticed that a few things in this months newsletter were also in last months

newsletter, that is because there were critical pieces missing in these items or they warranted extra coverage due to their nature.

As stated previously in this issue, Field Day still needs a chair. I misrepresented what Candy said to me in an E-mail message and volunteered her and Wayne for the job. They have events taking place during that period of time which would make it impractical for them to assume the chair position.

I'd take on the job but I may be on vacation then, either that or they will prepare a little padded office for me so that I won't drive anybody else bonkers as I go around the bend myself. I really wanted company, darn!

CMARC/LCDRA Elmers										
Specialty Name and Call Phone E-1										
Packette Radio, PSK31, DX	Bill Blick W8EB	(517)675–5858	w8eb@arrl.net							
CW, QRP, DX	Ralph Riggs N8YQJ	(517)641–4384								
Home Brew, QRP	Gregg Mulder WB8LZG	(517)646-6257	margo937@cs.com							
6 Meters	Dan Hicks W8MMQ		w8mmq@email.com							
HF Contesting	Steven Rentschler N8SR	(517)332–0237								
Drafting Volunteers	John Hayes KC8RQV	(517)393–2787	jhh@envirobat.org							

Why You Should Be On The Elmer's List

Elmers are folks who volunteer there expertise to assist those folks who are having problems with various aspects of amateur radio. The folks in the list above have agreed to be information resources with respect to various aspects of the hobby. We need more elmers than these. Also, multiple elmers in any one group is perfectly OK. We don't want anybody to get stressed out from being over utilized. If you want to be an elmer and have a specialty in mind just give me a call or send E-mail.

Recent Silent Keys

George J. Wood K8GHX an extra class operator and life member of CMARC passed away recently at 81 years of age.

	Ham Radio Propagation Web Sites									
Real Time	http://www.hamradio-online.com/	Software	http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Software/Propagation/							
Forecasts	http://www.eham.net/DX/propagation	Grayline	http://www.iri.tudelft.nl/~geurink/grayline.htm							
Forecasts http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/propagation.html		Information	http://www.ardfnl.demon.nl/hamprop.htm							
Forecasts	http://www.hfradio.org/propagation.html	Listservers	http://users.hunterlink.net.au/westlakes/pageae.htm							

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For a descriptive text, write to SEC or refer to our Web page. Web page URL: http://www.sec.noaa.gov/wwire.html

Twenty–seven Day Space Weather Outlook Table Issued: Issued 2002 Mar 05

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	March Ham Fair Calendar							
Date	Event And Location	Contact						
3/16/02	Southern Michigan ARS & Marshall HS Industrial Arts Club Marshall, MI	John Malinowski N8BGM, 616–781–4540, n8bgm@aol.com						
3/17/02	Toledo Mobile Radio Association Maumee, OH	Paul Hanslik N8XDB,419–385–5056 or 419–535–6594 kb8iup@arrl.net						
4/6/02	Hamfest/Computer/Electronics Show Elizabethtown, KY	Laura Lonczak, 216–663–3258,ln4js@visn.net						
4/20/02	Jackson County ARC	Edgar Dempsey KD8XL, 740–286–3239						
	Coalton, OH	kd8xl@ohiohills.com						
4/28/02	Athens County ARA	Drew McDaniel W8MHV, 740–592–2106						
	Athens, OH	mcdanied@ohiou.edu						

^{*} NOTE: All information can be found on http://www.arrl.org

Events For March 2002 Local Area Date Time **Event** Location Flap Jack Shack in Dewitt; everybody is welcome 3/1/02 08:00 AM Rod's Ham Breakfast 3/1/02 07:30 PM CMARC Lansing American Red Cross; E. Grand River Ave. 3/2/02 07:30 AM 5.39 Breakfast Flap Jack Shack; (6927 S. Cedar) 3/2/02 What Time? **QCWA** Remy'S Copper Skillet; 2005 N. Larch Street; Lansing 07:00 PM DTACS Packett Class 3/4/02 Fire Station #1 On Canal and Saginaw 3/6/02 07:00 PM **CCARA** Clinton County Sheriff's office on Townsend Road 3/8/02 08:00 AM Rod's Ham Breakfast Flap Jack Shack in Dewitt; everybody is welcome 3/9/02 09:30 AM Lansing VE Testing 1800 E. Grand River at the Red Cross Building; Kroschot Room 3/13/02 01:00 PM OOTC Lunch Contact Irv Graham for location 3/15/02 Flap Jack Shack in Dewitt; everybody is welcome 08:00 AM Rod's Ham Breakfast 3/21/02 07:00 PM Ingham ARPCS Meeting Ingham County Sheriff Dept. 3/22/02 08:00 AM Rod's Ham Breakfast Flap Jack Shack in Dewitt; everybody is welcome 3/23/02 08:00 AM **QCWA** Flap Jack Shack; (6927 S. Cedar) 4/1/02 07:00 PM **DTACS Packett Class** Fire Station #1 On Canal and Saginaw 4/5/02 07:00 PM CMARC Lansing American Red Cross; E. Grand River Ave 4/6/02 07:30:00 5.39 Breakfast Flap Jack Shack; (6927 S. Cedar) 4/6/02 What Time? **OCWA** Remy'S Copper Skillet; 2005 N. Larch Street; Lansing

Note: Outgoing Old Timers Club – several times a month, lunch or breakfast

Weekly Local Area FM Information Nets					Assort	ed Inf	ormation A	nd Traff	ic SSB Nets
Name	Freq.	Day	Time	PL	Name	Band	Approx Freq	Days	Time
Mid Michigan Info	145.390	Sun	08:30	100	Intercon	20	14.300	Su – St	07:00-12:00 EST
QCWA	146.7	Tue	20:30	100	Maritime Mobile	20	14.300	Su – St	12:00-22:00 EST
ARPSC – Simplex	146.58	Mon	19:30		GLETN	75	3.932	Su -St?	20:30 EST
DTACS	146.940	Tue	21:00	100	SWOTM	2	144.155	S	21:00 EST
6 Meter – Simplex	52.530	Sun	20:00		E. Mich. SSB	2	144.250	M	20:00 EST
	147.28				PLC	40	7.262	Su – St	10:00 EST
ECARC	147.08	Sun	20:00	103.5	BBC	75	3.973	Su-St	3:00 EST
	443.63			103.5	Breakfast Club	75	3.973	Su – St	5:00 EST
QCWA	146.7	Tue	20:00	100					
CCARA	146.86	Thu	20:00						
	444.85			141.3					
	146.48			Simplex					

^{*}If there are others that should be listed here let me know!

Day Codes: Su – Sunday, M – Monday, Tu – Tuesday, W – Wednesday, Th – Thursday, F – Friday, St – Saturday

	Newsletter Deadlines							
Deadline	Event							
3/10/02	Hard copies, scannable submissions							
3/15/02	Computer editable submissions							
Inform as soon a s possible	Event schedules, notices, wanted to sell/buy, birthdays, anniversaries, obituaries							

	Regional Skywarn Training Dates & Locations										
Date	Time	Contact									
3/19/02	7–9 PM	Jackson County Skywarn Training	Boos Recreation Center, 210 Gilbert Street Jackson, MI	Dorthy Helm (517)768–7910							
4/9/02	7–9 PM	Eaton County Skywarn Training	Basement of Sheriff's Department Charlotte, MI	Steve Jackson (517)543–3512 ext 393							
4/13/02	Noon – 2 PM	Ingham County Skywarn Training	Red Cross Building on Grand River Lansing, MI	James Kenyon (517)646-0558							

	Local And Area VE Testing Schedule For 2002										
Location	Schedule	Time	Site	Contact	Talk-In						
Lansing	Jan 12, Mar 9, May 11 Jul 13, Sep 14, Nov 9	09:30 AM	Lansing American Red Cross; the Kopschot Room 1800 E. Grand River	Joe Denomme N8VYS (517)589–5263	145.390 + dup PL 100Hz						
Corunna	12/27/01	06:30 PM		aa8tc@arrl.net http://www.qsl.net/aa8tc	147.020 + dup						
Howell	On the 2 nd Tuesday of the odd months	07:00 PM	Emergency Operations Ctr.; Highlander Way	Greg Mcdiarmid AA5GO (517)548–5893	146.680 -dup PL 100Hz						
Grand Rapids	On the 1st Friday of the month	06:30 PM	Red Cross;1050 E. Fuller Ave., NE	ED N8UXN (616)458–9029	146.760 -dup PL 94.8						
Charlotte	On the second Saturday of the even months	12:00 Noon	Eaton County Sherrif Dept.	x95korroch@wmich.edu	147.080 +dup						
Mt. Clemens	On the 1 st and 3 rd Saturdays of the month	07:00 PM	Salvation Army	Bill Chesney (810)468–8345	147.180 +dup						
Jackson	On the 3 rd Saturday of most months	10:00 AM	Jackson District Library; 244 W. Michigan	Dick McGuire (517)782–1430	146.880 -dup PL 100Hz						

	March 2002 Birthdays – Happy Birthday!									March 2002 Anni	versaries	
Date	Name	Call	Years Young	Date	Name	Call	Years Young		Date	Name	Call Sign	Years
4	Jim Harvey	KA8DD Q	53	26	Forrest Clark Lowell Hoyland	N8PWD KC8RAG	71 65		10	John Fairbank and Wife	KC8HGB	
12	Dale Moore	K8YRD	74	27	Douglas Risdon	KM8P	62		17	Tom Cain and Wife	KB8ZL	34th
17	Laurie Bates John Fairbanks	KCHGB	39 60	28	Mike Rhew Tyler Head Bob Right	KC8DBP KC8LWG W8QN	50 18 84		21	Ken Hull and Wife	KR8S	60th
22	Ken Harris Sr. Candice Knepper	W8KWO KD8IMJ	93 41	30	Marc Rosenthal	WB2FGB	47					
23	Alton Soddard Herbert Terbrack	KD8MB KB8QEZ	51 53	31	Paul Carpenter III	KB8YQW	43					

Post Oak Elementary School Science Day

This event is happening on Tuesday March 19 from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. The school is located on Wood Street in Lansing. For more information contact Joe Denomme at (517)589-5263

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The 2002 LCDRA Board

Meetings: Quarterly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM at Lansing Fire Dept.,

Station #8, on marshall St. at Grand River, just west of the Red Cross.

The 2002 CMARC BOARD

Grand River (upstairs) at 7:30 PM

Club Calls: W8MMA & W8PLP

For continued membership annual dues must be paid by March 1st. Fill in the membership form on the back of *The Scope* and mail it in with a check for the appropriate amount. Make check payable to C.M.A.R.C for CMARC membership. Make checks payable to L.C.D.R.A for LCDRA membership.

What I Did For Science Day At The Mall by John Hayes

When I heard about science day at the Meridian MalI wanted to take my HF rig there and set it up for the event. I had been told that making contacts from within the mall was difficult because of the building design and also CMARC's site frequently didn't permit folks to put an HF antenna outside. I thought this was the perfect excuse I needed to build a portable antenna I had seen in my ARRL 2001 Antenna book. The antenna was a multibander with tapped custom wound induction coils and sectional resonators. I had been wanting to build that antenna for a long time and here was my excuse.

Due to time constraints I didn't get started on building the thing until the day of the event. I thought that it didn't look that difficult and that it would go together quickly. Then I started to think about the coils the plan called for and I got this bright idea. I have an ICOM 706 Mark II G and an AH4 Automatic random wire antenna tuner. I thought to myself, "wait a minute, it won't take long to wind the coils but it will take even less time if I don't have to wind them at all." The AH4 tuner provides a matching network that can match any ham band from 6 meters through 80 meters with a 23 foot antenna. I had successfully worked 160 meters with a 109 foot insulated wire. The specifications didn't allow for that but I got creative.

The idea I came up with seemed pretty simple, "construct a vertical sectional antenna and use the tuner to match it." I liked the idea as it didn't require me to get to fussy about the length of the resonator. I would let the tuner do the work.

Ok, the antenna I had planned to make was a vertical. For my portable beauty I would make a vertical antenna. All I needed was a resonator as I already had my matching network. And of course the resonator would need a base to hold it up. Would copper pipe work well for this project? It appeared to work well for J–Pole antennas. Why not use it here also! Ok, how tall could I make it. What about sectional? Sure why not sectional, but how tall could it be and still be reasonably portable? I decided on an experimental scheme using progressively smaller diameter lenghts of copper pipe. I started out with a 10' section of 1" diameter pipe, then a 10' section of 34" diameter pipe, and finally a 5' section of 1½" pipe. I took the long sections and cut them in half producing five 5' long sections of pipe. On one end of a 1" diameter section I sweat soldered a male connector, to the other end I sweat soldered a remale connector. Between all the pieces I alternated male and female ends utilizing reducers as necessary so that I could screw all these pieces together and produce a 25' tall resonator. Finally I got a 102" whip from Radio Shack and fashioned a connector for its base and hooked it up to the top end of the resonator. This produced a sectional resonator about 34 ½" tall (well at this point it was still laying on the ground).

But now I had a big problem. I needed a fairly solid base to support this thing. What to do, what to do. I ended up cutting two 22" pieces of 2"x12" wood and laying them side by side then taking two 22" pieces of 2"x4" wood and screwing them across the ends of the 2"x12" pieces effectively making a platform about 22" square. Next I got a shorter piece of 2"x4" board and screwed it to the platform along the length of the seem formed by the 2"x12" boards being laid side by side, thus bridging the length of them jointly. Underneath that piece of 2"x4" I put a length of pexiglass to provide insulation. This may not have been necessary but it didn't hurt. Finally, to complete the base, I screwed on a pipe mount with a female threaded receiver for a one inch diameter pipe right in the center of the piece of 2"x4" board that ran down the center of the base. Ok, the base was complete.

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Next came the experimental part, could I screw the resonator into the base and upright it without having the thing fold in half under it's own weight? All right it didn't self destruct! Well, a few guy lines to stablilze it would be in order and it wouldn't hurt to stake the base down with some spikes so that a wind wouldn't blow it over... now to test it.

I hooked up my tuner to the base of the resonator with by a piece of wire coming from the tuner's connector post to the antenna with an auto hose clamp. Then I connected up the control line from the tuner to the radio and the feed line as well and started tuning through the frequencies.

By the time I got it all finished and made it to the mall it was almost over (sob). But I'm ready for next year and field day too (If we're not in Alaska that is). Later on that evening I got into a 3 way conversation with a fellow in New York and another in Florida on 20 meters. After that checked into a net in Washington DC on 785 meters. OK the thing seems to work pretty good even if it took longer to build than I thought it would. That seems to be how all my antenna projects go. At least this one worked the first time around and it only took part of one day, not parts of lots of days! Maybe I'm getting better at antenna design, or did I cheat?

*Note: this article doesn't cover all the issues concerning this antenna but it covers the marjor part of them. If anybody has questions please feel free to contact me by way of E-mail: kc8rqv@arrl.net

Select March Contests from The ARRL Web Site

March 9-11

RSGB Commonwealth Contest, CW, sponsored by the RSGB from 1000Z Mar 9–1000Z Mar 10. Open to UK and Commonwealth stations only; work stations once per band outside own call area. HQ stations may be worked by everyone and count as a separate call area. Frequencies: lower 30 kHz of 80–10 meters, except Novices on 15 and 10 meters. Categories: SO—open (full—time), restricted—(12 hours max), Headquarters—MO and SO; no spotting assistance. Scoring: 5 pts/QSO—1st 3 QSOs with a call area count 20 pts. Keep separate logs and bonus lists per band. For more information, http://www.rsgbhfcc.org/. Logs must be emailed or postmarked within 16 days of the contest to hf.contests@rsgb.org.uk or RSGB—G3UFY, 77 Bensham Manor Rd, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AF, England.

North American RTTY Sprint, sponsored by NCJ from 0000Z-0400Z Mar 10. Frequencies 80, 40, 20 meters only. North American stations work everyone; others work NA stations only. Exchange both call signs, serial number, name and SPC. The same station can be worked multiple times provided 3 contacts separate the contact in both logs, regardless of band. QSY rule: Stations calling CQ, QRZ etc, may only work one station in response to that call; they must then move at least 1 kHz before working another station or 5 kHz before soliciting another call. Once you are required to QSY, you may not make a new QSO on the previous frequency until you have made a contact at least 1 or 5 kHz (as required) away. For more information, http://www.ncjweb.com/. Logs must be emailed or postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest to rttysprint@ncjweb.com or to Wayne Matlock, K7WM, Rte 2, Box 102, Cibola, AZ 85328.

UBA Spring Contest—CW, 0700Z-1100Z Mar 10 (see Jan QST, p 107).

Wisconsin QSO Party, Phone and CW, sponsored by the West Allis RAC, 1800Z Mar 10–0100Z Mar 11. Frequencies: CW-–3550, 3705, 7050, 14050 kHz and 15/10/6/2 meters; Phone—3890, 7230, 14290, 21350, 28400 kHz and 6/2 meters. Work stations once per band/mode/county; no repeater QSOs. SO, MS, MM and mobile categories. Mobile operators may not sit on a county line to operate. Exchange SPC or WI county. QSO points: Phone—1 pt, CW—2 pts. Score: Pwr mult × QSO pts × WI counties (max 72); WI stations—QSO pts × WI counties + SPC. WI mobiles/portables add 500 bonus points for each county with 12 or more QSOs. Power multiplier: ×2 (<5 W), ×1.5 (<150 W), ×1(>150 W). For more information, www.warac.org/. Logs must be postmarked within 30 days to WARAC, PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

March 16-18

BARTG Spring RTTY Contest, 0200Z Mar 16–0200Z Mar 18. Frequencies: 80–10 meters; work stations once per band. Categories are SO–Expert, SOSB, SOAB (one band change per 5 min), MS, MM and SWL; SO operate 30 hours total with off periods min 3 hours. Operators with a Top Ten log during the past three years must enter as an Expert. Exchange: three–digit serial number and four–digit time. Multipliers: DXCC entities + W/VE/JA/VK call areas, counted once per band. Score is QSOs × multiplier × continents (count only once). For more information, http://www.bartg.demon.co.uk/. Logs in Cabrillo format must be emailed or postmarked by May 1 to John Barber, GW4SKA, PO Box 611, Cardiff CF24 4UN, Wales, UK (only logs with 50 or fewer QSOs may be submitted as printed logs) or by email to ska@bartg.demon.co.uk with the call and entry class in the subject line and the log included as an attachment.

Russian DX Contest, CW and SSB, from 1200Z Mar 16–1200Z Mar 17. Frequencies: 160–10 meters; work stations once per band/mode. Categories: SOAB–HP and –LP (<100 W), SOSB, MS (10 min rule), MM, SWL; SO may enter Mixed Mode, CW, or SSB; MO and SWL are Mixed only. Exchange: RS(T) + serial number; RU stations—RS(T) + Oblast designator. QSO points: own entity—2 pts; different entity, same continent—3 pts; different continent—5 pts; with Russians—10 pts. Multiplier: DXCC entity + Oblasts, count once per band. Score: QSO points × multiplier. For more information, http://www.rdxc.org/. Logs must be emailed or postmarked within 45 days of the contest to rusdxc@contesting.com or to Russian DX Contest, PO Box 59, 105122 Moscow, Russia.

Virginia QSO Party—Phone and CW, sponsored by the Sterling Park ARC, 1800Z Mar 16–0200Z Mar 18. Frequencies: CW—1.805 and 50 kHz up; Phone—1.845 3.860 7.260 14.270 21.370 28.370 kHz; Novice/Tech—10 kHz up and 28.370; VHF/UHF—50.125 144.200,

146.58, 223.50, 446.00 MHz. No repeater or cross-mode QSOs. SO, MS, MM fixed station and mobile categories; no time limit; QSOs once per band/mode/VA QTH, VA stations work everyone; others work VA stations only. Exchange: serial number and SPC or VA county/city. QSO points: Phone—1 pt, CW—2 pts, Mobile—3 pts. Multipliers—VA city/counties + SPC. Score: QSO points × multipliers (counted only once). VA mobiles add 100 pts per VA city/county activated. Add 500 pts for QSO with K4NVA. For more information, http://www.qsl.net/sterling. Logs must be emailed or postmarked by Apr 15 to ks4ii@arrl.net or Virginia QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167.

Montana QSO Party, Phone and CW/Digital, sponsored by the Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club from 2300Z Mar 16–2300Z Mar 17. Frequencies: all non–WARC HF bands; no categories or time limit. Exchange RST and SPC or MT county. Work MT stations once per band and mode; if a station changes counties it can be worked again. Score is QSOs × SPC + MT counties (count each only once). Logs must be emailed or postmarked by April 15 to K7LYY@arrl.net or rosscons@digisys.net or to FVARC, 117 Rainbow Dr, Kalispell, MT 59901.

YL International Single Sideband System QSO Party—Phone, see Feb QST, p 110.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AI TREASURER			CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT			
December	7, 2001	March 1, 20	March 1, 2002			
Account Balances As of December 7, 2001		Account Balances As of March 1, 2002				
ASSETS: Cash & Bank Accounts Mich Nat'l Bank Checking Postal Deposit TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 560.20	ASSETS: Cash & Bank Accounts Mich Nat'l Bank Checking Postal Deposit TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 590.60 <u>214.36</u> \$ 804.96			
Other Assets Comerica Bank CD	<u>\$1,423.96</u>	Other Assets Comerica Bank CD	\$1,484.48			
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$2,094.56	Accrued Interest Total value	\$+5.56 <u>\$1,488.04</u>			
LIABILITIES:	\$0.00	TOTAL ASSETS:	\$2,293.00			
TOTAL NET WORTH:	\$2,094.56	LIABILITIES:	\$0.00			
Income & Expenses Nov 2 – Dec 7, 2001		TOTAL NET WORTH:	\$2,,293.00			
INCOME Coffee Fund ARRL Dues Rebate Dues Ft Wayne Tickets Sold	\$ 5.05 0.00 0.00 10.00	Income & Expenses Feb 1, 2002 – March 1, 2002 INCOME Dues Deposited–(amount includes ARRL new member rebate amount of \$15.00	294.00			
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 15.05	TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 294.00			
EXPENSES SCOPE Mailings ARRL Outgoing QSL Food Donation – Ken Harris Service Charges TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 0.00 4.00 10.00 25.00 20.00 \$ 59.00	EXPENSES SCOPE Mailing—no bill in PO box ARRL Outgoing QSL PO Box 1yr renewal George Wood donation Service Charges	\$ 0.00 8.00 55.00 25.00 10.00			
TOTAL NET PROFIT:	\$ (43.95)	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 152.00			
Transferred from Checking to US Postal Deposit Account	\$ 0.00	TOTAL NET PROFIT: Transferred from Checking to US Postal Deposit Account	\$ 142.00 \$ 0.00			
Respectfully Submitted		Transferred from US Postal Deposit to				
Pamela Denomme, KB8PSF Treasurer		Pay Bulk Permit Fee Due Respectfully Submitted Candace Coburn, KC8QZF Treasurer	\$125.00			