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Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

The Scope



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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Field Day Reports

Well, the party is over. The tents have been folded up, the campers are back in dry dock, the antennas are wound up or otherwise disassembled, the logs have all been collected, and the generators winterized and readied for their next stint. All that's left now are the pleasant memories of the good food we ate, along with the excellent weather we enjoyed and the not so bad (good maybe?) band conditions.

The fruits of all our efforts are as follows:

VHF station: 86 contacts.
GOTA station: 113 contacts.
Phone station: 251 contacts
CW station: 288 contacts.

Thanks to all who operated, visited and otherwise contributed to Field Day 2006, with special thanks going out to:

Deanna KD8BDI and Roger Barnhill AB8RX who provided the eats, Clint Hannahs KC8EHR who procured the Field Day site, John Hosford KC8QZB who was in charge of the GOTA station, Gregg Mulder WB8LZG who was in charge of the CW station, and Jim Harvey KA8DDQ who brought out the VHF effort. Also Don Devendorf W8EGI who copied the W1AW Field Day Bulletin.

The list of operators who signed in follows:

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| Roger Barnhill AB8RX | Joe Caswell KC8WJY |
| Richard Cole | Don Cote KD8BD |
| Don Devendorf W8EGI | Brent Hannahs |
| Clint Hannahs KC8EHR | Roxie Hannahs KC8GAK |
| Ron Harger WD8BCS | Jim Harvey KA8DDQ |
| John Hosford KC8QZB | Jane Law KC8FSK |
| Jonathan Mire KC8YYO | Gregg Mulder WB8LZG |
| Jordon Mulder KC8QYU | Phil Perreault W8EKR |
| Scott Rowe AB8VN | |

Thanks again to all for a very successful Field Day experience. There's not much to do now except begin planning for next year!

73!

Ron Harger - WD8BCS

Field Day Observations 2006

This years Field Day event had to be one of the best ever. Everyone seemed to be having a real good time there. I know I certainly did. For the most part things ran fairly smooth also. The weather even cooperated this year adding to the enjoyment. The food and fellowship made the weekend complete. I did have some thoughts and observations that I'd like to share. This year (and the past several) we had the same core group of people setting up and operating. It would be nice to see some of the "other" club members come out and get involved. I saw several old time members come on out to look, but they did not operate or help keep log. My point is there were those who came out, yet did not actively participate. Field Day is an exercise to prepare for and demonstrate our readiness to provide communications in time of emergency. Without participation from many of the members I feel we are not passing along the skills and "tricks of the trade" to the future members of this club. They are also in my opinion, not having as much fun as those who are actively involved. I encourage those of you who fall in this category to change this and join the fun. Who knows, it may make a contesteer out of you, and if you're not careful, you just may learn something.

I know there are many hams in the club who THINK they are all set to be able to provide communication in an emergency. The plain truth is that with all of our repeaters, cell phones, internet, etc, we are lulled into a false sense of security in our perception of emergency communications

readiness. I dare say that over 90 % of those of you who think you are ready, WILL NOT be able to communicate in a REAL disaster or emergency situation. How can I make such a strong statement? Experience. In 30+ years of FD not one has gone without a hitch. There is ALWAYS an unforeseen element that proves to be a hurdle to communication. The old Boy Scout term of "Be Prepared" comes to mind here. How can we be prepared if we have not practiced for this? Practice is the key.

And Field Day is a great training exercise just for this. I would like to be able to say with confidence that 50 % of us could be counted on to provide comm. in an emergency. If you still think 50% is a high failure rate your right. It is. Those of you who have ever been in a "real" emergency, know that this number is actually optimistic. If we had a real disaster today, could you communicate? What if there's no power for a week? No phones, No internet, No gasoline, Hmmmmmm we just eliminated 95 % of you. Only you can change this, with practice. Try to think of easy ways to increase your odds. Like, keeping a 12volt battery ready in the garage. Carry a spare battery for your HT. Carry a portable antenna and radio in the trunk of the car. Regularly testing your generator, and keep a spare supply of fuel. These are little things that can mean a lot. Most importantly, talk to, and encourage fellow hams you know to "join in" and participate in the nets, the club, and other community functions. When we try, we can succeed. Hope I got you to pondering your readiness.

See you next Field Day, 73 WB8LZG

Breakfast groups

1. Rod's breakfast bunch: each Friday - Starts about 8:00 - 8:30 AM
location: Bob Evans Restaurant - DeWitt - north of I-69 at 13101 S. US 27 145.390 Talk in.
2. QCWA – Last Saturday of every month – at 8:00 AM - Location: Korner Kitchen @ Mt. Hope and Pennsylvania Ave.
3. 539er's – Every Saturday – 8:00 AM – New Location: Penn Ave Diner on Pennsylvania Rd near Miller.

Regular Announcements

Lansing VE testing is held the 2nd 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 11th
September 9th

May 20th
November 11th

July 8th
January 13th

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

February 11th
August 12th

April 8th
October 14th

June 10th
December 9th

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

March 6th
June 5th
September 11th
December 4th

April 3rd
July 10th
October 2nd
January 8^{th, 2007}

May 1st
August 7th
November 6th
February 5^{th, 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 20th

July 20th

October 19th

January 18²⁰⁰⁷

April 18²⁰⁰⁷

ARPSC meets the 3rd Monday of every month @ 7:00 pm.

Odd months they meet @ Fire Station 8 on Marshall and Grand River

Even months they meet @ Ingham County Sheriff's Department 630 N. Cedar St Mason MI

Next dates...

Odd-

March 20th May 15th July 17th September 18th November 20th January 15th 2007

Even-

April 17th June 19th **August 21st** October 16th December 18th February 19th 2007

NETS:

Sunday-147.080 @ 8 pm. No pl tone. Eaton County Amateur Radio net.

Monday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. Traders net.

Tuesday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. Michigan IRLP net.

Wednesday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. Canadian IRLP net.

Friday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. International IRLP net. (New net)

The central Michigan six-meter fun net is held every Sunday evening @ 9 pm on 52.525 MHz.

The CMARC information and fun net is held every Sunday evening @ 8:30 pm on the 145.390 repeater 100Hz. PL.

The Eaton County, ECARC net is held every Sunday evening @ 8 pm on the 147.080 repeater. 103.5 Hz. PL

Tuesday evenings @ 8 pm the QCWA- Quarter Century Wireless Association holds it's net on the 146.700 repeater, 100Hz. PL You do not need to be a member. All check-ins are welcomed.
Thursday evenings @ 7 pm the CCARA – Clinton County Amateur Radio Association holds their net 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 you!!!

Birthdays

8/3 Joe Denomme N8VYS

8/4 David Wenger K8HD

8/5 James Kenyon KC8DJH

Don West KC8VXG

8/6 Roger Young KC8GCH

8/7 Ralph Riggs N8YQJ

8/9 Dan Harger W8BCI

8/12 Richard Cole

8/20 Dewey Marlatt Jr KC8QZD

8/22 Dan Fuller N8HFJ

8/23 Betty Bell

Anniversaries

8/7 Don West KC8VXG and Wife

8/26 Don WB8NUS & Mary Lou Tillitson

Silent Keys

Dave Gardner,N8SHR

Ken Fitzgerald,N8SPR

**Happy Belated 60th
Anniversary Wish to
Don and Joan De Feyter,
married on July 27, 1946**

**For Sale: Heath kit model 2410 frequency counter, measures to 250 Mcs. Great shape and works well. This unit was LCC surplus from the lab. \$ 25
Call Gregg Mulder @ 517- 646-6257 after 5 please.**

Ladies: Just a reminder - August 19th is the Tasy's Picnic @ 1:00 pm in Lake Odessa.

Bring a dish to pass, table service and drinks. If you're interested in attending or need directions

contact Jane Law @ lawj@michigan.gov

Announcement: The August CMARC meeting program will be about the MARS, (Military Affiliate Radio System) by Jim Harvey, KA8DDQ

Bits of Information

There are two reasons for this message. First, I want to let you know that we finally have the Michigan Section website up and running. The URL is <http://www.arrl-mi.org>. Being the section Affiliated Club Coordinator, I hope to especially highlight news about clubs and club events. So, if I'm not on your newsletter mailing list, I'd love to be added so that I can get your newsletter. If you publish the newsletter electronically all the better, just e-mail me the PDF file or a link to where I can find it on the Web.

Second, I'd also like to inform you about the 2006 newsletter contest. Attached, you'll find the rules.

If you have any questions about either of these items, please feel free to e-mail me or to call me at 734-930-6564.

73! Dan KB6NU

by Jerry Hosford

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE -- NO CHARGE

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.

2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".

3 When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

4. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O. Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a P.O. Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks.(DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

3. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away. This weekend someone turned it in.

It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

2006 Elected Officers

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| President | John Hosford | <u>KC8QZB</u> |
| Vice President | Roger Barnhill | <u>AB8RX</u> |
| Secretary | Richard H. McGuire | <u>KI8C</u> |
| Treasurer | Don Devendorf | W8EGI |
| Director | Jane Law | <u>KC8FSK</u> |
| Director | Ron Harger | <u>WD8BCS</u> |
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| Under 22 Director | Jordan Mulder | KC8QYU |
| Scope Editor | DeAnna Barnhill | <u>KD8BDI</u> |
| Web Chairman | John A. Ingraham | <u>NG8L</u> |
| Sky Warn Chairman | Jim Hannahs | KC8QWH |
| Awards Manager | Donald L. De Feyter | <u>KC8CY</u> |
| Ziegenbein Nominations | Pamela J. Denomme | <u>KB8PSF</u> |
| VE Team Liaison | Laurence J. Nordeen | <u>N8VEN</u> |
| VE Team Contact | Joseph H. Denomme | <u>N8VYS</u> |

**Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
July 1, 2006 Treasurer's Report**

Assets:

NuUnion Credit Union 4551461

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| Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund) | \$ 352.38 |
| Business Checking Account | \$1085.58 |
| NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (2-13-07) | <u>\$1612.10</u> |
| Net Worth July 1, 2006 | \$3050.06 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Devendorf

Don Devendorf, W8EGI Treasurer

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Meeting (July 7, 2006)

The business meeting was brought to order by club president John Hosford (KC8QZB) at 7:32 p.m.

Members

20 members were present at the meeting.

Visitors

Jeremiah Sevrey (KC8EIA)
Mary Lou Tillitson
Barbara Hosford
Joan De Feyter
Ari Adler (KD8CXP)
Fred Moses (W8ISM)

Cards and Flowers

Dick McGuire (KI8C) sent a get-well card to Don Rickerd (W8BQD).

Sick or in Hospital

Don Tillitson ((WB8NUS) reported that Don Rickerd (W8BQD), who now lives in California, became ill while traveling in New England and is probably home now.

Upgrades and New Licenses

None

Old Business

Minutes of the June meeting had been distributed in The Scope. The secretary's report was accepted as submitted. Moved by Rocky Beckner (K8DRB) and seconded by Don DeFeyter (KC8CY).

Treasurer Don Devendorf (W8EGI) reported that we have no liabilities, \$352.07 in the Primary Share Account, a Business Checking Account, and a Certificate of Deposit, for a total net worth of \$3157.40 as of May 31st. The information will be more current when the expected statement from the credit union is received. Currin Skutt (W8FSZ) shared information on how the incorporation papers evolved and affect the format of the treasurer's report. Getting approval wasn't at all easy and required multiple trips to Detroit. We agreed to not change a process that isn't having any real problems. The report was accepted as printed, moved by Rocky Beckner (subject to audit) and seconded by Bernie Gaffney (N8PVZ).

Concerning Field Day, Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) reported 284 QSOs on cw, using low power, but not low enough to qualify for QRP. Logging was on both computer and paper. Ron Harger (WD8BCS) was not present and will have to report on the phone station. The Get-On-the Air (GOTA) station did well, and everyone had a good time. The antenna for 40 meters, a 1,000-foot loop, worked as impressively as it looked. A special thanks and round of applause went to DeAnna Barnhill (KD8BDI) for her efforts in feeding the troops.

New Business

- Fred Moses (W8ISM) spoke on the MS 150 Bike-a-thon. Coverage will use UHF.
- Roger Barnhill (AB8RX) has a new list of public service frequencies.
- John Hosford announced the multi-county Disaster Drill scheduled for July 28th. Evaluators and many volunteers will be needed.
- Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) announced that magazines on a table in the back of the room were free for the taking.
- John Hosford announced that he has moved and has a new telephone number of (517) 699-2540.
- Joe Denomme (N8VYS) announced a VE session scheduled for the next day.
- Don Devendorf announced receiving a thank-you note from the daughter of Harold Bell (WA8LAY).

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MS 150 Bike-a-thon will be July 15th and 16th.
- District 1 Disaster Drill will be July 28th.
- Run with the MSU Basketball Girls will be September 10th

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. Moved Don Devendorf and seconded by Joe Denomme.

FYI

Chuck Reville K3FT Memorial Scholarship (\$1000), sponsored by Philip Karn, KA9Q Michael Volz, W8KAR, East Lansing, MI

Upcoming Hamfest

| Dates | Type | Event and Contact | Location |
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| 5 Aug 2006 | + | UP Hamfest 2006 Delta County ARS http://www.dcars.org Talk-In: 147.15 Contact: Richard Thompson, N8OYR 9560 Chaison North 5th Road Gladstone, MI 49837 Phone: 906-428-2528 Email: n8oyr@dcars.org | Escanaba, MI Bay De Noc Community College 2001 North Lincoln Road Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan |
| 5 Aug 2006 | + | Ham "OH" Rama Voice of Aladdin ARC http://www.aladdinshrine.org/hamfest.htm Contact: James Morton, KB8KPJ 6070 Northgap Drive Columbus, OH 43229-1945 Phone: 614-846-7790 Email: kb8kpj@arrl.net | Columbus, OH Div: Great Lakes Sect: Ohio |
| 12 Aug 2006 | + | Cascades Amateur Radio Society http://www.w8jxn.org Talk-In: 146.880 (PL 100) Contact: Linda Stanley, KA8ZHV 820 South Union Street Grass Lake, MI 49240 Phone: 517-522-8630 Email: linda.stanley@acd.net | Jackson, MI Jackson Catholic Middle School 915 Cooper Street Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan |
| 12 Aug 2006 | + | Northwest Ohio ARC http://www.nwoarc.org Talk-In: 146.670 (no tone) Contact: Gary Clements, K8FRS c/o Fair Radio Sales 2395 St. Johns Rosd Lima, OH 45802 Phone: 419-227-6573 Fax: 419-227-1313 Email: FAIRRADIO@fairradio.com | Lima, OH Fair Radio Sales 2395 St. Johns Road Div: Great Lakes Sect: Ohio |
| 13 Aug 2006 | + | Central Kentucky Hamfest Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society http://www.BluegrassARS.org Talk-In: 146.760; 444.125 (PL 88.5) Contact: Jeanie Dalton-Pugh, KB8QLC PO Box 4411 Lexington, KY 40544-4411 Phone: 859-619-8164 Email: kb8qlc@arrl.net | Lexington, KY Fraternal Order of Firefighters Hall 1604 Versailles Road Div: Great Lakes Sect: Kentucky |

| Dates | Type | Event and Contact | Location |
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| 20 Aug 2006 | + | 49th Annual Hamfest Warren ARA http://www.w8vtd.org Talk-In: 146.970 Contact: Jacqueline Williams 293 Maplewood Drive, Apt. #307 Cortland, OH 44410 Phone: 440-669-8267 Email: jacquelinewilliams03@hotmail.com | Champion, OH Kent State University Workforce Building 4314 Mahoning Avenue NW Div: Great Lakes Sect: Ohio |
| 27 Aug 2006 | + | Ham & Computer Swap Lapeer County ARA http://www.w8lap.com Talk-In: 146.620 - (PL 100) Contact: Bill Miller, KD8VP 3605 Pratt Road Metamora, MI 48455 Phone: 810-797-5329 Fax: 810-797-5329 Email: kd8vp@arrl.net | Lapeer, MI Lapeer Center Building 425 County Center Street Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan |



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: _____

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

Email Address: _____

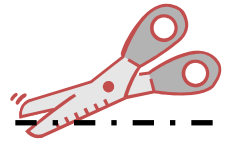
BirthDay _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

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



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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 26281
Lansing, MI 48909-6281

NAME: _____ Call: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Lic. Class: _____

BirthDay _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

Full Membership: \$15.00 / year
2nd Membership of same family: \$ 7.50 / year

Membership dues are from January to December.

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