



Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

# THE SCOPE



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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## General License Class Filling FAST

With thoughts of Spring time, it's fun to think about the coming Summer months and getting on the air with your new General Class privileges! Here are the details of the upcoming Class and we welcome ALL to join in the fun and earn your upgrade this Spring:

**WHO:** Anyone interested in upgrading their Technician Ham License! **WHAT:** We're having General License Upgrade Classes!! **WHERE:** Fire Station #8, corner of Marshall and E. Grand River in Lansing (near the Red Cross) **WHEN:** Every Saturday in May and June from: 9 a.m. to Noon (We will be able to get into the room at 8 a.m.) There is a lot to learn so classes will start promptly at 9 a.m.!! If you miss a class you will have to catch up on your own!

**INSTRUCTOR:** Wayne Conklin W8QG

**CONTACT PERSON:** Julie McLain KB8ZXR ph. 694-0812 or e-mail me at kb8zxr@aol.com

Please call for class reservations and/or to order a General License Manual. The ARRL will give us a 25% discount on each manual ordered, however, Wayne found out that Amazon.com sells the license manual cheaper than the ARRL discount and said that if a couple of us would go in together, Amazon orders over \$25 will ship for free and their order turn-around is about 5 days. We can order our manuals any time, but no less than 2 weeks before the class.

### CLASS ROSTER as of January 10, 2008:

1. Julie McLain KB8ZXR
2. Beth Stein KD8GYN
3. Jane Hosford KC8FSK
4. Sharon Waite KD8HHK
5. Jerry Waite KD8GLN
6. DeAnna Barnhill KD8BDI
7. Jane Newton KC8HJQ
8. George Newton KC8DVV

### Returnable Cans/Bottles Wanted!

Beginning this month, we are asking one and all to bring their returnable cans and bottles to the CMARC meeting for our Under 22 members.

The bottles and cans will be turned into cash and the money will be used for Youth activities during this year. All we ask is that they be clean and bagged, so we can take them to Meijer. Your support for CMARC Youth is appreciated.

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### March CMARC Meeting

**March 7th** - Come out and join us for a fantastic program with WLNS Meteorologist, Rob Dale (N8GSK). Rob hasn't tipped his hand on the order of the evening, but it would be a safe guess that it has something to do with weather...and just before we head to SKYWARN Training on the 29th of this month, too! Come early for a good seat and bring a friend.

# For Your Consideration

2008 has started with a bang! CMARC Membership is already closing in on 150 members, the new CMARC website is showing potential (averaging nearly 1000 hits per month), the Ladies of CMARC are meeting monthly and holding their Net, Corey (KD8BOQ) has gotten his feet wet in the new Youth Net (held Thursday nights at 8pm), a new cookbook is on the horizon to raise funds for the Club - and things are headed in the right direction.

Before I go further, I want to take a moment to thank Larry Nordeen (N8VEN) for 10 years of service to the Lansing VE Team. Larry recently resigned his position and has decided to "take (his) Saturdays back"...and there is nothing wrong with that. There are many new and recently licensed Amateurs in the Greater Lansing area that owe Larry and his Team a great debt of gratitude for serving and making testing available to them. Thanks, Larry!

We would also like to welcome Tom Hargis (N0SML), who has recently taken on the duties of VE Liaison with the Lansing VE Team. Tom has expressed a desire to renew the Lansing VE Team's ties with CMARC and to have us Sponsor them once again. We could not be happier to do so. Oh, and did I mention that Don McLain (KB8RAD) is now the VE Team contact? You can reach Don with your Testing questions at 517-694-0812 and we are happy to give him another hat to wear. :-)

With all of the good news that has come in the first two months of 2008, what can we possibly do to see more in the near future??? Glad you asked, because I have a few teasers to toss out here and perhaps it will give you something to chew on.

As you probably noticed, the Youth of CMARC are requesting donations of your returnable cans and bottles. It's a great way for all of us to raise money for Youth Activities this year, as well as for a planned trip to the ARRL Headquarters in Newington, CT (perhaps as early as THIS year-although it's a longshot).

We are also putting information together on a BIG fund-raiser for CMARC. What would you think about an opportunity to win a shiny new HF rig, or an HT? As we get information, you can be sure we'll pass it along to you and I am sure we will talk more at future Club meetings, too.

And finally, there is the matter of our recent Questionnaire. Results indicate strong support for two items...relocating to a new site for meetings and a Club Station, as well as making an amendment to the Bylaws to allow absentee voting, for our out of state members and snow birds.

It's going to be a full and entertaining 2008, to be sure. Make plans to come out and join us at a future CMARC meeting and bring your ideas.

73, ERV

## Breakfasts and Gatherings About in Lansing

If you are looking for something new and exciting to do during the week, or the weekends, please consider coming out to join us for one (or all) of our many get togethers each week.

The fun begins on Friday mornings, as Rod's Breakfast Bunch meets at 8am. You'll find them in DeWitt at Bob Evan's, 13101 S. Hwy. 127 and they always chat on the .539 as they head that way.

On Saturday mornings at 8am the .539'ers get together for a weekly breakfast at Penn Ave. Diner, near Miller. On the 4th Saturday, the group heads over to Delhi Cafe for the monthly QCWA breakfast. All are invited to attend.

On Saturday evenings, beginning at 7:30pm, join us for RAD's Coffee Break. We meet up at Denny's Restaurant, 7330 W. Saginaw Hwy. Good food, good friends and all that's missing is YOU! Join us this week...

# What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Michigan in June of 1961, to a family rich with love for Radio. My Paternal Grandfather, Cedric, was a Methodist Minister at Port Austin (in the Thumb), where he was the Pastor to three Churches at the same time. He also took a course in Radio Repair and did that on the side. Later, when he moved the family to Flint, he built the first Methodist owned-and-operated AM broadcast radio station (WMRP) for their Church in 1946. Even though my Grandfather never got his Ham license, he did pass along his love for Radio. That's how my Dad acquired his love for Radio/Repair and in 1947, when he was 17 years old, he got his Ham ticket. In the early 1960's, my Maternal Grandfather, Harry Taylor, WA8TCD (SK) got his Novice license with 5 wpm Morse Code, and a year later he upgraded to Technician. He tried extremely hard to increase his Code to 13 wpm, but was never quite able to overcome his nerves when it came time to take that test.

As you can see, all of my life I've been around Radio and to this day, I can still remember what our basement looked like back when I was a little kid, and WHAT a vivid memory it made! Our basement was Dad's workshop. It had a huge monster of a workbench (at least to me), which was very sturdy and always completely covered with radio parts and equipment in various stages of repair or construction. There was also Dad's Ziegenbein Award (which he won in 1965), proudly displayed amongst other Ham paraphernalia, as well as various golf items and a very interesting weather station he had built.

My interest in Amateur Radio began when my parents purchased a crystal radio kit for me, which Dad helped to assemble. I was fascinated to hear distant radio stations with nothing more than the few parts I had just hastily put together! As I grew older, my interest grew as well, and the kits kept coming—mostly at Christmas time. A Heathkit HW-70 was my first rig and I'm pretty sure I built it while studying for the exam and learning the Code from Dad. I received my Novice Class license in 1974, when I was 13 years old, and now I'm a General. I really enjoy HF and my station consists of a Kenwood TS-570 DG fed into a ground-mounted Hy-Gain trap vertical. HF CW ragchewing is my favorite pastime and I have a keen interest in contesting—mostly Field Day, but more recently ARRL Sweepstakes. I really enjoy Field Day and look forward to it every year. I also love working public service events for the Lansing/Ingham ARPSC, to which I belong. In addition, I'm an active member of CMARC where I've served as a member on the Board of Directors.

I met my wife, Maribeth, while out at a local pub. MY friends were friends with HER friends and the rest is history. We have two daughters—Katie is in the 5th grade and Carie is in the 4th. So far, I'm the only one licensed in our family, but both daughters have participated in ARRL Kids Day. I'm employed at the Broad Stripe Cable Company where I work as a Data Network and RF Engineer repairing fiber optics. I also love computer problem-solving, and Auto Mechanics has been like a second hobby over the years, mostly as a method of keeping our "fleet" running!

Well, now that we've gotten a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is WD8BCS and my name is Ron Harger. Now that you know who I am, you know that my Dad is Dan Harger, W8BCI and my (step) Mom is Marlene, KC8GXO, who got her Technician license in 1997. "73" to all!

# National Ham News

## **DEATH CANCELS PIRATE STATION FINE**

The FCC has canceled a \$10,000 fine against the late Henry Gaye for operating an unlicensed radio transmitter. This, because Gaye has passed on.

The text from the FCC was short and to the point. Dennis Carlton, regional director of the South Central Region of the Enforcement Bureau, wrote: "The Tampa Office has since learned that Mr. Gaye passed away. Because Mr. Gaye is no longer living, we cancel the NAL."

## **U.K. RAID NETS 20 PIRATES OFF THE AIR**

Ofcom, the United Kingdom's telecommunications regulator has announced that it recently carried out enforcement action against over 20 illegal broadcasters in various parts of London. The operation was carried out between February 6th and 16th in cooperation with the Boroughs of Hackney, Haringey, Tower Hamlets and Islington, and the Metropolitan Police.

This enforcement action resulted in three arrests, one studio raid, and the removal of 22 transmitters from the airwaves. Ofcom estimates that there are still over 150 illegal stations operating in the UK,

with half of those broadcasting across London and the South East.

## **HAMS TRAIN FOR SKYWARN IN TERRE HAUTE INDIANA**

Amateur radio operators and others in Terre Haute, Indiana took time out on Monday night, February 25th to learn how to identify dangerous storms. This, at a class where trainee storm spotters got a lesson in spotting potentially severe weather formations.

Dave Tucek, KC9CNF, is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Indianapolis. He spoke to more than 60 amateur radio operators and other weather spotters gathered for the 2008 Weather Spotter Class sponsored by Illiana Indiana Skywarn. He says that storm spotters are vital in identifying dangerous storms at the ground level.

He said that weather radar often only tells the National Weather Service what is happening several thousand feet above the ground but not what's going on down here at ground level. Weather spotters, such as those in Illiana Skywarn, are vital for issuing correct severe weather warnings, watches and advisories, Tucek said.

Skywarn, a national organization that works with the National Weather Service to help identify severe weather at the ground level. (Terre Haute Star)

## **Wisconsin Hams Assist Injured Driver**

On Wednesday, February 27, Brian Sprecher, KC9LCC, of Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin, received a radio call on the 147.150 Madison repeater requesting emergency help. Robert Stout, WB9ECK, of Monticello, Wisconsin, told Sprecher that a vehicle had gone off the road through a guard rail, stopping short of a creek.

The driver was injured and trapped in his vehicle and an ambulance was needed at the scene. Sprecher called the Dane County sheriff's office to relay the information. Stout, via the repeater, kept Sprecher apprised of the driver's injuries; Sprecher, in turn, updated the sheriff's dispatch with the information.

Stout remained at the scene providing aid until local police arrived. Sprecher relayed all information to the dispatcher until local authorities arrived and assumed control. "It sounds like the guy drove off the road through a guard rail and may have not been found had it not been for WB9ECK.

It was also unknown how long the driver had been over the embankment before being found. This could have been a lot worse had WB9ECK not become involved," Sprecher said.

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## 500 kHz Distance Record Broken Again

On February 21, Neil Schwanitz, V73NS/WD8CRT, on Roi-Namur in the Marshall Islands, received a signal from experimental station WD2XSH/6. This experimental station, operated by Pat Hamel, W5THT, is located in Long Beach, Mississippi -- 6679 miles away from the island in the Kwajalein atoll. This contact breaks the previous record for the longest 500 kHz contact. That record, set in January 2008, was for a distance of 4737 miles from Cottage Grove, Oregon to Roi-Namur. An article on Hamel's station appears in the March issue of QST.

The ARRL 500 kHz experimental license, WD2XSH, was issued in September 2006 and has 20 active stations. Fritz Raab, W1FR, of Vermont, serves as experimental project manager for The 500 KC Experimental Group for Amateur Radio. Additional information can be found at the experiment's Web site and also in the July/August 2007 issue of QEX. -- Information provided by Fritz Raab, W1FR

## ARRL Gearing Up For Dayton Hamvention

ARRL EXPO returns to Dayton Hamvention, to be held May 16-18, 2008 at the Hara Arena in Dayton, Ohio. The huge ARRL exhibit area is a showcase of displays, activities and program representatives to enhance your ham radio experience.

The ARRL EXPO is open to all Hamvention attendees. Meet ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, other ARRL officials, volunteers and staff knowledgeable on a wide variety of topics. Among the highlights of the exhibit space will be a card checking area for operating awards, activities for young hams, the ARRL bookstore and more.

ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB, is the ARRL EXPO coordinator. "We are looking at some new and exciting venues within EXPO, but I'm not ready to spill the beans quite yet! We are focusing our attention this year on the theme of technology and on Hamvention's theme celebrating ham radio fellowship -- stay tuned for more news.

We sincerely thank the 2008 Dayton Hamvention Committee and their volunteers for all they do to make this a signature convention; we are so pleased to participate." Keep an eye on the ARRL EXPO Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/expo>> for updates.

### CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 354.25
Business Checking	\$1532.35
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/13/08)	\$1725.74
Net Worth as of 12/31/07	\$3612.34
Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 354.33
Business Checking	\$1792.35
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/13/08)	\$1732.84
Net Worth as of 1/31/08	\$3879.52

Submitted,  
Ron Harger, WD8BCS  
CMARC Treasurer

# CMARC/LCDRA/ARPSC Minutes

## CMARC Meeting Minutes February 1, 2008

### Introduction:

#### I. Meeting Called To Order at:

- A. Moment of silence to Recognize Silent Keys (Betty Bell)
- B. 7 Visitors recognized and Introduced
- C. New Licensees recognized and Introduced Ben Holcomb WX8BEN (General) Kegan Lamp K1CJN (General)
- D. Interesting DX Contacts none noted

#### II. Entertain motion to accept Secretary's Report as printed in the SCOPE

- A. Motion Made By \_Don Cote KD8BD
- B. Seconded \_Bill Mathews KB8TTS
- C. Vote taken: Passed (Yes)

#### III. OLD BUSINESS: None

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Extra Mile Awards were presented to the following:

John Hosford DC8QZB            Dan Harger W8BCI            Jane Hosford KC8FSK  
Roger Barnhill AB8RX            DeAnna Barnhill KD8BDI  
Don McLain KB8RAD            Julie McLain KB8ZXR

Erv W8ERV Proposed we purchase a new Laser Printer including ink cartridge and case of paper with cost of near \$500.00 and that LCDRA would be willing to pay 50% of the cost. This will facilitate the Project 2000, which would send 300 letters to ham operators in the area to come to CMARC meetings. Julie McLain KB8ZXR made motion , Bernie Gaffney N8PVZ. Motion passed.

People to appoint, Gretchen Wasper KC8ODL- editor of Scope

Garry Watson KC8MAD- New location Committee

Scott Tickner W8ATT-Helping with web site

Jerry Waite KD8GLN-Photographer

Motion to accept appointments made by Don McLain KB8RAD

Seconded by Bill Mathews KB8TTS Motion passed.

#### V. REPORTS:

##### A. Under 22 Director

Corey Bulock KD8BOQ reported he has e-mailed the informational flyer to the youth. He also reported that he will be starting the youth net on Thursday Feb. 7 at 8:00 PM. He also reported that he will be meeting with the Superintendent of Holt Schools to get the youth Ham club started at the school

##### B. ARPSC Liaison

The ARPSC Liaison/Web Director Ben Holcomb WX8BEN announced that on March 29 from 10am to 1:00 pm will be Skywarn Training at LCC West Campus. Interested persons may register on the ARPSC web site.

Next months Information meeting will be with Rob Dale

In April we will be hearing about Michigan earthquakes presented by Kaz Fujita.

##### C. 50/50 Drawing results: Total \$41.00 \$20.50 was won by Sandy Tickner W8GRO

A motion to give the Jpoles to new Hams who don't have an antenna. A motion was made by Erv W8ERV and second by Don McLain KB8RAD to reimburse Bill Mathews for the expense of the Jpoles in the amount of \$34.12. It was decided to have a separate drawing which was won by Mike Bofysil KC8ZLQ and Lowell Hoyland KC8ARG's son (also named Lowell).

##### D. Membership dues are due at this time.

E. Radio and Scanner was presented to Don McLain by Richard Greeson KD8HLR and Matt Warncke KD8HCO on behalf of all the contributors, for Don's Birthday.

15 minute break

#### VI. Main Program promptly after break

Bill Mathews KB8TTS and Chad Rust KD8AYM Provided us with a very informative program. Bill and Chad built a Copper Jpole Antenna, and a demonstration of IRLP

CONCLUSION TIME: 9:00 pm Moved by Bernie Gaffney N8PVZ second by Jerry Waite KD8GLN

# CMARC/LCDRA/ARPS SC Minutes

## ARPS SC MEETING

February 18, 2008

### CALL TO ORDER:

1. Meeting called to order at 19:03 hrs by Tom Shaver (KC8NJK)
2. 25 in attendance with introductions by each person.
3. Christine Hendrickson, ICSD and Trent Atkins & Mike Tobin, City of Lansing EMD attending.
4. Meeting Agenda, Monthly FSD-212, and Attendance sheet passed around to all

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Several members still do not have a valid City of Lansing ID card. Trent Atkins, (KD8HQB) Lansing EMD will bring the camera to the next meeting at Station 8. A valid background check is required and the form is available on the LARPS SC web site.
2. All folders with the FEMA certificates were brought to the meeting tonight for verification of required classes. The log sheet with member's certification was passed around for review. If you have taken a class but no longer have your transcripts, you may request them at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/downloads/tranrqst1.pdf>. The transcripts are mandatory to retain your RACES card. If you have not completed the required classes, contact Tom Shaver by phone or e-mail to update him on your plans to complete the on-line classes. IS-2 may be substituted for IS-22. The classes are not optional! Please don't jeopardize your RACES card by missing these classes.
3. Several LARPS SC logo designs were passed around for review. Several received multiple "stars" as our members evaluated the logos.
4. The weekly LARPS SC net is going well. Typically 9-16 persons check into each net and several persons have assumed Net Control duties. As the net matures, the length will be shortened.
5. Ingham Co. Sheriff Dept. is installing the door locks and PROX readers for access to the Mason ICSD EOC. Mike Perez's (N8OUN) office will contact the selected LARPS SC members for PROX card photos when the equipment is installed.
6. Dennis (KB8ZQZ) sent an e-mail to Jeff Kludy, City of Lansing Radio Lab requesting a time to meet and discuss possible locations for the new D-Star repeater. Sev-

eral pieces of equipment have arrived and were sent to Livingston Co. for configuration.

7. No update to the EAS policies at the recent meeting.
8. Dennis (KB8ZQZ) and Dave (K8QH) will continue to work on the MEPIN station installation. Once basic installation is complete, limited-paging functions could begin using the 2-meter input. Dennis is still planning on a donated Delta radio (from John Imeson, N8JI) for use as a UHF link radio.
9. We are unable to purchase new furniture under the grant funding. Some limited funds are available to still keep the project moving. Tom (KC8NJK), Ben (WX8BEN), Bob (K8RDN) and Curt (KC8QYV) volunteered to start the remodel project.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. 77 have registered for the March 29th Skywarn training at the LCC west campus. 20 of the 77 are not licensed amateur radio operators. Bill (WD8NYW), Curt (KC8QYV), Dave (K8QH), Tom (KC8NJK), Jim (KC8QWH) and Ginny (KD8HPG) have offered to help Ben (WX8BEN) with the registration and paperwork duties the day of the training. Bill (WD8NYW) will write a press release and distribute to the media outlets. Walk-ins will be accepted if space is available. Jim has the previous list of SkyWarn graduates and issued ID numbers.
2. Rob Dale (N8GSK), WLNS TV Meteorologist will be the speaker at the next Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club meeting on March 7th.
3. Ben (WX8BEN) continues to develop the LARPS SC database. This database will be available to Lansing/Ingham ARPS SC leadership, as well as City & County Emergency Management to aid in responding to service requests. As an example, the database will contain information commonly found in QRZ, VanityHQ, and FCC licenses. It will also include FEMA certifications, equipment resources, SkyWarn number, etc. Dennis (KB8ZQZ) will be an alternate database administrator during the development stage.
4. Several pieces of new ATV equipment have arrived. 2 existing kits will receive upgraded cameras and cases. 1 new 902

MHz kit will be assembled. Several pieces of equipment must still be purchased. Mike Hamel, Lansing EMD has been very patient and helpful with the purchase process for the equipment. Work will begin on the video kits later this spring pending work on the MEPIN project.

5. Several ideas for a LARPS SC display at the CMARC Field Day site were discussed. ATV was a popular idea along with other digital modes. We are still looking for someone to head up the project. This is an excellent opportunity to show some of our abilities to our fellow amateurs, general public and visiting dignitaries without competing or drawing away from the CMARC Field Day activities. Trent (KD8HQB), Lansing EMD, offered to provide portable restrooms for the Field Day site.
6. The next AEC meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held at Fire Station #8.
7. Dave (KC8ZGZ) made a presentation on the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force. More information is available at the web site [www.mivdf.org](http://www.mivdf.org) or by contacting Dave.

### AEC BUSINESS / MEETING REPORT

1. Dennis (KB8ZQZ) and Jim Hannahs (KC8QWH) reviewed and wrote our first After Action Review report (#2007-1). The report was distributed to the members in the room and discussed. AAR reviews will be done by AEC's on a rotating basis.
2. Bill (WD8NYW) stressed the importance of good press releases. Contact Bill, our Media representative when you observe a significant event that should be published to our community. An example would be the audio link found on the LARPS SC web site or frequencies for a scanner that the general population could listen to during severe weather events. For press releases to be effective, they must be timely and provide a concise message. Consideration must be given when multiple agencies are involved to provide a consistent and clear message. Bill will write and distributed our press releases.

### ADJOURNMENT:

1. Next meeting March 17th at Fire Station # 8.
2. Meeting Adjourned at 21:15 hrs.

# Ladies of CMARC News

## **CMARC Cookbook Recipes Needed Now**

Thanks to everyone who has submitted recipes, but we are still in need of many more.

The name for our cookbook is "Memories of Mom", which was submitted by Jeff Oberg (KB8SXX).

When you submit recipes, please e-mail them to me, or type them up. My e-mail address is [sassiladi@gmail.com](mailto:sassiladi@gmail.com)

Also, if anyone has a great, special memory of Mom or Dad in the kitchen, or how they made something different, please feel free to submit those as well. We will have pages set aside for these memories in the cookbook.

I'm hoping that by October, or November, we can get the cookbook completed to give as presents at Christmas, as well as for sale.



## **Ladies' Tea Time Wrap-Up**

*by Elizabeth Stein, KD8GYN*

Our January Luncheon was a success, as usual. We tried our hand at counted crosstitch. Julie supplied the materials, and W8ERV's wife, Laurie came to help Julie. It was my first time, and I was all thumbs. But with Laurie and Julies help we all managed to stay encouraged.

We had all low calorie food and desserts. It was a great 3 hrs. So many friendships have come from these Saturday's. I always look forward to what surprises are next. We wish other ladies would join us. Oh, by the way there were 7 ladies there, and my granddaughter, Michelle. It is for all ages, Ham or not. Please come.

73 and see you in April, Elizabeth



### *LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON*

*Saturday, March 22, 2008  
From 12:00 P.M. – 4 P.M.*

*At Grovenburg United Methodist Church  
1368 Grovenburg Road, Holt  
Hosted by Marlene Harger, KC8GXO*

*Finger Sandwiches, Deviled eggs and a beverage will be provided.  
Please bring a healthy salad or a diabetic dessert.*

*Leota Strobel will teach us how to paint  
Christmas scenes on Christmas ornaments.  
All materials provided, but bring an old shirt to wear.*

*RSVP by Friday, February 15, 2008  
By calling Marlene at 882-8784  
Or emailing: [kc8gx0@tds.net](mailto:kc8gx0@tds.net)*





# Teen Talk

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by Corey Bullock, KD8BOQ

It's been another month and the youth program is still ready to go and Tyler and I have a lot on the agenda. One of the most exciting things that we've seen in the past month has been the weekly Central Michigan Youth Net. We've seen young licensed hams join us every week as well as unlicensed youth that have checked in under their parents or grandparents call signs. As well as a large support from the youth we've seen a lot of support from other hams in the area. The first we week had 27 check ins. I was incredibly pleased to have that large of a turn out for our first week. Thank you everyone who came and checked in, we appreciate the support and that's the only way we can grow. We all know that it takes a while for a net to become well known in the area, and every check in that we get helps the net grow and hopefully we can get the word out there for more youth. If you haven't checked into the Central Michigan Youth Net, please come join us Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. on the 145.39 Okemos repeater. Also, please bring any nephews, nieces, children, grandchildren, neighbors, or anyone else that you think would be interested in becoming a new ham. It's a lot of fun and I hope to see you there.

Along with the weekly net, Tyler and I have been working to get youth program started in Holt Public Schools. We have a meeting with the superintendent on the first Monday of the month and if you come to the March meeting, you'll most likely be able to hear how that went. We hope to get people interested in a couple of the different schools including the Jr. High, Ninth Grade Building, and the High School. We hope to later have a training to help these students get their licenses, and build a youth club in the school. We have lots planned and we hope that with the help from the superintendent we can accomplish our goals and hear more youth out on our local repeaters. We expect that it will go well.

We want to do a couple of things in the club this year to help it grow, along with some fun activities. One ideas that has raised excitement among other young hams including myself is the idea of a balloon launch. We think it would be a lot of fun to send up a balloon and have sun fun with cameras, ATV, or anything that we would want to try. We need ideas and support for that, and we hope it could attract the attention of youth in the area to ham radio. We want to try different things this year to get the best response from the youth that we can. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to help, please contact me and let me know. We can use all the help we can get.

There are some fun projects that we want to do this year that we truly hope will bring youth to the hobby and to the club. Unfortunately, everything seems to come with a price tag these days and we are going to need some help. We are now going to be accepting recyclable bottles and cans! Everything that is donated will be recycled and the money will go right back to the club to help with the youth program. If you have anything that you can bring we would greatly appreciate it. We will be accepting these recyclable items at the next CMARC meeting and meetings to follow. If you're willing, we are too, so if you can help us out in any way please let us know.

This club and hobby are too great to watch it fizzle away. We need the next generation to carry this great hobby on, and I'm going to do everything I can to see this hobby carried on. But I can't do it alone. Please, if you have any ideas, questions, comments, support, ANYTHING, please contact me and let me know. Calling my cell phone at 517-930-2372 is the easiest way to get in touch with me, and if I don't answer, please leave your name and number so I can get back with you. Also, if you email me at [cjamesbullock@gmail.com](mailto:cjamesbullock@gmail.com) I should reply within a day or two. Like I said before, we need all the help we can get, and we appreciate it when it comes our way. So thanks for checking in with the youth this month, and I'll hope to see you at the CMARC meeting along with Rob Dale.

Thanks and 73,  
Corey KD8BOQ

# Local & Special Interest News

## Final Call for Ziegenbein Nominations

March 15th is the deadline for submitting your Ziegenbein Nominations. All nominations must be sent in, via US Mail and the winner will be announced at Ladies' Night in May of this year. Details on how and where to send em are at our site: <http://www.centralmiarc.com>



## Weekly Nets in the Greater Lansing Area

**Sunday 8:30pm - Central Michigan Information Net.** Join Bob (K8RDN) for this weekly gathering on the 145.390 repeater. All are welcome to attend.

**Monday 8:00pm - ARPSC Net.** Rocky (K8DRB) welcomes one and all for this weekly Net on the 145.390 repeater. The purpose of the Net is to learn proper etiquette for a controlled Net.

**Tuesday 8:00pm - Ladies' Tea Time Net.** Julie (KB8ZXR) is your hostess and all Lady Hams and Lady Non-Hams are encouraged to drop in. Of course, for the Lady Non-Hams, a licensed operator would need to check in with you, but it's lots of fun. Guys are welcome, too and we are on the 145.390 repeater. See you there!

**Tuesday 8:00pm - QCWA Net.** Your Net Control is Don (WB8NUS) and all licensed Amateurs are welcome to stop in to the 146.700 repeater and say hi.

**Thursday 8:00pm (beginning 2/7/08) CMARC Youth Net,** with Corey (KD8BOQ). If you are Under 22, or just young at heart, drop in to the 145.390 repeater and say hi to our newest Net Control Operator. Corey promises LOTS of information and fun for the young people of the Lansing area. Sounds like a good Net to visit!

## The 2008 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

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# VE Testing & Special Announcements

## Lansing V.E. Test Dates

Testing is held at the Lansing America Red Cross, in the Kropschot Room  
at 1800 E. Grand River; Lansing, MI 48909

Pre-registration starts at 9:30am and testing starts at 10:00am for the following date:

**Saturday March 8, 2008**

Our VE Team's local contact is Donald McLain-KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812

## Mark Your Calendars!

It's that time of year again and Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) has released a full slate of dates for this year's upcoming walk-a-thons and bike-a-thons. As we get full confirmation on the dates for some of them, they will be noted below:

**Saturday April 26, 2008**      **March of Dimes Walk**

**Sunday May 4, 2008**      **MS Walk**

**Saturday June 21, 2008**      **Angel House Walk**

**Sat-Sun June 28-29, 2008**      **FIELD DAY**

**Sat-Sun July 12-13, 2008**      **MS 150 Bike-a-Thon**

**Saturday Sept. 7, 2008**      **Run with the MSU  
Girls BBall Team**

**Sunday Sept 28, 2008 (t)**      **Hospice Walk**

*(t) denotes tentative date, as yet unconfirmed*

To volunteer for work on the walks or bike-a-thons, contact Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) at 517-321-2004. As part of the ARPSC qualification process, members must participate in three activities in at least two different categories. These are classified as Public Service activities.

## Eaton Co. VE Testing

**Saturday April 11 - 12pm**

Eaton Co. Sheriif Dept.-EOC,  
1025 Independence Blvd.,  
Charlotte 48813  
(Eaton Co. ARC)

Contact: Mark Korroch (NY8Q)  
phone: (517) 645-2378

## Livingston Co. VE Testing

**Tuesday March 11 - 7pm**

Livingston County EOC,  
300 S. Highlander Way,  
Howell, MI

(Livingston ARC)-W5YI VE  
Contact: Jim Kvochick (WB8AZP)  
phone: (810) 220-2098

## Shiawassee Co. VE Testing

**Thursday March 27 - 6:30pm**

Shiawassee Co. Red Cross  
702 W. Corunna Ave.  
Corunna, MI

(Shiawassee ARRL VEC Team)  
Contact: Tom Carpenter (KI8AS)  
phone: (517) 579-0599



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