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ARRL to Propose New Entry-Level License, Code-Free HF Access

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NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 19, 2004--The ARRL will ask the FCC to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license that would include HF phone privileges without requiring a Morse code test. The League also will propose consolidating all current licensees into three classes, retaining the Element 1 Morse requirement--now 5 WPM--only for the highest class.

The ARRL Board of Directors overwhelmingly approved the plan January 16 during its Annual Meeting in Windsor, Connecticut. The proposals--developed by the ARRL Executive Committee following a Board instruction last July--are in response to changes made in Article 25 of the international *Radio Regulations* at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03).

They would continue a process of streamlining the amateur licensing structure that the FCC began more than five years ago but left unfinished in the Amateur Service license restructuring *Report and Order* (WT 98-143) that went into effect April 15, 2000.

The ARRL has addressed frequently asked questions (FAQs) concerning this proposal. "Change in the Amateur Radio Service in the US, especially license requirements and even more so when Morse is involved, has always been emotional," said ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, in presenting the Executive Committee's recommendations. "In fact, without a doubt, Morse is Amateur Radio's 'religious debate.'" The plan adopted by the Board departs only slightly from the Executive Committee's recommendations.

The "New" Novice

The entry-level license class--being called "Novice" for now--would require a 25-question written exam. It would offer limited HF CW/data and phone/image privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters as well as VHF and UHF privileges on 6 and 2 meters and on 222-225 and 430-450 MHz. Power output would be restricted to 100 W on 80, 40, and 15 meters and to 50 W on 10 meters and up, thus avoiding the need for the more complex RF safety questions in the Novice question pool.

"The Board sought to achieve balance in giving new Novice licensees the opportunity to sample a wider range of Amateur Radio activity than is available to current Technicians while retaining a motivation to upgrade," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "It was also seen as important to limit the scope of privileges so the exam would not have to include material that is inappropriate at the entry level."

As an introduction to Amateur Radio, the Novice license served successfully for most of its 50-year history. The FCC has not issued new Novice licenses since the 2000 license restructuring, however. Under the ARRL plan, current Novice licensees--now the smallest and least active group of radio amateurs--would be grandfathered to the new entry-level class without further testing. Anticipating assertions that the new plan would "dumb down" Amateur Radio licensing, Harrison said those currently holding a ticket often perceive the level of complexity to have been greater when they were first licensed than it actually was. "Quite frankly," he said, "if you review the questions presented in our license (cont'd on page 3)

Hamfests for March

March 20
 Southern Michigan ARS
 Marshall, MI
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Ziegenbein Awards

Just a friendly reminder that we are still accepting nominations for this year's Ziegenbein Award. As we get ever closer to the warmer months, time runs short for nominations, so please take time to pass yours along for our consideration.

Each year, the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club nominates and then celebrates the memory of Ralph Ziegenbein, W8PLP (SK). Mr. Ziegenbein was known to those at our Club as "Mr. Amateur Radio". His determination to further knowledge of our Hobby earned the respect of his peers and when he became a Silent Key, Club members wanted to find a way to honor Ralph's memory.....enter the Ziegenbein Award.

Nominations are being accepted from now, until April 9, 2004 for this year's Award. If you know of someone who works hard in our Club and strives to make Amateur Radio better for fellow Hams, please take time to tell us about them. Be direct and as complete as possible in your nominations and tell us why your nominee should be considered for CMARC's highest award.

Following the nomination period, recipients of the last three Ziegenbein Awards meet to determine this year's winner. In the event of a past recipient being a Silent Key, the recipient from the previous year is held over to cover for them. Pam Denomme (KB8PSF) will represent last year's recipient, Mark Humphreys (N8DEF) who became a Silent Key last year. The Award is then presented at our annual Ladies' Night Dinner.

It's a ton of fun, so get in on the action and nominate your choice today. Nominees must be full CMARC members and please remember that the recipient of this award is generally someone who has done a great deal to promote Amateur Radio and CMARC, with emphasis on the last calendar year. All nominations must be individually sealed and no copies, please. Unfortunately, several are nominated, but only one can win. Best of luck to all, es 73!

Because of the fact I do not have access to the CMARC PO Box, I ask that they be sent only to:

J. Ervin Bates (W8ERV)
Ziegenbein Nominations
1470 Harper Rd., #38
Mason, Michigan 48854

Presidents' Corner

Well it's almost time for spring, with winter leaving the countryside ever so slowly. Spring means warmer weather, antenna projects and the Marshall Hamfest.

It also means getting ready for spring and summer activities such as Field day, the Dayton Hamvention, Armed Forces Day, Ladies Night and many more things with our families and friends.

We must be ready for anything that mother nature or world circumstances throw our way. Don't forget CERTS training March 13th and 27th and Skywarn Training April 3rd. That is enough for everyone to think about.

So I hope to see everyone at the meeting March 5^h at the Red Cross at 7:30 PM.

See you there
73's
Rocky K8DRB

tion, but the written exam would stay the same. The League's plan calls for current Novice, Tech Plus and General class licensees to receive lifetime Element 1 (5 WPM Morse) credit.

"This structure provides a true entry-level license with HF privileges to promote growth in the Amateur Service," Harrison said. "It also simplifies the FCC database by conforming to the current Universal Licensing System (ULS) structure and does not mandate any modifications to it."

Sumner concurred. "The Board started out by recognizing that three license classes was the right number when looking down the road 10 or 15 years," he said. "We need a new entry-level license."

"On the other hand, there's nothing particularly wrong with the existing Extra class license," he continued. "The change in the international regulations notwithstanding, the Board felt that the highest level of accomplishment in the FCC's amateur licensing structure should include basic Morse capability."

Sumner and Harrison say the current Technician entry-level ticket

ARRL to Propose New Entry-Level License

(cont'd from page 1)
manuals throughout the years, you will be surprised how they compare to those of today."

Technicians and Generals

The middle group of licensees-- Technician, Tech Plus (Technician with Element 1 credit) and General--would be consolidated into a new General license that no longer would require a Morse examination. Current Technician and Tech Plus license holders automatically would gain current General class privileges without additional testing. The current Element 3 General examination would remain in place for new applicants. ARRL already has proposed additional phone privileges for Generals in its "Novice refarming" petition, RM-10413, but the FCC has not yet acted on that petition.

Morse Code Testing Retained for Extra

At the top rung, the Board indicated that it saw no compelling reason to change the Amateur Extra class license requirements. The ARRL plan calls on the FCC to combine the current Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees into Amateur Extra, because the technical level of the exams passed by these licensees is very similar.

New applicants for Extra would have to pass a 5 WPM Morse code examina-

tion, but the written exam would stay the same. The League's plan calls for current Novice, Tech Plus and General class licensees to receive lifetime Element 1 (5 WPM Morse) credit.

provides little opportunity to experience facets of ham radio beyond repeater operation. "The quality of that experience," Sumner said, "often depends on the operator's location."

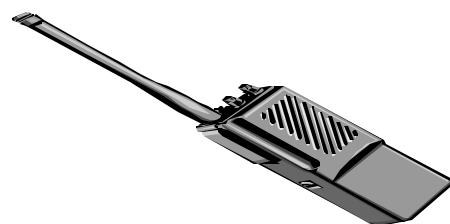
Among other advantages, Sumner said the plan would allow new Novices to participate in HF SSB emergency nets on 75 and 40 meters as well as on the top 100 kHz of 15 meters. The new license also could get another name, Sumner said. "We're trying to recapture the magic of the old Novice license, but in a manner that's appropriate for the 21st century."

Proposal Includes "Novice Refarming" Band Plan

The overall proposed ARRL license restructuring plan would more smoothly integrate HF spectrum privileges across the three license classes and would incorporate the "Novice refarming" plan the League put forth nearly two years ago in a *Petition for Rule Making* (RM-10413). The FCC has not yet acted on the ARRL plan, which would alter the current HF subbands. The Novice refarming proposal would eliminate the 80, 40 and 15-meter Novice/ Technician Plus CW subbands as such and reuse that spectrum in part to expand phone/image subbands on 80 and 40 meters.

The ARRL license restructuring design calls for no changes in privileges for Extra and General class licensees on 160, 60, 30, 20, 17 or 12 meters. Novice licensees would have no access to those bands.

(See Proposed Phone/Image HF Subbands on Page 4)



Proposed Phone/Image HF Subbands (Includes Novice Refarming Proposal)

80 Meters

Extra: 3.725-4.000 MHz (gain of 25 kHz)
 General: 3.800-4.000 MHz (gain of 50 kHz)
 Novice: 3.900-4.000 MHz (new)

40 meters

Extra: 7.125-7.300 MHz (gain of 25 kHz)
 General: 7.175-7.300 MHz (gain of 50 kHz)
 Novice: 7.200-7.300 MHz (new)

15 meters

Extra: 21.200-21.450 MHz (no change)
 General: 21.275-21.450 MHz (gain of 25 kHz)
 Novice: 21.350-21.450 MHz (new)

10 meters

Extra and General: 28.300-29.700 MHz (no change)
 Novice: 28.300-28.500 MHz (no change)

Proposed CW/Data-Exclusive HF Subbands (Includes Novice Refarming Proposal)

80 meters

Extra: 3.500-3.725 MHz
 General: 3.525-3.725 MHz
 Novice: 3.550-3.700 MHz

40 meters

Extra: 7.000-7.125 MHz
 General: 7.025-7.125 MHz
 Novice: 7.050-7.125 MHz

15 meters

Extra: 21.000-21.200 MHz
 General: 21.025-21.200 MHz
 Novice: 21.050-21.200 MHz

10 meters

Extra/General: 28.000-28.300 MHz
 Novice: 28.050-28.300 MHz

Upcoming Events

For

Amateur Participation

April 3, 2004	Skywarn Class 10:00 am—4:00 pm LCC Old Central Auditorium
April 18, 2004	MS Walk
April 24, 2004	WalkAmerica March of Dimes
May 1, 2004	Help Save Lives LCC
July 10-11, 2004	MS 150 Bike-a-thon
July 24, 2004	Women on Wheels

Local Nets

ARES/RACES	Mondays (except 3rd Monday) 8:30 pm 146.58 simplex
DTACS	Tuesdays 7:00 pm 146.94

For Sale or Not!

Free: TVRO Mesh Dish and 2 receivers.
 Contact Scott Rowe,
 KB8HTM,
 Bath, MI, at 517-641-6201

WEAVER'S WORDS -- VALENTINE'S DAY EDITION

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director, Great Lakes Division ARRL

As most of you know, FCC has announced it will issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) on BPL very soon. At the time the NPRM is publicized, you will have additional opportunity to write FCC to protest. The Commission has asserted BPL will be done in a manner that will avoid interference, but they are leaving policing of this to the Power Companies. My only thought is that self-policing is great when it is actually done.

Isn't this BPL thing sort of like hiring the fox to guard the hen house? The Power Companies have proven time and time again as an industry that they cannot or will not manage interference caused by broken insulators, capacitors, etc. Will this all change?

In reality, provided FCC acts aggressively to prevent interference, as they say they will, we will not be in bad shape. I'm not holding my breath for long, though.

Keep your eyes on arrl.org and on further E-mail information from me. Each source will advise you when and how comments can be made.

In the meantime, I strongly encourage any member who is experiencing interference from a faulty power line to write (USPS or E-mail) the company and complain. Be as specific as possible. Above all, keep copies of your correspondence with them. If they do not respond within a reasonable time, write again. Keep a copy. If you do not get a timely response or if the problem is not fixed, please send a copy of your file to Riley Hollingsworth. Include a letter explaining the situation. Let's get the power companies on notice that they have to keep their acts clean.

AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT

The new year 2004 is here. Congress is back in session. It is time to renew our campaign to gain sponsors for the Spectrum Protection Act. I've written about this several times previously, but if you need further in-

formation, let me know. I'll be happy to send whatever you need to you.

Other than for this, please write to your US Representative and to each of your US Senators. Ask them to co-sponsor HR 713 (House) and S 537 (Senate), the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act as it has been introduced into each of these houses. For sample letters, go to: <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html#write>. Please personalize your letter by adding an example of a fairly recent public service/emergency communications activity that was held in your state or the Representatives' District.

To learn your Representative's name and address, go to: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>. To learn your Senators' names and addresses, go to: <http://www.senate.gov/contacting/index.cfm>. It is possible in most cases to send E-mail letters to Representatives and Senators right from the page that has their names and addresses. Please copy me on your letters and any replies you receive. I will forward these to our lobbyist in DC for his follow-up.

If you have written before, please do it again. There is an exception to this request. It would not be correct to ask a Representative or Senator who has already co-signed the bill to do this again. It would be nice to send a thank you note to them, but not one to ask them to do what they've already done. A list of Great Lakes Division Representatives and Senators who have already co-signed is given below. The dates are when they became co-sponsors.

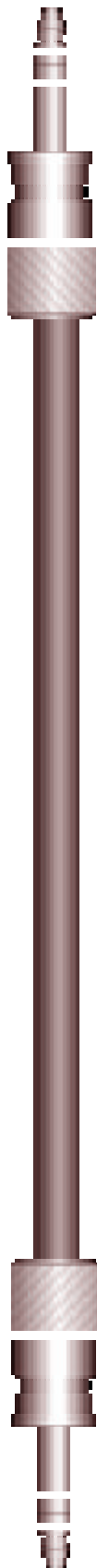
Rep Brown, Sherrod	11/4/2003	[OH-13]
Rep Gillmor, Paul E.	6/9/2003	[OH-5]
Rep Hoekstra, Peter	10/30/2003	[MI-2]
Rep Jones, Stephanie Tubbs	11/7/2003	[OH-11]
Rep Kildee, Dale E.	10/29/2003	[MI-5]
Rep Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.	10/29/2003	[MI-13]
Rep Levin, Sander M.	12/8/2003	[MI-12]
Rep Miller, Candice S.	1/20/2004	[MI-10]
Rep Rogers, Mike	10/21/2003	[MI-8]
Rep Strickland, Ted	3/13/2003	[OH-6]
Rep Stupak, Bart	6/4/2003	[MI-1]
Rep Tiberi, Patrick J.	2/13/2003	[OH-12]
Rep Turner, Michael R.	10/29/2003	[OH-3]

Sen Levin, Carl - 9/29/2003 [MI] is the only US Senator who has co-sponsored the bill.

Lets get busy and get several more in two thousand four!

SPAM VIA ARRL.NET

Many of you have asked why ARRL does not put a filter on the arrl.net forwarding (cont'd on page 8)



Michigan QSO Party submitted by Mark Hinkleman

Attention Michigan Amateurs.

Spring is here and it's time for the Michigan QSO Party. This is a great opportunity to get on the HF bands, have some fun, and represent the great State of Michigan.

The organizers of this event would like to see as many Michigan stations on the air as possible. It is the activity of the Michigan stations that will make this event a success. This event, like other state QSO parties has seen an increase in activity in recent years.

Last year, the number of MIQP logs submitted were up by 69% and the total qso count was up by 27%. The MIQP is getting bigger and better every year. With the continued support of those that have discovered the fun and the addition of some new blood, the MIQP will continue to grow. It is now considered one of the better qso parties in the country.

As you can see from the rules listed below, this is only a 12 hour event. Please consider getting on the air for the whole thing, or any portion of the 12 hour period. You can operate from home, portable, or mobile. We again, with the support of mobile stations plan on having some activity in all 83 counties.

How about making this a club event? You can submit your individual or multi-op scores under the name of the your club and maybe bring home the club plaque. Hey, why not challenge another local area club or other groups within your club? Are there others in your club that would consider a mini expedition for a portable operation in one of the Michigan counties with minimal activity??

Those of you that have been in the QSO Party, please help us get the word out and encourage other Michigan-der hams to participate and join the fun. The name of the game is to have fun and make Michigan "Radio Active" on April 17th. Hope to hear you on the air!

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad

River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 17th until 0400Z April 18th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 17)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W)

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3850, 7225, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@miqp.org

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see <http://www.miqp.org>. The information packet found on the web site may also be emailed. Contact NU8Z cqnu8z@comcast.net.

73 es cu April 17th 2004... Mark NU8Z

Storing Off Season Clothes

Create your own dust covers for free! Instead of throwing out old pillowcases, make a small slit in the center of the seam opposite the opening and slip it over a hanger. No more dust on your winter suits, sweaters, etc.

If you close u the opening by adding a fabric fastener, like Velcro, or a zipper, you can use it to store out-of-season blankets as well.

My Story, Part 2, Dan Harger. W8BCI

Last time, we had moved to Elkton in the thumb area of Michigan, Dad had the Methodist church there. This time he had two churches, one in Elkton and the other in a small farm crossroads community south of town. A lot stands out about this time in memory.

Dad was repairing radios and the local movie theater had these large sound systems that needed repair. The movie theater was owned and operated by Oliver Willett. Oliver would call Dad and he would go over and repair the system. Now in return for these maintenance trips, Oliver gave our family free passes to the shows; our friends thought we really had it made and we did!

But that wasn't all! Oliver Willett was a nut modeler of rubber powered model airplanes. Oliver designed and built his own planes and had a collection of models sketched on cards on the wall of his model room; models that had been lost in thermals and never returned! These card sketches were beautiful and had the date and time that the models were lost entered on each card.

Oliver didn't stop there. He also owned a beautiful, yellow Piper Cub with black details, a full-sized airplane! On this plane, I got my first airplane ride taking off from a farmer's field outside of Elkton that was lightly covered with snow, wow! Neat! Oliver would fly over Elkton and throw out a large parachute for us kids to chase after and return to him. We had a lot of fun doing this in the summer

days of the late 30's.

Back to radio...Dad and Bill Morford from the town of Pigeon made a radio program about Christian morals and titled the episodes 'The Methodist Radio Parish.' On one of the first episodes when I was ten, they needed a young person to cry in one of the parts. I was elected and cried on cue with real tears, truly a Ham was born! Later in 1946 when they put a small AM station on the air in Flint, Michigan, the call letters used were WMRP for Methodist Radio Parish.

At this time in Elkton, we had a huge parsonage and I, at this time, had my own bedroom. Dad had his radio shop in the upstairs, Mom also did her ironing there. My radio experience at this time was caught up with radio episodes that I would listen to after school each night. Jack Armstrong, Captain Midnight and Little Orphan Annie were played in succession with me sitting in front of the set captivated! While sitting there, listening in front of this console set with ornate trim, I would run my fingernails up and down this trim and eventually loosened the trim to the extent that Dad had to glue it back in place!

We were in Elkton when on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked, that was a fearful day for us and the world!

Next month: I take the National Radio Correspondent radio course and really get started in radio!

Dan Harger
W8BCI

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club **Minutes of the Board Meeting** **February 6, 2004**

The meeting was brought to order by club vice president John Hosford (KC8QZB) at 7:05 p.m.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

John Hosford (KC8QZB) - Vice President
Randy Stortz (K8VY) - Treasurer
Dick McGuire (K18C) - Secretary
Jane Law (KC8FSK) - Director
Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) - Director

Kevin Mulder (KC8QZE) was excused because of a conflict at school. Bruce Rainey (KC8ODP) had been invited to help Randy Stortz with a budget software program.

Randy needed signatures from club president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer for the bank signature sheet. After some discussion about special accounts and service charges, the three officers present signed the sheet.

The board discussed the Ziegenbein Awards article written by Erv Bates (W8ERV) for the February 2004 issue of The Scope. None of the board members seemed to have any problems with the article. A former board member (Bruce Rainey) expressed concern over the wording of the article, since Erv Bates is no longer a club member. However, all agreed that club membership is not a requirement for the duties Erv is performing.

Randy Stortz announced that Don Cote (KD8BD) will submit a budget to the general membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22. Moved by Dick McGuire (K18C) and seconded by Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG).



WEAVER'S WORDS

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service and block SPAM from being sent through it. To you I've suggested it is better for each person to put a SPAM blocking program on their computer rather than to let an ISP do the filtering.

The reason is that when you and I set the filter on our own computers, we are the ones who define exactly what SPAM is to us. When we do this, mail that we define as NOT being SPAM gets through. When an ISP does the filtering, SPAM is whatever a worker at the ISP considers it to be.

The risk is substantial that the block will kick messages we want to receive out of the system so we don't even know they were sent.

The following quote from another reflector to which I belong clearly shows what I mean. I have removed the identity of the sender (a former work colleague of mine) and the name of the ISP. He is totally frustrated over the ISP setting the filter standards which cause him to lose wanted E-mail.

"I'm getting testier about this mail filtering thing. [His ISP] constructed a Filtered Mail folder (without my asking). The things I know are missing from [name of the reflector] don't go there. If they must filter, put it there so I can selectively handle it.

All I find in the Filtered Mail folder are what I can only call the "Do What, With What and To Whom" stuff (at what size and at what cost). Others have reported frustration with various "help" desks."

The arrl.net forwarding service is not the cause or source of SPAM. There is no question that by the very nature of the patterns used to assign call-signs, amateurs are ripe targets for

SPAMMERS.
THANKS!

I thank each of you who have written your support as well as suggestions for the new restructuring proposal and for the work I've been doing. Your suggestions and other input -- yes, your disagreements -- are key to whatever I may do to benefit Amateur Radio and you. Keep up writing.

MANY NON-MEMBERS AND SOME MEMBERS ARE SURPRIZED

Why are many non-members and even members surprised when they learn they cannot carry the ARRL banner if they are not members? Many non-members are surprised to learn that I do not represent them. I certainly try to represent the best interests of Amateur Radio and ARRL members, and if this happens to include non-members, fine. I feel no need to bend over backwards to acknowledge the thoughts and wishes of non-members.

Similarly, why would a non-member even consider they could become an ARRL banner carrier by receiving appointment as a DX card checker or any other appointment to a program sponsored by the League? This should not even be a consideration. One cannot have allegiance to a program of an organization to which they choose not to belong. It is this simple.

Soon after you elected me Director I began looking through the many member programs of the League as I had promised during my campaign. I'm still going through these to see if there are programs that ought to be deleted or modified. I quickly learned that the criteria for becoming an ARRL WAS QSL checker were rather loose. For one thing, there was no requirement that the checker need be an ARRL member. This clearly was a slip-up. You can bet I

jumped on this. WAS QSL checkers now need to be ARRL members. The coming ARRL Mentor program, the DXCC QSL checker program and others are further examples of appointments that are or will be available only to members.

The League exists because of the support of its members. Its members, not non-members, are the ones who should benefit from the recognition available through appointments.

SEE YOU THIS SUMMER?

Vice Director Mondro, W8FQT (w8fqt@arrl.org) and I (k8je@arrl.org) will be attending a number of meetings and hamfest/swaps this summer. Look us up when you are at one of those we attend. If you would like us to attend one of your meetings or hamfests/swaps, please let us know.

73, GL,

Jim


AMATEUR RADIO: The only fail-safe communications system in the world.

ARRL: The reason Amateur Radio is!

Refrigerator Redo

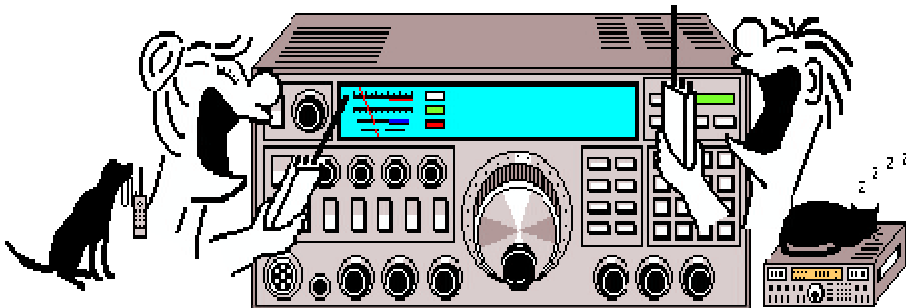
Refrigerators get covered with smudges and fingerprints. First clean all of these off and then wax your refrigerator with car wax. It will sparkle and those marks will slip right off with a dry cloth.

March 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Special Items of Interest

- * Here's a big Get Well Soon to Mike Rhew, KC8DBP, who is recovering from eye surgery
- * Another Get Well Soon to 'Bruce' Rainey, KC8ODP, who is recovering from shoulder surgery
- * Richard Cole is looking for a housekeeper. Contact him at the next CMARC meeting



March Schedule of Events

- Mar 1 DTACS Meeting
7:00 p.m., Delta Township
Fire Station
- Mar 5 CMARC Meeting
7:30 p.m., Red Cross
Building, Lansing
- Mar 6 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- Mar 10 OOTC (Old Old Timers
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- Mar 13 .39ers meet at Nic's
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- Mar 27 .39ers meet at Nic's
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- Mar 27 QWCA, Korner Kitchen
Mt Hope & Pennsylvania
8:00 am

March Birthdays

- Mar 5 'Bruce' Rainey, KC8ODP
- Mar 17 Benjamin Hassell, W8VPC
- Mar 20 Sandy Tickner, W8GRO
- Mar 22 Candice Knepper, WD8IMJ
- Mar 23 Alton Stoddard, KD8MB
- Mar 26 Forrest Clark, N8PWD
- Mar 28 Mike Rhew, KC8DBP

March Anniversaries

- Mar 17 Tom Cain
- Mar 21 Doug Warner
- Mar 21 Kenneth Hull

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Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting (February 6, 2004)

The business meeting was brought to order by club vice president John Hosford (KC8QZB) at 7:30 p.m.

Members

26 members were present at the meeting.

Visitors

Mary Tillitson (wife of Don Tillitson)
Jane Ann Higelmire (wife of Charles Higelmire)
DeAnna Barnhill (wife of Roger Barnhill)
Charles Higelmire, Jr. (WD8MBB)

Upgrades and New Licenses

Ralph Chapman (WA8NHD) upgraded to General.

Old Business

Minutes were accepted as published in The Scope. Moved by Don Cote (KD8BD) and seconded by Dan Harger (W8BCI).

Treasurer's report was accepted as distributed. Moved by Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) and seconded by Dan Harger (W8BCI).

During distribution of the treasurer's report, Don Tillitson announced changes in the schedule of summer activities:

- * The MS Walk will be April 18 instead of May 2.
- * WalkAmerica remains on April 24 but will start at River Front Park and use the River Walk.
- * The MS 150 Bike-a-thon remains on July 10-11.
- * Women on Wheels will be on July 24.

Don Tillitson also announced that Ben Hassell (W8VPC) had a heart attack and was in a hospital in Texas. Dick McGuire (KI8C) will send a card from the club.

New Business

Pam Denomme (KB8PSF) announced that tomorrow was Science Day at Meridian Mall. Since she had only one week's notice, she made the decision to reserve three tables with chairs, at \$15 per table. Pam was also asking for volunteers for setup and operators. Dan Harger moved to reimburse Pam \$45 for the three tables, and Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) seconded. Approved.

John Hosford announced the need for Ziegenbein Award nominations. The deadline is April 9.

Don Cote reported that the budget committee and audit committee had met the preceding night. Don would like more time before submitting a report but announced that the club finances appear to be sound and improving. Don suggested that members take a hard look at what we are going to do with the money. At one time, the intent was to buy property and build a clubhouse but that no longer appears realistic. Don suggested that we might want to consider new equipment for the club room.

Don then started to report on arrangements for Ladies' Night, which will be May 2. Pam interjected that she had also contacted the restaurant, since the Ziegenbein Committee has always made these arrangements. She was unaware of Don's work; Don encouraged Pam to continue with her arrangements. The price will remain \$16 and allow three options: beef sirloin tips in mushroom gravy, baked half chicken with gravy, or broiled Lake Superior whitefish.

John Ingraham (NG8L) reported 206 members, and 79 paid.

Announcements

John Hosford announced two hamfests

this month: one in Livonia on the 15th and one in Traverse City on the 14th.

Pam announced that the Dayton Hamvention will still be in Dayton at Hara Arena; there was talk of moving it. Dates will be May 14, 15, and 16. Advance tickets will be mailed around the middle of February.

Gregg Mulder gave an update on the Beginners' Licensing Class at MSU. The first session had 23 people, and 12 are learning code. Gregg expressed the hope that the graduates will become club members and received an ovation.

Bruce Rainey and Dan Harger reported on the new UHF repeater at the Delta Township Firehouse.

Dick McGuire thanked members for helping with the refreshments that night. Dick also reported that Mike Rhew (KC8DBP) is home recuperating from outpatient eye surgery.

John Hosford will accept any member interest sheets.

Gregg Mulder reported on his QRP QSOs with Galapagos Islands, and Bruce Rainey reported on his progress toward 6-meter WAS.

Unfinished Business

None.

Sandy Tickner (W8GRO) won \$16.50 at the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Moved by Scott Tickner (W8ATT) and seconded by Bruce Rainey (KC8ODP).

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