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Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

# The Scope



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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Happy Valentine's Day!!!

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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?

January 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>March 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	November 9 <sup>th</sup>

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?

<b><u>February 10</u></b>	April 13	June 8
August 10	October 12	December 14

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?

January 8	<b><u>February 5</u></b>	March 5
April 1	May 6	June 3
July 1	August 5	September 2
October 7	November 4	December 2

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?

January 18- **April 18** July 18 October 17 January 17, 2008

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-

January 15 March 18 May 20 July 15 September 16 November 18

Even-

**February 19** April 15 June 17 August 19 October 21 December 16

**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.

**Nets Continued....**

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**

2/14 Marlene Harger KC8GXO

2/25 Jean Devendorf

(If your Birthday or Anniversary hasn't been posted please get with me,(DeAnna), as I may not have your information.)

**Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club December 31, 2006 Treasurer's Report**

## Assets

NuUnion Credit Union	
Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund)	\$ 353.00
Business Checking Account*	\$ 834.06
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (2-13-07)	<u>\$1645.94</u>
Net Worth December 31, 2006	\$2833.00

## Notes to 2006 Report:

No running balances were carried forward in our CMARC checkbook records but Detailed disbursement receipts have been attached thereto and considered a Part thereof. Any deposits and/or check payments are itemized monthly in The NuUnion Business Basic Checking Statement to provide ongoing item Verification.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Devendorf, W8EGI      2006    Treasurer

### Key of the Month by Gregg Mulder WB8LZG



This months "Key of the Month" is a paddle. Called the P2, this is an all brass iambic paddle made here in the USA, by Ohio native K8RA. He makes 4 different keys, from a miniature, to a P4 which weighs in at 3 lbs. This key was a Christmas present from my XYL in 2005.

The handling feel is top notch, and the workmanship is of the highest quality. A very fine instrument for about \$100. The only thing that can beat a "plain P2" Is one with custom wooden finger pieces.

Beautiful and functional. A real joy to use. 73's Gregg WB8LZG.

### 2007 Club Officers

President	Roger Barnhill	AB8RX	517- 980-4798
Vice President	John Hosford	KC8QZB	517-699-2540
Secretary	DeAnna Barnhill	KD8BDI	517-505-1983
Treasurer	Ron Harger	WD8BCS	517-204-4897
Director	Jane Hosford	KC8FSK	517-699-2540
Director	Gregg Mulder	WB8LZG	517-646-6257
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

## Upcoming Hamfests

Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
3 Feb 2007	+	HARA Swap and Shop Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association <a href="http://www.gsl.net/k8lod">http://www.gsl.net/k8lod</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.27 (PL 100) <b>Contact:</b> Robert Serfas, N8PKN 1600 Bayview Drive Marquette, MI 49855 Phone: 906-225-6773 Email: <a href="mailto:n8pkn@aol.com">n8pkn@aol.com</a>	Negaunee, MI Negaunee Township Hall 42, Highway M-35 <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan
4 Feb 2007	+	Winter HAM Fest Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society <a href="http://www.noars.net">http://www.noars.net</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.70- (open repeater) <b>Contact:</b> Tom Porter, W8KYZ 161 Herrmann Drive Avon Lake, OH 44012 Phone: 440-930-9115 Email: <a href="mailto:tporter161@oh.rr.com">tporter161@oh.rr.com</a>	Lorain, OH Gargus Hall <a href="#">1965 North Ridge Road</a> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Ohio
10 Feb 2007	+	Swap-N-Shop Cherryland ARC <a href="http://www.carc.tc">http://www.carc.tc</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.86 <b>Contact:</b> Joe Novak, W8TVT 201 South Spruce Street Traverse City, MI 49684 Phone: 231-947-8555 Email: <a href="mailto:jjnovak@charter.net">jjnovak@charter.net</a>	Traverse City, MI Immaculate Conception Middle School <a href="#">218 Vine Street</a> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Michigan
11 Feb 2007	+	Mid-Winter Hamfest InterCity ARC <a href="http://www.iarc.ws">http://www.iarc.ws</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.940 (PL 71.9) <b>Contact:</b> Dean Wrasse, KB8MG 1094 Beal Road Mansfield, OH 44905 Phone: 419-589-2415 Email: <a href="mailto:deanwrasse@yahoo.com">deanwrasse@yahoo.com</a>	Mansfield, OH Richland County Fairgrounds <a href="#">750 North Home Road</a> <b>Div:</b> Great Lakes <b>Sect:</b> Ohio

### Wanted:

Looking for any old 12AX7 tubes you may have gathering dust. I need 4 of them for a project. If anyone has one or more they want to get rid of, please let me know, I'll gladly pay "going rate" for them. CALL Gregg Mulder WB8LZG 517-646-6257.

## To All Lady Hams

The Auto State Young Lady's (TASYL)s will have their annual meeting in March at the Marshall Hamfest. Dues are five dollars a year to join and we'd really like to see you there. Any Questions please feel free to contact me at [janelaw54@yahoo.com](mailto:janelaw54@yahoo.com) or 517-699-2540

Thanks  
TASYL President  
Jane Hosford - KC8FSK

## You Know You're a Ham if:

1. You buy electrical black tape in ten packs.
2. You've stripped wire with your teeth.
3. You've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond.
4. You'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn.
5. You've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron
6. You start giving out RST reports when you are on the telephone. The propagation forecast  
Mean's far more to you than the local weather forecast.
7. The microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.
8. You tell the XYL, when she notices a new rig in the shack, why that has been there for years.
9. Your watch is set only to UTC.
10. At night, when you pray, it starts off something like: CQ CQ CQ GOD DE (your callsign).
11. You ever had to patch your roof after an antenna project.
12. Ham radio magazines comprise more than 50% of your bathroom library.
13. You ever put a GPS tracker in the XYL's car, just so you could watch her on APRS.
14. You and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room.
15. You ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.
16. You ever had an antenna fall down.
17. Your teenager refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.
18. You know the Latitude and Longitude of your home QTH.
19. You go into the local Radio Shack store and the clerk asks you where something is.

### ***It's Official! Morse Code Requirement Ends Friday, February 23***

Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules in accordance with the FCC's *Report and Order (R&O)* in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235. Beginning on that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. Publication of the new rules in the January 24 *Federal Register* started a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective. Deletion of the Morse requirement -- still a matter of controversy within the amateur community -- is a landmark in Amateur Radio history. [FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235](#)" Web page.

## **FYI Thought you should know about this. From Currin Skutt**

Subject: Jury duty frauds - don't give out personal information on telephone or computer unless YOU initiate the call. Have you heard about this scam? It's not nice.

### **JURY DUTY SCAM:**

This has been verified on < <http://snopes.com/>>Snopes.com (link listed below) and by the FBI (their link is also included below).

Please pass this on to everyone in your email address book. It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take those summons for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. Fall for it and your identity could be stolen, reports CBS. In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo! Your identity just got stolen.

The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, and Colorado. This (scam) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud. Check it out here: <http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp> > \_

## **OFIS URGES MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PHONE SCAMS: FROM JANE HOSFORD.**

LANSING –Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) Commissioner Linda A. Watters is warning consumers about a telephone scam targeted at Medicare beneficiaries. Information obtained by OFIS indicates that individuals pretending to be representatives of Medicare-sponsored prescription drug plans are contacting Medicare beneficiaries, offering to enroll them in a Medicare Part D plan. The callers are asking beneficiaries for bank account numbers and personal data. They typically require an initial "payment" of \$299 or similar amount to be withdrawn from the individual's account. In some instances the callers appeared to have had prior access to the beneficiary's personal data such as Medicare related numbers or Social Security numbers. "The bottom-feeders are at it again, this time targeting seniors with a bogus Medicare Part D scam," Watters said. "Seniors should remember that if someone calls asking for money, they should hang up – period." Here are some tips to avoid becoming the victim of a scam artist:

Beware of door-to-door sales people. Agents cannot solicit business at your home without an appointment. Don't let them into your home.

- Do not give out personal information, such as Social Security, bank account numbers or credit card numbers to anyone you have not verified as a legitimate seller. People are not allowed to request such personal information in their marketing activities and cannot ask for payment over the Internet (If you sign-up for a plan through the Medicare.gov website, you will need to provide your Medicare number)
- Legitimate companies must send you a bill. Once you decide to purchase a plan and have verified that the agent is licensed, you may give the agent personal information to assist in enrollment and billing. Verify that the plan is an approved Medicare plan. All of the approved plans are available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or you can call 1-800-MEDICARE.
- If you have a complaint about someone offering this new prescription drug benefit, you can contact CMS at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE. You can also contact OFIS at [www.michigan.gov/ofis](http://www.michigan.gov/ofis) or by phone toll-free at 1-877-6442.

**Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting January 5, 2007**

The meeting was brought to order by club President Roger Barnhill (AB8RX) at 7:10 p.m.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

Roger Barnhill (AB8RX) - President  
 John Hosford (KC8QZB) – Vice President  
 DeAnna Barnhill (KD8BDI) – Secretary  
 Ron Harger (WD8BCS) – Treasurer  
 Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) – Director  
 Jordan Mulder (KC8QYU) – Under 22 Director

**The following item was discussed at the board meeting:**

- Don Devendorf discussed a few things with the board about the bank, checkbook and names on the checking account. Everything then was turned over to Ron Harger (WD8BCS).
- We asked Doug Warner (KC8TIQ) to join the board meeting. He will be working on the CMARC site trying to add a few new things and change some Items that are outdated. More information will be added in the scope.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26.

**Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club**  
**Minutes of the Meeting (January 5, 2007)**

The business meeting was brought to order by club president Roger Barnhill (AB8RX) at 7:30 p.m.

**Members**

21 members were present at the meeting.

**Visitors**

Mary Tillitson  
 Ann Berger  
 Ruth Hinkle  
 Donna Cote  
 Gloria Cote  
 Charles Hoffmeyer (KC8MVD)  
 Ben Baker (WD8OVL)

**Cards and Flowers**

Dick McGuire (K18C) sent a card to Keith Colister (K8CWQ), Michael Manning's Mom Florell. Also received a Thank you from Kay Clark.

**Sick or in Hospital**

N/A

**Upgrades and New Licenses**

N/A

**Old Business**

Minutes of the December meeting had been distributed in The Scope, and copies had been distributed for those who didn't have e-mail. The secretary's report was accepted as submitted. Moved by Currin Skutt (W8FSZ) and seconded by Dan Harger (W8BCI).

2006 Treasurer Don Devendorf (W8EGI) reports in the NuUnion Primary Account (Humphries Fund) we have \$353.00 and in the Checking Account we have \$834.06. In addition, we have a NuUnion Certificate of Deposit worth \$1645.94, for a total net worth of \$2833.00 on December 31 2006. The Year 2006 Treasurer's Report will be published in the next issue of The Scope. Our Next report will come from our new Treasurer Ron Harger (WD8BCS). Treasurer's report was read and accepted as written (subject to annual audit) by Don Cote (KD8BD) and Bill Cote (WD8NYW).

**New Business**

- Concerning Field Day, we have set up a committee, consisting of Ron Harger, (WD8BCS), Don Cote, (KD8BD) and Bob Berger (KD8RDN).
  - It was voted that I, DeAnna Barnhill (KD8BDI) will be cooking for field day again. No Menu has been set but any suggestion would be appreciated.
  - Concerning Ladies Night, Don Cote (KD8BD) Nominated Bill Cote (WD8NYW) to set up ladies night
  - Discussion for the club to purchase a speaker so everyone can hear and also a couple tents for field day.
- Dan Harger discussed information of the antenna towers at WILX and Onondaga.

**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- QCWA Christmas dinner is January 13<sup>th</sup> @ Delhi Café @ 5:00 pm.
- Burton hamfair will be Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>  
MS Walk will be April 22nd, will start at Potters Park and use the River Walk
- MS 150 Bike-a-thon will be July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Skywarn training will be March 31<sup>st</sup> at LCC's west campus 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Ladies' Night will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at Delhi Café.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Club Picnic @ Burchfield Park will be Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

50/50 Drawing collected \$18.00 and the winner was Bill and Donna Cote "Congratulations" on your half of \$9.00. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Moved by Bernie Gaffney (N8PVZ) and seconded by Currin Skutt (W8FSZ).

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**OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES:  
RETARDED GRANDPARENTS (As reported by a teacher)**

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida . Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but in it, they all jump up and down with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf carts! Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

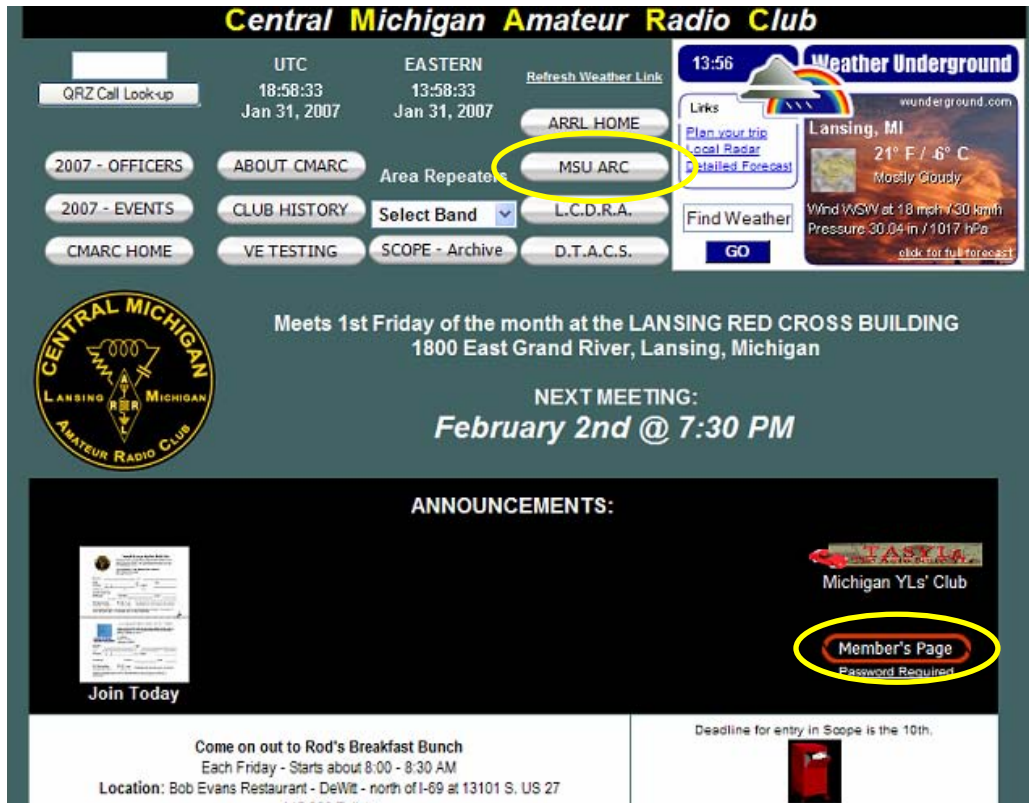
"PRICELESS!"

## CMARC Website Update

<http://www.qsl.net/cmarc>

Doug Warner, KC8TIQ, was asked by the CMARC board to update the club website to improve its usefulness to club members. The corrections to the repeater lists have been completed. If you are aware of any other problems with the repeater lists please let Doug know by emailing him at [kc8tiq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kc8tiq@sbcglobal.net).

The board also asked that a link to MSUARC be placed on the club home page and to have a contact list of club members. In the photo below the link to MSUARC and the new access to the members' contact information and Scope newsletters is circled.



After clicking on the Member's Page button you will be asked for a username and password as illustrated below. The user name is w8maa and the password is cmarc07 – the 0 is a zero. When you click on the OK button, the Members' Resource page will load as illustrated on page 12.





Clicking on the Member's List will bring up a 2004 alphabetical listing of members (this is all I had to work with at the time – I have requested an updated list from John NG8L). You can also bring up lists sorted by call or by city by clicking on the header link of that title.

Clicking on the Scope links will bring up a listing of Scope publications by month. If the Scope was not published for a certain month there will not be a link available on that month. To return to the CMARC home page just click on that button.

In the future it is hoped there will be other resources added to these pages such as a list of Elmers and the area they like to help in; such as building antennas, setting up a station for the first time, etc. If you wish to be listed as a contact for such a page please let Doug (KC8TIQ) know. If you have other ideas for resources to be placed on these pages you may either submit it to a club board member or to Doug who will forward it to the board for their action.



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: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------|-----|----|------------------|
| ADPI Member? | Yes | No | (Circle Answers) |
| Email Score? | Yes | No |                  |

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Membership: \$10.00 / year      Membership dues are from January to  
 Associate Member: 5.00 / year      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 26281  
 Lansing, MI 48909-6281

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full Membership: \$15.00 / year      Membership dues are from January to December.  
 2nd Membership of same family: \$ 7.50 / year

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