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Amateur Radio Class Planned for Summer 2008

Many have already contacted me to get more information on our upcoming Amateur Radio Class. We appreciate your interest and beginning now, the clock is ticking... ready....set.....here we GO!

If you, or someone you know has been interested in getting your Amateur Radio License, now is the time! Beginning immediately, anyone interested in attending our Summer 2008 Technician Class needs to contact Erv (W8ERV) to register. You can email him at w8erv@arrl.net or call 517-202-6229 (between 8am and 8pm).

You will need to purchase an Amateur Radio License manual and we are hoping to get an order together by the 10th of June, so you can start studying immediately. The books cost \$24.95

This will be a self-motivated course, meaning YOU will need to study for the balance of June, all of July and the first two weeks of August. On the final two weeks, we are planning an intensive, four hour 'study hall' for the candidates, where you can get your questions answered on the tough parts, with Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) and Jim Hannahs (KC8QWH)...other Instructors may be there, too. After the Labor Day weekend, we will hold a VE Session at the Red Cross, so you can take your test and earn your Amateur Radio License.

Oh and we are also attempting to get some software for your computer, so you can test your knowledge as you study. The bottom line is you CAN pass this exam and we WILL help you get there!

This class is being offered as a service to those who attended our 2008 SKYWARN Class and anyone else who wants to get in on the action. But time is short, so call Erv NOW!

Don't forget to join us at the June meeting as we discuss Field Day and also welcome guests Dave and Shirley Birdsley of HamThreads. It's time to place your orders for Hats, Shirts and Jackets and this is the *only* time we will see them at CMARC this year. Hope to see you there!

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'For Your Consideration'

Well, we're coming up on the half way point of 2008 and membership is now closing in on that magic #150. #144 is none other than our sweet hostess at Denny's, Christina...but we also have added a few others....(5 more, I believe) including one gentleman from the Philippines and another from France, of all places. I'm sure all will agree that this is a pretty good start, with LOTS to do in the final months of the year. If we are to hit 200, as Julie would like to see.....(to stuff me into that tutu again!)...we'll have to dig in and keep working. I would prefer to see people as members, but if Julie gets desperate, you can bet she will resort to signing up pets! ☺

The website continues to be a great resource for new and prospective Hams and Members, as well. We're seeing an average of 1000-1200 unique visitors per month, viewing an average of 5-6 pages per person. The Scope is a popular download, as is the monthly calendar and reviews that we get from the ARRL website. Kudos to Scott for continuing to be a great web guru and to you all for giving him stuff to put up there.

On another note, with Field Day just around the corner, we need shelters. Tents, canopies, etc. The gentleman who has graciously provided shelters for us in the past, Ben (WD8OVL), has plans for them this year, so we need to get something planned. I might have the solution, but it will cost money (of course).

The good news is that we have already had several offers of private donations from Club members, starting with me. Of the roughly \$710 needed for the 30ft by 12ft canopy (with enclosure kit and anchors), we have already raised around \$300. At the meeting this month, we will open the discussion with information on this canopy and its many possible uses for CMARC and the ARPSC and if you feel you would like to donate, we will take a collection and see how close we can come to raising the needed funds.

The June meeting will be a fun one, so please make plans to come out. Of course, we will be talking about Field Day, but we will also be submitting our orders to Dave and Shirley (of Hamthreads) for our shirts, jackets and hats.

See you all there!

73-ERV

What's My Sign? *By Julie McLain, KB8ZXR*

I was born on June 17, 1942 at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. I grew up in a family with five sisters and they loved me and spoiled me rotten! It was great! I never had to do dishes, or any cleaning – nothing of that nature. Later on, when I graduated from Eastern High School, I took a few courses at LCC and when I was 19, I joined the Air Force with the rank of Airman Second Class. Most of my 4-year stint was served in Sault St. Marie, except for the 6 long months I spent in Okinawa – during the monsoon season!

My stepfather was a Radio/TV repairman and in 1952, Dad built a television from a Heathkit and we became the very first family on our block to have a TV. The only time I was ever able to help Dad while he was working was when he was putting in a grounding rod. Then I sliced my thumb so badly I wasn't ever allowed to help him again. Even with his radio background he never became a Ham, and although I always enjoyed listening to Shortwave Radio as a kid, I never got involved with Amateur Radio until 2007.

I met my future wife when one of my sisters introduced me to a girl she was sharing a house with. We hit it off well and in 1976 we were married. This July we will have been married for 32 years. I have 3 children from a former marriage and my wife and I have been blessed with one of our own. We also have six grandchildren ranging in ages from 7 to 18 years old. One of our grandsons lives with us and we are extremely involved with the others. I was employed at MSU for a total of 30 years where I worked for awhile as a gardener, then 16 years as a tree trimmer (until I fell out of a tree and became the groundskeeper with the Athletic department). In 1995 I finally retired and then REALLY got busy!

As a retiree, I spend anywhere from 15 to 30 hours a week volunteering, which includes working for the Lansing Police Department patrolling the River Walk and fingerprinting kids for the "Safety Prints" program, as well as helping out with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), where I enjoy playing the part of a "victim". We are first responders until the professionals arrive and do Search and Rescue, Triage and other Public Service events. When I have the time, I also participate in the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) where I was recently at Ingham Medical Hospital for the "Code Silver" full-scale disaster exercise. I had been given the role of someone calling in to report a shooter. At one point I was escorted out of the building by Officers from the Lansing Police Department with "fake" guns drawn. I knew it was just "acting" and for training purposes, but it sure felt real to me! I also volunteer for my grandson's Second Grade class helping the students with their reading and word skills.

I heard about Amateur Radio when I took my first SKYWARN class and thought it would be an asset to all the things I was already involved in. So, on June 9, 2007 I passed my Technician Class License exam and two weeks later I attended my first Field Day event. It was there (with the help of Don, KB8RAD and Bob, K8RDN) that I decided on the HT I was going to purchase and have been having fun ever since! Now, less than a year later, I'm in the process of studying for my General Class License upgrade so I'll be able to have even more privileges on the Ham bands. My current equipment includes an IC-2200 Mobile with a Ringo Ranger Antenna and an Alinco DJ-596 HT, but hope to add some HF equipment in the future. I've been taking advantage of every opportunity to practice my communication skills, so in the past year I've volunteered for many of the various walk-a-thons in the area, done a little contesting, and have recently been trying my hand at SSTV. I'm also looking forward to participating in SKYWARN. I'm currently a member of CMARC, the Lansing/Ingham ARPSC and am RACES certified. In my spare time I also love to dabble with Photography, go fishing and listen to my Police Scanner.

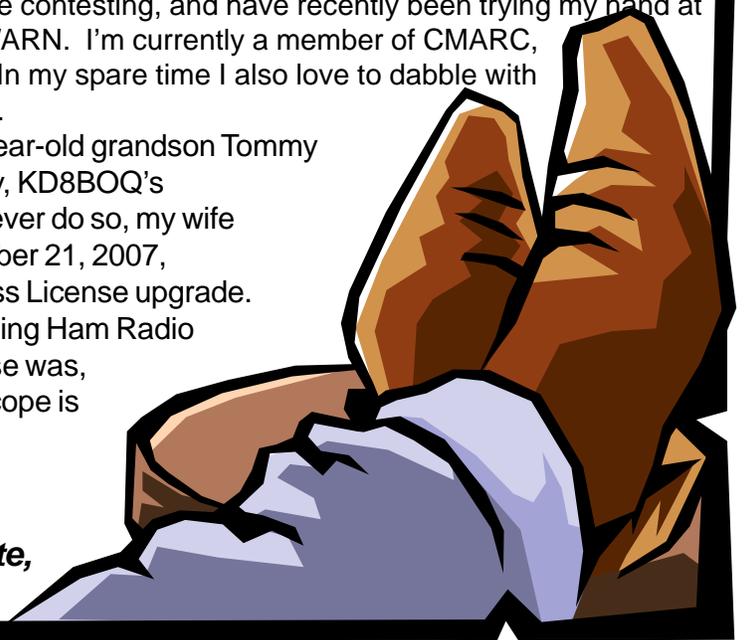
As of yet, none of our kids are Hams, but our 7-year-old grandson Tommy seems interested and has a lot of fun checking into Cory, KD8BOQ's Central Michigan Youth Net. After claiming she would never do so, my wife surprised me and got her Technician License on November 21, 2007, and is also currently working on getting her General Class License upgrade.

When asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Ham Radio or life in general I would like to pass on, my only response was, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"! I'd also like to say that the Scope is really, really excellent!

There, now that we're a little better acquainted,

"What's My Sign?"

***My Callsign is KD8GLN, my name is Jerry Waite,
and my wife is Sharon, KD8HHK.***



Hamvention Memories

Well another Dayton Hamvention has come and gone.....

I went to the QRP/ARCI Four Days In May convention, which is held at the same time. I heard general report that attendance at the Hamvention was down this year, but the FDIM, seemed to be "Full House".

I've been lucky enough to be able to attend this groups gathering the last couple of years. It draws in QRPers 'es builders from all over the world, so it's a great way to see just what other builders are working on.

I get a tremendous amount of wonderful ideas just gazing at the fine craftsmanship that some of the Hams have. Friday night was "Vender Nite" and all make-n-model of radio contraptions and homebrewed gismos were on display. The ARCI club has a homebrew contest every year, and it's absolutely amazing to see. I took a few pictures to share with you.

Some of you Old Timers out there will remember fondly the "Benton Harbor" lunchboxes of the 60's, and the "breadboard" style radios of your novice days. They now have some modern counterparts in the QRP world.

I had a great time and even "bagged" a few bargains on some keys for my collection. Sure was a great way to spend a weekend.

Oh! and just to get you "pumped up" for Field Day, here's a shot of the 1966 vintage "Collins" radio van.

Now that's FD with Class!

73, Gregg WB8LZG



2008 FDIM QRP Convention

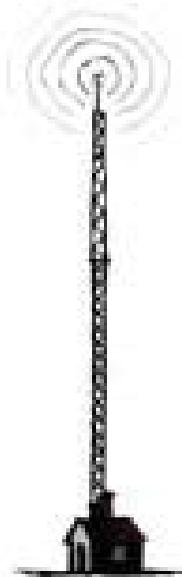
*pictures courtesy of Gregg,
WB8LZG*



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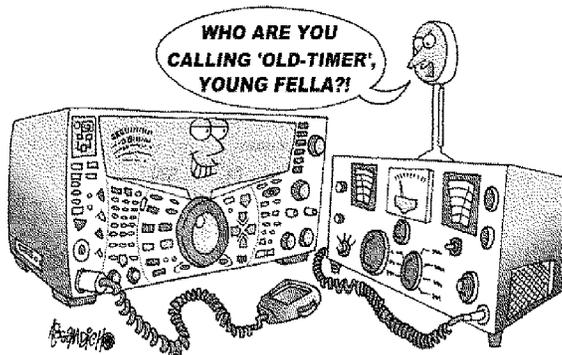
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Lunchbox QRP



Shack in a Box QRP



FDIM Vender Night



TEEN TALK!

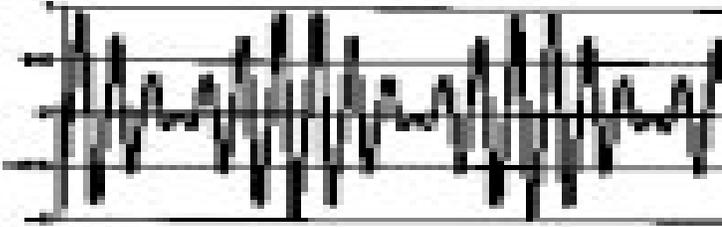
by Corey Bulock, KD8BOQ



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Gardner Middle School has been confirmed as the site for Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club's 2008 Field Day operation. An on-site planning meeting will be scheduled and announced ahead of this event, so stay tuned. Comments and suggestions can be directed to the Field Day Chairman, John Hosford-KC8QZB at jhosford5326@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Tnx es 73! Ron Harger - WD8BCS, Treasurer CMARC, Field Day Committee Member



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 - ARSPC Net.

Rocky (K8DRB) welcomes one and all for this weekly Net on the 145.390 repeater. The purpose of this Net is to learn proper etiquette for a controlled Net.

Tuesday 8:00pm - Ladie's Tea Time Net.

Julie (KB8ZXR) is your hostess on the 145.390 repeater. All lady Hams & lady non-Hams are encouraged to drop in. Of course for the non-Hams a licensed operator would need to check in with you, but it's lots of fun. Guy's are welcome too. 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 - CMARC Youth Net.

Corey (KD8BOQ) is your host. If you are under 22, or ju7st young at heart, drop in to the 145.30 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. Check out what the next generation has to say!

VE Testing sites & dates
for additional info including
updated area listings and dates,
visit www.centralmiarc.com

Lansing V.E. Testing

Saturday July 12, 2008

Lansing America Red Cross,
(Kropschot Room)

1800 E. Grand River; Lansing, MI 48909

Pre-registration 9:30am - testing 10:00am

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

Eaton Co. VE Testing

Saturday June 14 - 12:30pm

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 June 10 - 7pm

Livingston County EOC,

300 S. Highlander Way,

Howell, MI

(Livingston ARC)

Contact: George Bruce Van Dam (N8GVD)

Phone (313) 999-5547

Jackson Co. VE Testing - W5YI

Saturday, June 21st - 10:00am

Jackson District Library,

244 West Michigan, Downstairs Auditorium

Jackson, MI 49204.

Contact Person: Richard McGuire, (KI8C)

Phone (517) 782-1430. (Cascades ARS)

phone: (517) 579-0599

JUNE'S

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

6/1 – Scott Rowe, AB8VN
6/4 – Marvin, WB8OIP & June Sommer's Anniv.
6/6 – Alan Shaw/WB8YOX
6/8 – Bob Strobel, KB8DQQ
6/8 – Jason Southwell, K8JDS
6/10 – Connie Hoyland
6/10 – Victor Jackson W9NDM
6/14 – Troy Creed/W8TCC and Wife's Anniv.
6/15 – Wayne Conklin W8QG
6/17 – Jerry Waite, KD8GLN
6/18 – Mike Perez, N8OUN
6/24 – Keith Colister K8CWQ
6/24 – Garry, KC8MAD & Marie, KC8NOI Watson's Anniv.
6/25 – Keith, K8CWQ & Bonnie Colister's Anniv.
6/25 – Gregg Mulder, WB8LZG
6/27 – Ron Harger, WD8BCS

CMARC COOKBOOK

Thank you so very much for the great response on recipes. We are getting closer to our limit. But still need a few more. I can't wait until we send in our info, and get a finished product.

One thing is missing. Your memory articles. If anyone just has one, and hasn't submitted a recipe, that's ok. Please send it anyway.

The plan is to still get it ready for Thanksgiving. Deadline date is the same, Aug. 15th.

73' Elizabeth, KD8GYN

Ladies Luncheon Wrap-up

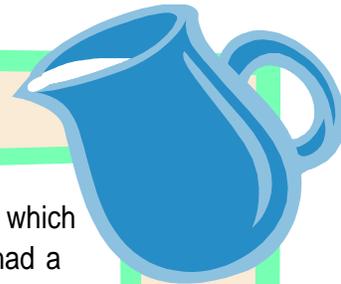
By Julie McLain, KB8ZXR

Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO was our hostess for May's Ladies Tea Time Luncheon, which was held on Saturday the 17th at her (and Bill D8HHN's) home in DeWitt. We had a wonderful time, as always, and the six Ladies that attended had lots of fun tasting the delicious food and sharing the laughter and fellowship.

We had so much food, that none of us were hungry for dinner at RAD's Coffee Break later that night! Jeanie served us a wonderful Mexican Manicotti and in keeping with the Mexican theme, Linda K8LCC brought six different home-made authentic Mexican appetizers, and Sharon KD8HHK whipped up a tasty Mexican dip with chips. Also, Jane KC8HJQ, made a really delicious Kugel, Leota made a yummy Apple and Cherry Salad and Julie, KB8ZXR, cooled our taste buds from all the Mexican spices with Nestle Crunch ice cream bars.

Our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon will be on Saturday, June 21st, at the home of Linda Conklin K8LCC. The theme will be "Christmas in June", and we'll be having turkey and bringing our favorite Christmas cookie dough to bake when we get there.

Whether you're a Ham or not, if you would like to join us but aren't on our mailing list please contact Julie McLain KB8ZXR at (517) 694-0812 or by e-mail at KB8ZXR@aol.com. You may also contact Luncheon Organizer Elizabeth Stein, KD8GYN at (517) 749-2456 for more info.



Just a little note to you concerning the tower change at the end of the year for our 145.39 repeater at Dobie road on WKAR-TV's tower.

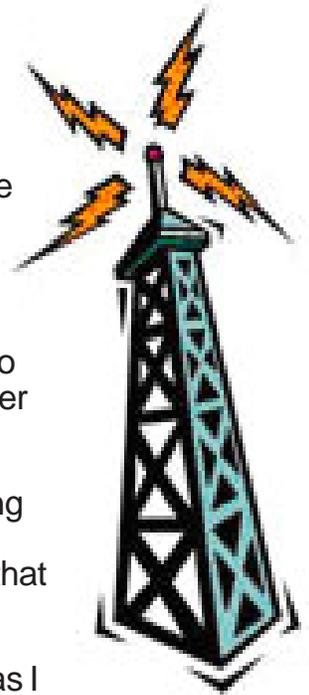
As you know they are replacing the existing 1000 foot tower with a new 1000 foot tower. The engineers at WKAR have notified us that LCDRA will have to pay for the changing of our antenna and line.

Since the existing antenna and the 7/8" heliax transmission line is at least 10 years old, I believe it should be replaced with new. Currently the antenna itself is at least going to cost \$750.00 and the transmission line around 5 to \$6000.00. In addition to the equipment itself we will have to pay for installation on the new tower and whatever costs will be needed for the removing the old antenna and line.

I understand that they will be taking the old tower down completely and then installing the new tower on the exact spot where the old tower stood, therefore we can still use the building that we have now.

I just wanted to let everyone know what's coming along with the change. As soon as I can I will talk with the engineers at WKAR-TV as soon as they know more.

Dan Harger, W8BCI - LCDRA President



We have been asked to do a Walk in Dewitt on June 8, 2008 at 12:00PM. This is a 6 mile walk around the Dewitt area. This event will need 6 operators. We will be meeting at the Dewitt Park next to the river. The event will try to use the 146.940 repeater to start, If we have issues we will switch to the 145.390. If you can help please email me at kc8eia@arrl.net.

Thanks, Jeremiah Sevrey

Mark Your Calendars!

Don Tillitson(WB8NUS) has released a full slate of dates for this year's upcoming walk-a-thons and bike-athons.

As we get full confirmation on the dates for some of them, they will be noted below:

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.



CMARC MEETING MINUTES • MAY 2, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Moment of Silence to Recognize Silent Keys: They included Philippe Perreault, (we received a thank you card from family for the flowers). Also Deanna Barnhill's Mother passed away in Florida

Also a thank you note from Jeff Bross from the MS society for the help on the Walk

Visitors recognized and introduced

Jim Hannas KD8HKG, also KC8CAJ and KC8ALL Bill and Jeanie Serviss had their Grandson Gideon with them. Wayne Torance K8NRO

New Licensees recognized and introduced

We welcome Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO also a new CMARC member.

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

Motion made by Chris

Seconded by Bernie

Tabled until next month

Old Business

Sunday the MS Walk will be held starting at Potter Park meet at the 1st Pavilion on the left, at 7:30 AM

Erv W8ERV spoke about Jackets, Hats

Marie Watson gave report on cards and Flowers

Extra Mile awards were presented to the following:

Ron Harger - W8BCS, Dick McGuier - KI8C, Tom Shaver - KC8NJK, Don Cote (absent)

New Business

Corey Bullock KB8BOQ gave his report on the youth and a youth conference he attended. He so far has collected \$87. from pop can donations thus far.

Also it is Corey's Birthday so he was awarded gifts and cards and was entertained by the group by "singing" happy birthday.

The youth would like to have a balloon release this summer.

ARPSC Liaison

Ben was absent so there was no report.

50/50 = \$26, \$13 was won by Don W8VVR

Main Program

Presented by Bob Berger K8RDN on the topic of "Handling VHF Traffic." It was a very informative program explaining the complete procedure.

Thank you, Bob for an interesting and informative program.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM



**Respectfully submitted by
Secretary Jane Newton**

The 2008 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

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*Meetings: Quarterly on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.
Meetings are held at Fire Station #8,
corner of Marshall and Grand River, in Lansing, MI.*

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May 2008 CMARC Treasurers Report

Assets NuUnion Credit Union

Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund).....\$354.52
Business Checking Account.....\$1228.79
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15%....(2-12-09)\$1748.15
Net Worth as of April 30, 2008.....\$3331.46

Ron Harger - WD8BCS • 2008 CMARC Treasurer

*Youth Fund Balance
as of 5-09-08: \$87.00*

*Note: Youth Funds
are separate from
CMARC funds.*

73! Ron - WD8BCS

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