

February 2006

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

# The Scope

Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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## Ziegenbein Nominations

Yep, It's that time of year already—time to get your nominations in for the annual Ziegenbein Award, which are due before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Each year, CMARC honors the member who has contributed the most to CMARC and/or Amateur Radio in general, during the preceding year. This award is made in honor of Ralph Ziegenbein/W8PLP (SK), an active CMARC member and avid Amateur Radio enthusiast. Ralph, who was known in the Lansing area as "Mr. Ham Radio", passed away in 1960. Following his death, an award was established in his honor. The following year, Gordon Main/W8OCK became CMARC's first recipient. The recognition takes the form of a plaque, which is presented at the annual Ladies Night Banquet held in May. The Ziegenbein Committee, which selects the nominee to receive the award, consists of the last three recipients of it. They are James Kenyon/KC8DJH, Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG-chairman, and Joe Denomme/N8VYS.

Please send all nominations **BEFORE MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>** to Ziegenbein Nominations: Gregg C. Mulder/WB8LZG; 7251 Saratoga Way, Dimondale, MI. 48821. Remember, the deadline for nominations is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. (Per Ziegenbein Rules listed below).

1. The Recipient must be a CURRENT member of CMARC.
2. Nominations are to be made in writing, in your own words, stating nominee's contributions to CMARC and Amateur Radio. No chain letters to be accepted.
3. All nominations are 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 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 that year.
9. Nominations are to be submitted **BEFORE MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>** so the committee can make the selection and have the plaque engraved.
10. The recipient will be announced at the annuals Ladies Night Banquet.

(The above rules were revised by Currin Skutt/W8FSZ and were submitted to the CMARC Board for their approval. The Board and membership approved the revised rules on October 6, 2000.)

## Regular Announcements

Lansing VE testing is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the odd months at the Red Cross building. Registration begins at 9:30 am and testing starts at 10:00 am. The address is 1800 E. Grand River Lansing. The next date is?

March 11<sup>th</sup>  
September 9<sup>th</sup>

May 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 11<sup>th</sup>

July 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 13<sup>th</sup>

Charlotte has their VE on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of even months at the Eaton County Sheriff's Department, Charlotte MI at 12:00 noon. The next Registration date is?

February 11<sup>th</sup>  
August 12<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 14<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 9<sup>th</sup>

The Delta Township Auxiliary Communications Service meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at Fire Station Number One on Saginaw and Canal Rd. at 7:00 pm. The Next meeting is?

March 6<sup>th</sup>  
June 5<sup>th</sup>  
September 4<sup>th</sup>  
December 4<sup>th</sup>

April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

May 1<sup>st</sup>  
August 7<sup>th</sup>  
November 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association, LCDRA, meeting is held quarterly on the Third Thursday at Fire Station Number 8 on Marshall and Saginaw St in Lansing at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be?

April 21<sup>st</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup>

October 20<sup>th</sup>

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2007

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2007

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**NETS (continued on pg. 4)**  
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- The Central Michigan six-meter fun net is held every Sunday evening at 9 pm on the 52.525 MHz.
- The CMARC information and fun net is held every Sunday evening at 8:30 pm on the 145.390 repeater 100 Hz, PL.
- The Eaton County, ECARC net is held every Sunday evening at 8 pm on the 147.080 repeater and the 443.625 repeater, 103.5 Hz. PL.
- Tuesday evenings at 8 pm the Quarter Century Wireless Association, QCWA holds it's net on the 146.700 repeater, 100Hz. PL. You do not need to be a member of the QCWA to participate. All are welcome to check in.
- Clinton County Amateur Radio Association, CCARA holds their net on Thursday evenings at 7 pm on the N8ZMT repeater 145.13 (94.8 PL) and 444.850 (141.3 PL) and 146.86 (107.2 PL). You can also use 147.48 simplex.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE AREA NETS, THEIR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes of the Meeting January 6, 2006

The meeting was brought to order by club president John Hosford (KC8QZB) at 7:30 pm.

Members – 18 members were present at the meeting

Visitors – Don Hinkle (KD8CKC), Ruth Hinkle and Mary Tillitson.

Cards and Flowers – Beverly Stoner (K8ZJU) had a Gallbladder attack and is home now according to Don Tillitson (WB8NUS).

Sick or in Hospital – Rocky Beckner (K8DRB) is still recuperating at his parent's home and has been heard on the 146.700 MHz repeater recently.

Don Tillitson has had cataracts removed. For the record, Don is seeing things right side up.

Upgrades and New Licenses – None

Old Business – Don Devendorf (W8EGI) reported that membership secretary John Ingraham (NG8L) has been working nights and therefore has been unable to attend CMARC meetings. Don will receive dues payments and turn records over to John.

Don then gave his treasurer's report. We have a CD at Comerica Bank. Right now the value is \$ 1,583.20.

The CD matures on February 8, 2006. Don will tell us more about this CD on February 3rd meeting. The Balance of the Credit union account is \$1,264.20, including \$90.00 in dues received last month.

The secretary's report of the last month's meeting was accepted after correction the typos. Moved by Currin Skutt (W8FSK) and seconded by Dan Harger (W8BCI).

New Business – Louie Larche' (KD8BWL) reported the he is doing fine with his new pacemaker and expressed thanks for the cards received, including one from CMARC. Louie insisted once again that he did not receive a vanity call and had no influence with the FCC.

John Hosford (KC8QZB) reported that the board had been considering producing a very basic version of the Scope. It will include minutes and dates of events. Persons desiring to contribute articles should contact Roger (AB8RX) or DeAnna (KD8BDI) Barnhill. Initial distribution will be via e-mail only. Roger suggested that we provide e-mail addresses on the surveys he passed out at tonight's meeting.

Dan Harger (W8BCI) reported that all LCDRA repeaters appear to be operating well. In Addition, the 51.70 MHz repeater is about to be relocated to the Lansing Medical Center. This should increase coverage for that repeater. We had a recent workday at the building used for the 145.39 MHz repeater. LCDRA dues are \$15 per year. Dan reported helping several repeaters in nearby towns and seems glad to do it. The interference problem on the 145.39 MHz repeater seems to have disappeared but is expected back. Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) reported that the LCDRA address is P.O. Box 70052 Lansing, MI 48908. Ralph Chapman (WA8NHD) had a suggestion which was not audible on tape.

Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) announced that the licensing class, which starts January 21st at the MSU Engineering Building, still has openings. Flyers are still being put out.

Roger Barnhill (AB8RX) is trying to get somebody from MSU to present satellite operation at the next CMARC meeting.

We agreed to hold Field Day at Kamp Kiwanis. It's the highest point in the country and has worked out well in the past. DeAnna Barnhill (KD8BDI) will be in charge of food again and may make an Olympic sized meatloaf.

Concerning the Scope, DeAnna has asked for all Birthdays and anniversaries.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. Moved by Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) and seconded by Dick McGuire (KI8C)

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### Ham fest Listings

February 4th- H.A.R.A. Swap and Shop, Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, Negaunee, MI, <http://www.qsl.net/k8lod/>.

February 5th- Winter fest, Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Lorain, OH.

February 11th – Annual Swap-n-Shop, Cherry land Amateur Radio Club, Traverse City MI. <http://www.carc.tc>.

February 12th – Mansfield Mid Winter Ham fest and computer show, Mansfield OH. <http://www.iarc.ws>. K8JE plans to attend.

February 19th – Livonia Amateur Radio Club, <http://larc.mi.org.livonia>

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### Upcoming contests:

Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO party Feb. 4 , 2006

QRP ARCI Winter Fireside Sprint Feb. 5, 2006

FISTS CW Winter Sprint Feb. 11,2006

ARRL International DX Contest (CW) Feb.18,2005

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### Nets (continued from pg.2)

Sunday –147.080 @ 8 pm. no PL tone. Eaton County Amateur Radio net.

Monday – 443.625 @ 9 p.m. pl tone 100. Traders net.

Tuesday – 443.625 @ 9 p.m. pl tone 100. Michigan IRLP net.

Wednesday – 443.625 @ 9 p.m. pl tone 100. Canadian IRLP net.

Friday– 443.625 @ 9 p.m. pl tone 100. International IRLP net. This is a new net.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries for February**

Jean Devendorf 2/25

**Recent Silent Keys**

Dave Humphreys, N8WTH

**Club Officers and Contact Information for 2006**

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
President	John Hosford	KC8QZB	<a href="mailto:jhosford@acd.net">jhosford@acd.net</a>
Vice Pres.	Roger Barnhill	AB8RX	<a href="mailto:AB8RX@aol.com">AB8RX@aol.com</a>
Secretary	Dick McGuire	KI8C	<a href="mailto:dickki8c@juno.com">dickki8c@juno.com</a>
Treasure	Don Devendorf	W8EGI	No E-mail
Director	Jane Law	KC8FSK	<a href="mailto:janelaw54@yahoo.com">janelaw54@yahoo.com</a>
Director	Ron Harger	WD8BCS	<a href="mailto:rharger@cablespeed.com">rharger@cablespeed.com</a>
Under 22	Jordon Mulder	KC8QYU	<a href="mailto:jordonm@sbcglobal.net">jordonm@sbcglobal.net</a>

To all the Tasyls of the group.... our annual meeting is coming up in March at the Marshall Ham fair. Dues of \$5.00 a year will be collected then.

We have groups that get together for Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you have a group or know of one and would like it added to the scope contact me.. DeAnna Barnhill, [KD8BDI@aol.com](mailto:KD8BDI@aol.com), 517-505-1983.

- QCWA Last Saturday of every month @ 8 am @ Korner Kitchen restaurant on Mt. Hope & Pennsylvania St.
- 539er's every Saturday @ 8 am @ Nic's restaurant on Logan St/MLK

I've recently found out that we will be unable to hold Field Day at Kamp Kiwanis this year due to it being rented out for the dates needed. So if anyone has any ideas as to where they'd like to see it held please contact Ron Harger @ [rharger@cablespeed.com](mailto:rharger@cablespeed.com)

Well I hope this scope has turned out the way you wanted it to...I have enjoyed the opportunity to put it together and bring it back to the club. It's something that really needs to be kept alive for all to enjoy!! If I've missed anything or you see something that needs to be added or fixed please let me know. Your opinions count. Enjoy and Thanks for all the support!!!

73, DeAnna Barnhill,kd8bdi

## CONTESTING FOR BEGINNERS

Ever wonder how those contesters we see at Field Day and other contests get to be such good operators? Well it doesn't just happen overnight. It takes practice, and the easiest way to get this practice is to jump right in to a contest and start making QSOs. However before you begin, lets do a bit of pre-contest homework.

**Choosing a contest.** If you have never done any contesting before you may not want to start out with one of the big ones that go all weekend long. There are several short contests throughout the year called "sprints", that only run for 4 hours at a time. A look through the "contest" page in QST will reveal many of these sprints every month. Because a sprint is only 4 hours, you don't have to devote an entire weekend to the contest. Just one evening. This will also go over better with your family. (you'll still have time to mow the lawn or clean out the garage!) There are also some less competitive contests such as "Straight Key Night" where the object is not to see how many stations you can work, but rather to have a pleasant rag chew using a hand key with others doing the same. This is a great contest for both Old Timer and Novice alike.

Another way to get your "feet wet" is to come out and join the club Field Day effort. There is a special consideration for the newcomer in the form of GOTA, or Get On The Air station. The purpose of this station is to give the newcomer a spot to check it out without the high stress and tension level. Also, watching some of the more experienced operators at F.D. is a wonderful way to gain insight into contesting. There are some things that will help make your contest experience a more positive one. They are simple but often ignored.

1. Get plenty of rest and eat right.
2. Look up and read the rules.
3. Write down the contest "exchange" so you'll have it right in front of you.
4. Listen in on the top Ops to hear how they handle their QSOs. The good ones definitely have a style and rhythm.
5. Find a contest "Elmer" to sit with you for the first hour or two to help guide you. They can give you pointers and suggestions that are very valuable.
6. On phone, be sure to use proper phonetics, not cute ones. It will aid in the other stations being able to get your information quickly and accurately .
7. On CW, don't send faster than you can receive. Don't be afraid to ask the other Op to QRS (Slow Down). Most Ops will gladly slow down when asked to.
8. If you can't find a contest "Elmer" try looking for a contest "Buddy". Get together and have one person operate the radio while the other logs, and then switch off every hour. You'll be surprised at how much fun you can have and your skills will quickly improve.
9. Remember to " HAVE FUN! " That's what it's all about. If you get tired, take a break or call it a night. It's just a contest. There's always another one next weekend. Remember to enjoy, that's what contesting is all about.

Well, I hope many of you will give contesting a try.

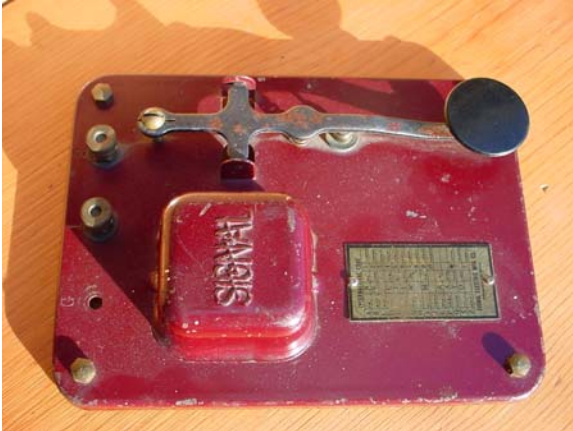
Perhaps you'll be the next super contester. What have you got to lose.

See you in the Test, 73

WB8LZG Gregg

## Key Of The Month: By Gregg Mulder

We're starting off Key Of The Month with a Signal Electric "trainer set". Made during and after WWII right here in Menominee, Mich. for the army. A combination Key and Buzzer which was designed to be hooked up to an identical unit for code practice with a buddy. This set was found at a garage sale in Lake City, Mich. ( You just never know where a key will turn up ! )



This Joke is From Dennis Kelly, N8OMT



Modern ultracompact MP3 players such as this 1MB microplayer from Heathkit offer convenience and fidelity that are hard to beat. With enough memory to hold almost half of one song, you'll be thrilled to take this with you wherever you go.

### New Call Update:

Hi DeAnna,  
If I don't make it to the Feb CMARC meeting, would you please announce that I passed Element 4, am now an Extra and was given a new sequentially assigned call of AB8VN. (I was formerly KB8HTM, Advanced since 1992.)

Thank you! I hope to see you at the meeting.

Scott Rowe



## Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Please print and complete the form below. Make check or money order payable to CMARC. Mail completed membership form and the membership fee to:

**John Ingraham / NG8L, Membership Chairman**  
2807 Greenbriar Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48912

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. Class: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member?	Yes	No	(Circle Answers)
Email Scope?	Yes	No	

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Membership: \$10.00 / year  
Associate Member: 5.00 / year  
Membership dues are from January to December.

As a licensed Amateur, you can sign up today as a Full member of CMARC. This grants you voting rights and an annual subscription to SCOPE, the club newsletter. An Associate member does not have voting rights but does receive an annual subscription to the SCOPE.



## Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association



**Lansing Civil Defense  
Repeater Association**

Please print and complete the form below. Make check or money order payable to L.C.D.R.A.. Mail completed membership form and the membership fee to:

**L.C.D.R.A.**  
PO Box 70052  
Lansing, MI 48908

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Membership: \$15.00 / year  
Associate Member: 7.50 / year  
Membership dues are from January to December.

Use of the repeater does not REQUIRE membership, but your support is GREATLY appreciated.