



December 2007

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club



The Scope

Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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Note From your Editor:

First I'd like to say Happy Holidays to all. Second, I'd like to remind all of you that December 7th is the next CMARC meeting, election night and our Christmas potluck. We will have all paper products to eat with and are asking if you could bring a dish to pass. Any questions contact DeAnna @ 505-1983.

Also: December's meeting will be held upstairs in the AB Room. We need a couple people with access to/in the building that aren't on the board to be at the doors to let others in...They won't allow the doors to be propped open. So if you're willing to do this please let Roger, Ab8rx know ASAP at 517-980-4798 or AB8RX@aol.com.



Breakfast groups

Rod's Breakfast Bunch Each Friday – meets @ 8:00 AM location: Bob Evans Restaurant - DeWitt – 13101 S. US 27 145.390 Talk in.
 QCWA – Last Saturday of every month – at 8:00 AM – Delhi Café on Willoughby Rd.
 539er's – Every Saturday – 8:00 AM – Penn Ave Diner on Pennsylvania Rd near Miller.
 RAD's Coffee Break –Every Saturday from 7:30 pm -?? @ Denny's on Saginaw St. Talk in on 145.390

CMARC Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club meeting is held the first Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross building 1800 E. Grand River Lansing. Dates may change due to holidays. **Next Meeting December 7th**

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?

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| January 12, 2008 | March 10 th | May 12 th |
| July 14 th | September 8 th | November 10 th |

Charlotte VE testing is 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?

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| February 10 th | April 14 th | June 9 th |
| August 11 th | October 13 th | December 15th |

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?

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January 8 th | February 5 th | March 5 th |
| April 2 nd | May 7 th | June 4 th |
| July (No Meeting) | August (No Meeting) | September 3 rd |
| October 1 st | November 5 th | December 3rd |

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?

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| January 18 | April 19 th | July 19 th | October 18 th | January 17, 2008 |
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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-

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|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| January 15 th | March 19 th | May 21 st | July 16 th | September 17 th | November 19 th |
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Even-

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|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| February 19 th | April 16 th | June 18 th | August 20 th | October 15 th | December 17th |
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NETS:

Sunday-147.080 @ 8 pm. PI 103.5 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.
- Ionia County net, N8ZMT is held every Monday evening @ 7pm on 145.13 (PL 94.8)
- Tuesday evenings @ 8 pm the QCWA- Quarter Century Wireless Association net is on the 146.700 repeater, 100Hz. PL You do not need to be a member. All check-ins are welcomed.
- Tuesday evenings@ 8 pm The Ladies Tea Time Net is held on the 145.390 repeater. Anyone welcomed.
- Thursday evenings @ 8 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 147.480 simplex.

Please support these area nets, their survival depends on you!!!

December Birthdays

12/12 Mike Manning N8EVQ
 12/13 Bill Torrence KC8ALL
 12/17 Jack Wiswasser WA9IAL
 12/31 Lowell Wilson KD8CKB
 Bruce Rainey KC8ODP

December Anniversaries

12/18 Ralph WA8NHD and Doris Chapman
 12/19 George KC8DVV and Jane KC8NJQ Newton
 12/21 Bill WD9NYW and Donna Cote
 12/27 Charles Stahl N8DWI and Wife
 12/28 Arnold KI8AJ and Ann McCardell

**ATTENTION
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**CMARC dues are due in January ...
 Please see Ron Harger WD8BCS to renew them.
 \$10.00 Member
 \$5.00 Associate.
 LCDRA dues are also due in January please See
 Don Hinkle KD8DJH to Renew them.
 \$ 15.00 Member
 \$ 7.50 for second member**

December 2007 CMARC Treasurers Report

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| Assets NuUnion Credit Union | |
| Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund) | \$354.04 |
| Business Checking Account | \$1,127.45 |

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| NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (02-13-08) | \$1,711.84 |
| Net Worth as of October 31, 2007 | \$3,193.33 |

73!
 Ron Harger - WD8BCS

December Hamfest

**16 December 2007
 5th Annual ARGYL Hamfest
 Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell
<http://www.argyl.org>
 Talk-In: 145.270 - (PL 94.8) & 146.620 - (PL 94.8)
 Lowell, MI Lowell High School
 11700 Vergennes Street
 Div: Great Lakes
 Sect: Michigan
 Contact: Al Eckman, WW8WW
 725 Bowes Road, Apt. K6
 Lowell, MI 49331
 Phone: 616-897-7659
 Email:
al.eckman@sbcglobal.net**

2007 Club Officers

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 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 | 517-230-9445 |
| Under 22 Director | Corey Bullock | KD8BOQ | 517-930-2372 |
| Scope Editor | DeAnna Barnhill | KD8BDI | 517-505-1983 |
| Web Chairman | John Ingraham | NG8L | 517-230-9445 |
| Skywarn Chairmen | Ben Holcomb | WA8BEN | 517-282-5321 |
| Awards Manager | Don De Feyter | KC8CY | 517-641-4533 |
| Zieg. Nominations | Joseph Denomme | N8VYS | 517-589-5868 |
| VE Team Liaison | Laurence Nordeen | N8VEN | 517-676-1799 |
| VE Team Contact | Joseph Denomme | N8VYS | 517-589-5868 |

Information Corner

Skywarn training is March 29. Details haven't been ironed out yet but when they are they will be on www.lansingarpssc.com.

Keep an eye open for more details to come.

73's
 Ben Holcomb,
 WA8BEN

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Meeting (November 2, 2007)

The Club meeting was brought to order by club president Roger Barnhill at 7:30 p.m.

Members

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Visitors

Ruth Hinkle
 Barb Hosford
 Gloria Cote
 Mary Lou Tillitson
 Tom Shaver KC8NJK
 Bill Bartilson
 John Crawford N8LLC

Cards and Flowers

N/A

Upgrades and New Licenses

N/A

Old Business

Treasurer's report has been accepted as read, subject to annual audit by Don McLain KB8RAD and seconded by Bernie Gaffney N8PVZ
 Meeting Minutes have been read and accepted as written in the scope by Erv Bates W8ERV and Seconded by Gerald Waite KD8GLN
 Tornado footage can be seen at KD8AYM.com.
 Be careful what is being reported when Skywarn is activated. Please follow the guidelines that have been put out.
 New details will be out as to how they will keep track of all Skywarn spotters.
 If anyone needs DX info or look - ups call Don De Feyter at 517-641-4533

New Business

Nominations were made for 3 positions and the under 22 position and are as follows:

1. **Bob Berger K8RDN by Gregg Mulder**
2. **Jane Newton KC8HJQ by Beth Stein**
3. **Roger Barnhill AB8RX by Don Cote**
4. **Erv Bates W8ERV by Don Tillitson**
5. **John Hosford KC8QZB by Jeff Oberg**
6. **Jane Hosford KC8FSK by DeAnna Barnhill**
7. **Bill Mathews KB8TTS by Erv Bates**
8. **Corey Bullock KD8BOQ by Don McLain**

Nominations were made and moved to close by Currin Skutt W8FSZ and Seconded by Bill Mathews KB8TTS.

Event Announcement

- November Sweepstakes
- Fort Wayne Hamfest Nov 17 & 18
- Club Christmas Party Dec 7th. Bring a dish to pass.

50/50 tickets were sold and a total amount of \$50.00 collected. The winning recipient of \$25.00 went to Louie Larche' KD8BWL. He donated \$12.00 back to the club's fund.
 Meeting adjournment was moved by Rocky Beckner K8DRB and seconded by Currin Skutt W8FSZ. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

"WHAT'S MY SIGN" by Julie McLain/KB8ZXR

I was born in my Grandparents' farmhouse in Midland, Michigan and was the youngest of seven children. I was born during the Depression and things were really tough for a family of nine. My Mother passed away when I was only a year old and my Father worked hard to provide for his children, trying to be both Father and Mother to us. Because times were so hard and with me being the youngest, I was given up for adoption. My new family had two children of their own and so I was once again the youngest. I grew up with my adoptive family on their farm in Bay City and was loved. My Dad made sure that when I was adopted, he would be able to visit and stay in contact with me as I grew up and because of that, I never lost contact with my birth family.

After graduating High School, I went on to College and graduated from Nursing in Bay City. I worked in the Nursing profession for 30 years as an LPN, and then as an EMT. I worked at several different locations, some of which were Flint, Bad Axe, and Traverse City.

I met my husband through some friends who had "arranged" for us to meet at a surprise birthday party they were throwing for me. We hit it off from the start and were happily married in 1980. We had both been married before and so we combined our families into one big one and started on an adventure we haven't finished yet! At the time we married, my husband had 5 children plus his Mother and I had 4 children. Later on, we adopted 3 girls. When he retired, we did foster work and loved and nurtured 59 more kids in 5 years. After 28 years of marriage and twelve kids, we have been blessed even more and now have 32 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and the adventure we started is still going! I've even gone back to work and am loving every minute of it!

I got interested in Amateur Radio through my husband. He was really enjoying his hobby and it looked like a lot of fun, so in 1997 I got my Technician license and have been enjoying meeting other Hams and making new friendships. I really love 2 meters and you can usually find me on the 145.39. We share a KLM and I have a mobile in the car, and also have a Radio Shack HT. I was really involved in our old Club in Traverse City and love Field Day. Since we've moved to the Lansing area, we've both joined CMARC and are trying to get more involved with the local Amateur hobby. I'm really interested in getting my SKYWARN certification in the Spring so I can participate and help out during severe weather next year.

Besides Amateur Radio, some of my other Hobbies include Scrapbooking, Water Color Painting, Crocheting, Knitting, Sewing, and Wood Carving. I also belong to the Eastern Stars. I used to belong to the Reo Grand Valley Woodcutters Club and the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club in Traverse City. We had a great time and a lot of fun at the Cherryland Ham Club and were very active. Every Tuesday night we had a workshop where we would build antenna switches, repair radios, or anything else! We had many "hands on" projects and it was always a great time, with everyone leaving having learned a lot.

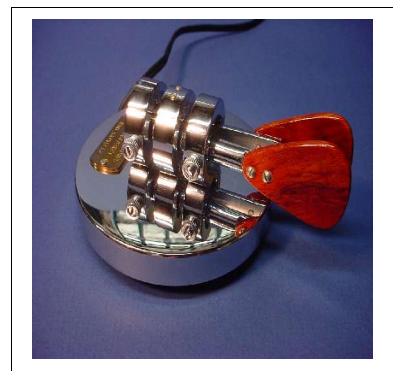
When Julie asked me if I had any words of wisdom to pass along, I responded by saying, "Don't worry and be happy, and enjoy the Ham Radio hobby! We should all work together to better the Club and increase the membership. Let's let everyone see that we have a good time and lots of fun in Amateur Radio."

Okay, now that you and I have gotten better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is KC8HJQ and my name is Jane Newton, wife of George Newton/KC8DVV.



December Key Of The Month

This month's Key of the Month is a beauty from "over the pond". The CT "EUROPE" dual lever lambic paddle. This key is reminiscent of a Bencher, but has the contacts enclosed in a separate circular mount. The base and all parts are chrome plated and the contacts are solid silver. This key sets itself apart from others, in that it is mounted on a round chrome base instead of a rectangular one. Absolutely dazzling to behold, and it handles very nicely too. It comes standard with Plexiglas finger pieces, but they didn't do the key "justice", so I fabricated some new ones from bloodwood. I picked this one up at the Ft. Wayne swap last month for about half of the retail price. The "feel" is definitely different from Benchers and Vibroplex, but is very easy to get used to. I think the tension spring is a bit "stiff" for my tastes, but that is easily remedied. I know this one's destined to be one of my favorites. The quality of the CT key is a better than some of the other paddles that I've used from other European manufacturers. Happy Holidays, Gregg WB8LZG



Ladies Tea Time Holiday Get-Together... All Ladies Are Welcome!!!!

Saturday, December 15, 2007

Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

Where: At the Home of Marie Watson/KC8NOI

2031 West Jolly Road Lansing, Michigan

Call Marie at (517) 394-6120 to RSVP by December 14th.



An Open Letter to ALL CMARC Members:

As we approach the December meeting, we have several nominees for three openings on the CMARC Board. This meeting, unlike any other, allows us each a single vote. As members of this Club, it is our right and responsibility to cast a vote for the people we believe will make a difference in the coming calendar year. And let me be clear, this is not an endorsement for anyone, in particular.

Nominated for the three open Board positions are the following: Bob Berger (K8RDN), Jane Newton (KC8HJQ), Jane Hosford (KC8FSK), John Hosford (KC8QZB), Roger Barnhill (AB8RX), Bill Mathews (KB8TTS) and Me, Erv (W8ERV). For the Under 22 Director's position, Corey Bulock (KD8BOQ) stands unopposed. All are full members, as required by CMARC Bylaws and all are qualified to do the job.

In the coming year, we have an opportunity to see continued growth. CMARC has seen new membership and a renewed vigor at the local VE Sessions. In fact, at the November session, a gentleman by the name of John traveled all the way from Grand Rapids just to test with us! He passed the Technician test and could not wait to get home to tell his Elmer and we were so happy that he came.

So, why would anyone travel an hour or more to test in Lansing? Humbly, here is my theory. Folks are hearing about Lansing again and how we are on the move. People like Don McLain (KB8RAD) have worked tirelessly to get folks back on the repeaters and out for "RAD's Coffee Break" on Saturday evenings. Add to this Julie (KB8ZXR) and (My Mom) Beth (KD8GYN) and their Ladies' activities-including the "Ladies' Tea Time Net" on Tuesdays...and you have a recipe for growth. Much like the 1990's, the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club is in a period of renewed momentum. So, do we take the reins and ride, or do we stand by and do nothing? It's my opinion that we grab on and do what we can to build on this forward momentum. If we don't we will have only ourselves to blame, but if we do, we could be celebrating not 200, but perhaps as many as 300 members this time next year!!! What do you think?

So please let me encourage ALL CMARC members to come to the December meeting and let your voices be heard. See you there!
73, Erv W8ERV



Lansing/Ingham ARPSC, HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanks to Ben Holcomb WA8BEN, the Meeting Minutes for November 19th, 2007 have been posted on our website. They can be found at: <http://www.lansingarpsc.com/mm111907.html>.

I want to send out a very special thanks to David Hayhurst K8QH who has volunteered to not only take on the responsibility for being the Lansing/Ingham ARPSC Secretary, but for creating the November Meeting Minutes! Thank you David, I really appreciate you offering your time and efforts that will certainly contribute to making our group stronger!! 73's Thomas A. Shaver, PEM KC8NJK
Amateur Radio Public Service Corp. Emergency Coordinator City of Lansing / Ingham County
517-648-1550 www.lansingarpsc.com ³Give Thanks² is mentioned 33 times in the Bible

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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| 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



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

Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

NAME: _____ Address _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____ Call: _____ 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.

E-mail For SCOPE Newsletter _____

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