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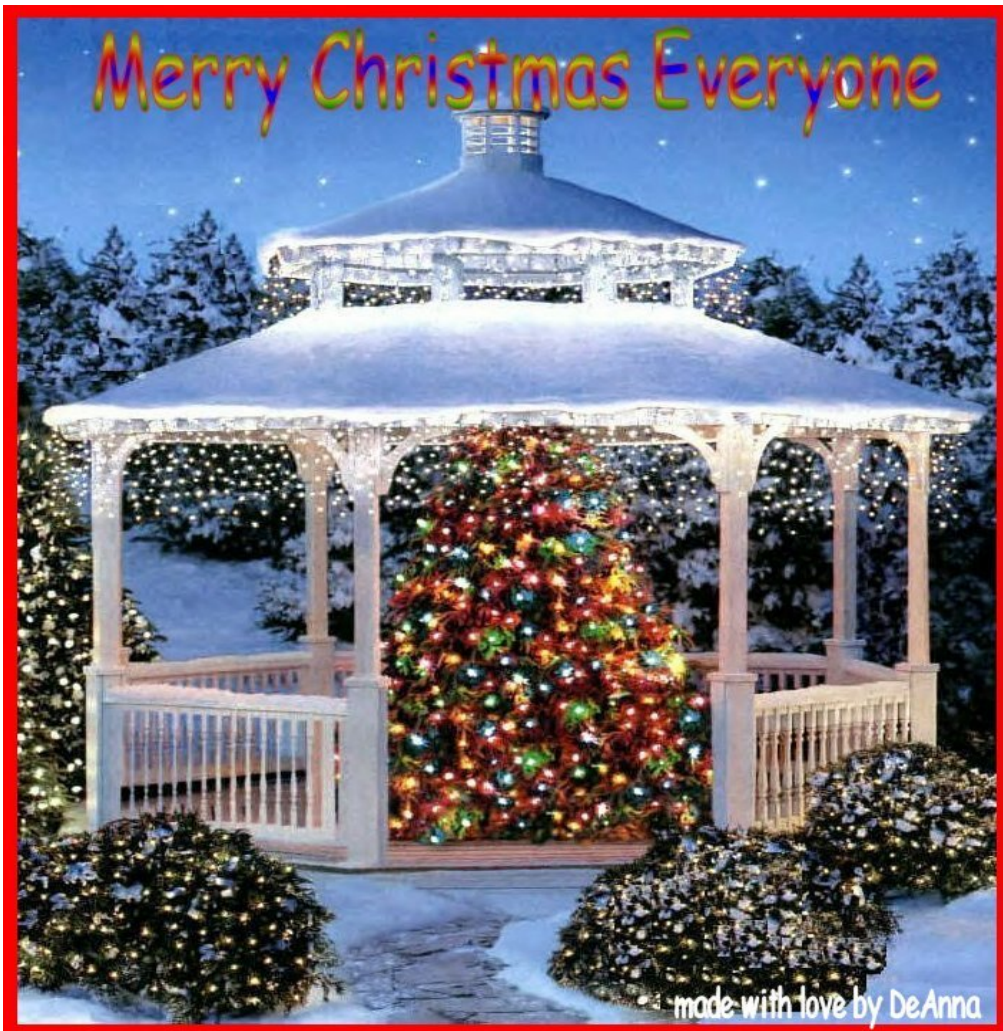
Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

# The Scope



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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Meeting will be Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm  
This will be nomination night along with our Christmas Party.  
Bring a pen to vote with and a dish to pass.

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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 – New Location: Delhi Café on Willoughby Rd.
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 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>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	July 8 <sup>th</sup>
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<u>January 13<sup>th</sup></u>

Charlotte has their VE testing 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>	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<u>December 9<sup>th</sup></u>

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>	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	July 10 <sup>th</sup>	August 7 <sup>th</sup>
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 6 <sup>th</sup>
<u>December 4<sup>th</sup></u>	January 8 <sup>th, 2007</sup>	February 5 <sup>th, 2007</sup>

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 20 <sup>th</sup>	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<u>January 18<sup>2007</sup></u>	April 18 <sup>2007</sup>
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ARPSC meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20 <sup>th</sup>	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	September 18 <sup>th</sup>	November 20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007</u>
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April 17 <sup>th</sup>	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	August 21 <sup>st</sup>	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec – Cancelled	February 19 <sup>th</sup> 2007
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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)

Nets Continued.....

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.

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 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

12/12 Mike Manning N8EUQ

12/13 Bill Torrence KC8ALL

12/31 Lowell Wilson KC8CKB

Anniversaries

12/18 Ralph Chapman WA8NHD and Wife

12/21 William Cote WD8NYW and Donna

12/27 Charles Stahl N8DWI and wife

12/31 Bruce Rainey KC8ODP and Wife

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

## Assets

NuUnion Credit Union	
Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund)	\$ 352.69
Business Checking Account*	\$ 788.03
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (2-15-07)	<u>\$1634.58</u>
Net Worth October 1, 2006	\$2775.30

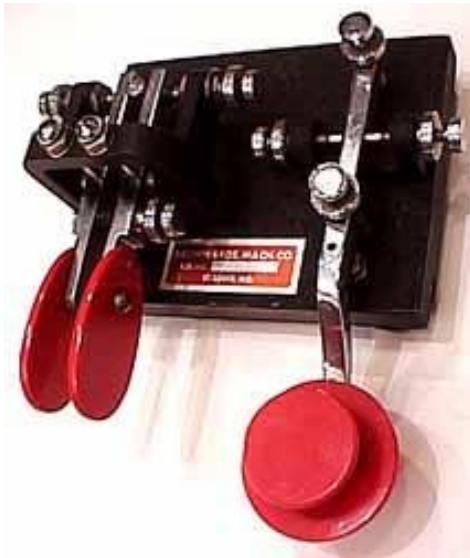
Respectfully Submitted, Don Devendorf, W8EGI

Treasurer

## December Key of the Month

December is a festive month for many, so I thought I'd slide in a key with a bit of color. This is a dual key (straight key and paddles on one base) made by Brown Brothers Mfg. in St. Louis, Mo. The keys were quite popular during the 60's and many hams took the plunge to a dual key. Several other manufacturers also came out with dual and triple keys trying to out do the other in a niche market. Sadly Brown Bros. went out of business in the early 70's so this fine key is no longer made. They do pop up at swaps from time to time, but they are becoming a sought after collectors item, and prices vary depending on condition. Next month starts a brand new year, so we'll feature a brand new key.

73,s Gregg WB8LZG



## 2006 Club Officers

President	John Hosford	KC8QZB	517-699-2540
Vice President	Roger Barnhill	AB8RX	517- 980-4798
Secretary	Richard McGuire	KI8C	517-782-1430
Treasurer	Don Devendorf	W8EG1	517-332-8754
Director	Jane Hosford	KC8FSK	517-699-2540
Director	Ron Harger	WD8BCS	517-204-4897
Membership	John Ingraham	NG8L	517-484-8027
Under 22 Director	Jordan Mulder	KC8QYU	517-646-6257
Scope Editor	DeAnna Barnhill	KD8BDI	517-505-1983
Web Chairman	John Ingraham	NG8L	517-484-8027
SkyWarn Chairman	Jim Hannahs	KC8QWH	No #
Awards Manager	Don De Feyter	KC8CY	517-641-4533
Zieg. Nom.	Pam Denomme	KB8PSF	517-589-5868
VE Team Liaison	Laurence Nordeen	N8VEN	517-676-1799
VE Team Contact	Joseph Denomme	N8VYS	517-589-5868

Program for December's meeting : QRP Rig Show and Tell.

So bring in your favorite QRP rigs and show them off.

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### Up Coming HamFests

Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
3 Dec 2006	+	L'Anse Creuse ARA <a href="http://www.n8lc.org">http://www.n8lc.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.68/147.08 <b>Contact:</b> Marty Folz, K8HVI 40360 Ryan Road Sterling Heights, MI 48310 Phone: 313-665-4426 Email: <a href="mailto:k8hvi@arrl.net">k8hvi@arrl.net</a>	Mount Clemens (Harrison Township), MI L'Anse Creuse High School 38495 L'Anse Creuse Road <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan
16 Dec 2006	+	Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (ARGYL) <a href="http://www.argyl.org">http://www.argyl.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.620 - (PL 94.8); 145.270 - (PL 94.8) <b>Contact:</b> Al Eckman, WW8WW 11515 Boulder Drive East, Apt. 261 Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: 616-897-7659 Email: <a href="mailto:al.eckman@sbcglobal.net">al.eckman@sbcglobal.net</a>	Lowell, MI Lowell High School <a href="http://www.11700VergennesStreet.com">11700 Vergennes Street</a> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan

## Open Letter to all Technician Class Hams

As an instructor for new hams the past many years I've begun to see a disturbing trend in our hobby. This commentary is in response to conversations held with some of these Tech class hams. Now that the FCC has deleted the Novice license, the entry level is the Technician. I personally feel the FCC has not done our hobby any favors with this change, but I am accepting it. The trend I've noticed in the past few years is that once passing the Tech exam, these new hams do not upgrade. Even after several years of holding a Tech ticket. When asked why, I get a variety of excuses, ranging from, "I don't have the time" to "the written test is too hard", to "I just can't seem to learn the code". Nearly all of the Techs I've talked to have expressed the desire to operate in the HF bands and enjoy the privileges of a higher class ticket, and nearly all wished to upgrade.

I'm tired of hearing the same old excuses. Where I come from we call it LAZY! Get off that couch and do something with your hobby! I'm downright disgusted with those who are waiting around for the FCC to drop the code exam so they can go upgrade. Get off your duff! Turn off that TV! If you mamby-pamby hams want to hang out on the repeater the rest of your ham career, go ahead and do so, But don't complain to me "that the code is too hard" or "the written test is too hard." They Are Not! The plain and simple truth is 'You're Lazy!' The written test questions and answers are published! How can you go wrong? Applicants don't even have to know any electronic theory any more, just memorize. What could be easier I'm convinced that this alone will come back to haunt us very soon, as we are now raising a group of new hams who don't know simple radio theory, much less, be able to repair their rig if it doesn't work. As for the Morse Code. At 5 WPM, it can be mastered by ANYONE in about 2 weeks. If you don't think so, you're not trying, Period. By not actively learning, new hams are stagnating, and becoming appliance operators. Not knowing anything about their radios other than where the power switch and the PTT switch is. What can you do? Get a study guide and prepare to upgrade. Get with a friend and send each other code. Ask a more experienced ham for help if you need it. Most hams are glad to help you in your quest to upgrade. The new year is fast approaching. Why not make it your New Years resolution to upgrade! Don't hesitate, don't put it off, don't give any more excuses. Ask yourself, am I going to be a real ham, or just a glorified CB operator with call letters? The choice is up to you! I gladly offer any members a chance for rebuttal, but do not expect to hear from any. If there is one thing I've learned over the years, you can't argue with the truth. Prove me wrong, UPGRADE!

73 Gregg Mulder WB8LZG

**SKN or Straight Key Night is held New Years Eve and is quite popular for doing casual rag chewing using hand keys (no bugs or electronic keyers). I always liked this poem by Hunt Turner K0HT**

**Straight Key Night 1988**

**DX will call from distant hills  
and offer thrills and speed and power.  
But give me respite once a year;  
Just a quiet hour,  
To sweep the band more leisurely,  
To tap the key real slow  
And try to turn a QS "Zero" in a QSO.**

**Hunt Turner K0HT**

**"The Code Practitioner's Psalm**

**The code is my mode, I shall not want fone  
It causes me to lay down pure tones  
It leads me beside quiet frequencies  
It restores my communication  
It guides me in paths of  
spectral purity for its name's sake.**

**Even though I tune through the  
band in the shadow of fone  
I will fear no QRM,  
for the Code is with me;  
its key and its paddle, they comfort me;**

**A QSO is prepared before me in the  
presence of my fellow amateurs.  
My head is filled with the Code;  
my copy overflows.**

**Surely accuracy and speed will follow  
me all the days of my license,  
and I will dwell in the house of  
Morse forever.**

**Neal Enault  
WA6OCP**



**Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club**  
**Minutes of the Meeting (November 3, 2006)**

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

**Members**

25 members were present at the meeting.

**Visitors**

Mary Lou Tillitson  
 Ann Berger  
 Larry Claus  
 Donna Cote  
 Jim Hamilton (WA8KDP)  
 Barbara Hosford  
 Gloria Cote  
 Ruth Hinkle  
 Ignacio Centeno

**Cards and Flowers**

Dick McGuire (K18C) sent get-well cards to Mary Lou Tillitson, Forrest Clark (N8PWD), and Inez Pearson (KY8V).

**Sick or in Hospital**

Forrest Clark (N8PWD), Richard Cole, and Louis Larche (KD8BWL)

**Upgrades and New Licenses**

Wayne Conklin (KD8EKY)

**Old Business**

Minutes of the October meeting had been distributed in The Scope. The secretary's report was accepted as corrected. Moved by Bernie Gaffney (N8PVZ) and seconded by Don DeFeyer (KC8CY).

Treasurer Don Devendorf (W8EGI) reported that we have no liabilities, \$352.69 in the Primary Share Account, \$788.03 in the Business Checking Account, and \$1629.02 in the Certificate of Deposit, as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have no liabilities. The report was accepted as submitted, moved by Rocky Beckner (subject to annual audit) and seconded by Don Cote (KD8BD).

**New Business**

John Hosford informed us of his new e-mail address, which is now [jhosford5326@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhosford5326@sbcglobal.net). John still has his Net Zero address. However, he wants to make sure his ARRL forwarding is to his current address.

Because elections will be coming in December, John Hosford and Roger Barnhill (AB8RX) called for members willing to serve on a nominations committee. Three of the 2-year slots need to be filled. (In addition, we need to fill the under-22 position, which is for one year only.)

Sweepstakes will be on two of the next three weekends. Don Devendorf described some of his background and approach in logging. For the CW Sweepstakes, we will combine with the MSU Radio Club, at the W8SH station. There was some concern about physical traffic, because of the home football game. Club member Steve Rentschler (N8SR) will be on 7160 KHz for the CW Sweepstakes.

Rocky Beckner asked if anybody has seen the bulletin on the ARRL website about the proposed band changes. Voice frequencies will be expanded, and the Novice band will be eliminated. Don Devendorf pointed out that the QMN net, the oldest traffic net in the world, will have to move if 3663 KHz becomes available for voice. The Report and Order will not take effect until 30 days after publication in the Federal Register and may change until then.

P.S. Changes are currently scheduled to go into effect Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Harger (W8BCI) mentioned that Don Hinkle (KD8DJH) is now secretary/treasurer of LCDRA, which will meet on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

John mentioned that the Christmas party will be at next month's meeting and will occur right after elections. We are to bring something to snack on.

John plans on attending the Fort Wayne Hamfest, which will be November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the usual location.

Bernie Gaffney is trying to sell a laptop computer, printer, and other associated apparatus for \$350 or best offer.

John read an e-mail printout handed to him by Dick McGuire (KI8C). The e-mail gave notice of the Hazel Park Amateur Radio Swap on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Speakers will include Sean Fleming (K8KHZ), Dale Williams (WA8EFK) and Marty Mendelson (N8MG).

#### EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sweepstakes will be November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ft. Wayne Hamfest will be November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Hazel Park Amateur Radio Swap will be January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Moved Bernie Gaffney (N8PVZ) and seconded by Bill Cote (WD8NYW).

Ignacio Centeno, from the Lansing Fire Department, presented a program on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

#### **Monthly Joke.....Senior Breakfast**

My wife and I went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "Senior Special" was 2 eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. Sounds good, my wife said. But I don't want the eggs. Then the order will be a la carte and I will need to charge you \$2.49, said the waitress. You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs? Said my wife. YES, said the waitress. Ok then I'll take the special. How would you like your eggs, asked the waitress. Raw and in the shell, my wife replied. She took the two eggs home.

**DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS....WE'VE BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME!!!!**

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

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

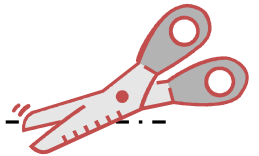
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Full Membership: \$10.00 / year  
Associate Member: 5.00 / year  
Membership dues are from January to December.

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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Full Membership: \$15.00 / year  
2nd Membership of same family: \$ 7.50 / year  
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Use of the repeaters does not REQUIRE membership, but your support is GREATLY appreciated.