

# Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club



# SCOPE



## Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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### **FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**

As we begin winding down the year, I'm struck by the success that we, as a Club, have enjoyed. I plan to talk about this at the upcoming November meeting in more detail and my comments will be printed in the December edition of the SCOPE, but I just wanted to tip my hat to one and all for a job well done.

This month, as well as next, we begin the process of nominating and selecting three new Board members for the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, as prescribed by the ByLaws. And this year, we have the added fourth one-year position, due to the departure of our Club Secretary, Jane Newton (KC8HJQ). Please let me make a personal pitch to anyone who wishes to serve our Club and especially for someone who cares enough to serve as President. I have decided that, due to my work obligations and other personal obligations, I will not have the time to serve in this capacity next year, so I am not seeking it. It is my personal belief that this job takes a 100% effort and I cannot give it right now, so I am stepping aside. We need someone who is motivated and dedicated to continued growth, because CMARC deserves it and most of all, CMARC WANTS this.

It's been my great pleasure to serve you this past year and as I stated at the beginning of this article, we've had a great deal of success. But I believe we are just getting started and we are so close to 200 members again, I can taste it. There is no reason why we cannot continue to grow and see even more success in 2009, IF the right person steps up. Could that person be YOU? We begin November 7<sup>th</sup>, so we'll see you there!

The cookbooks are coming! As you are going to read in this edition, the book was completed and submitted on time, so it will be done in time for Christmas. A big THANK YOU to Elizabeth (KD8GYN), Sandy (W8GRO) and Sharon (KD8HHK) for their hard work...and thanks to ALL of you who submitted recipes, too! I saw many of them and I can't wait to get my copy. Be sure to attend the November meeting for exciting details about this fund-raiser and a special promotion to sell the books before they even get here!

That's about it for this month. 73 and we will see you at the meeting.

*My Best, Erv (W8ERV)*

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The winter months are starting to come and the cold seems to be pushing most people into their houses and onto the Thursday night youth net. An increase in numbers is a welcomed surprise on this end, and as the numbers go up, so does the amount of fun we have. Like I stated at the start up of the youth net, I invite anyone and every one of all ages to please come join us on the net and support CMARC youth. Without the check ins of everybody we currently receive, there wouldn't be much of a net around for new youth to join. Like I often say, even if there is only a spare segment of time from one busy minute to the next, in and out check ins are just as equally respected and important. On the Central Michigan Youth Net, we just encourage short time check ins to stay longer the next time if possible and have a chat with us. We still meet on the 145.39 Okemos repeater at 8:00 p.m. every Thursday night.

The pump up of check ins on the net is beginning to excite me for what is still in the works for the Holt High School club. I realize there has been a lot of talk about this club but frustrating results, and believe me, there isn't anybody in CMARC more frustrated with the current status of the Holt youth club. I've been working so hard to just hit dead walls and be stuck again. That is, until last week. Through a conversation with a more experienced upper classman at the school, I now have suggestions of teachers that may possibly sponsor a Ham Club. That spark grew brighter, and I am still in the process of contacting these teachers. I luckily, have high hopes for the teachers in question. I'll be sure to keep everyone at CMARC up to date on what happens with that.

In other exciting news that seems to continue happening, last month Michigan was pleased to welcome the first EVER youth newsletter! Editor and Youth Manager for the ARRL Michigan Section, Simon Boehme KC8ZYD, has done a fantastic job and I am pleased to say that this newsletter looks very professional. It is the start of something great and I know it will grow. I sent out a PDF copy to everyone on the CMARC list serve, if anyone didn't receive it please send me an email and I will send I'll make sure another copy is sent. Also, constructive criticism is always needed and I'm sure Simon would appreciate suggestions. Please do so to help improve this newsletter.

Once again, this month is on a great start for what can come and we must not forget how far we have already come. CMARC youth still has great things to achieve, and I must keep reminding myself that great things come to those who wait. It's a frustrating process but I know things will take off and that the obstacles in place are all present for a reason. I look forward to reporting new good news next month, but until then, all prayers and good wishes are definitely welcomed. See you at the November meeting!

Thanks and 73,

Corey J. Bullock KD8BOQ • [cjamesbullock@gmail.com](mailto:cjamesbullock@gmail.com)  
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# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/1 – Douglas Goodrich/N8ECL & Wife's Anniv.  
11/2 – Keith Watson/KD8ICJ  
11/4 – Allan Budden/W8WDA  
11/8 – Erv/W8ERV & Laurie Bates' Anniv.  
11/8 – Bill Mathews/KB8TTS  
11/9 – Jim/KC8QWH & Ginny/KD8HPG Hannahs' Anniv.  
11/10 – Deborah Frank/KC8YQH  
11/10 – Ron Meddaugh/KB8MUN  
11/15 – Bill Wing/W2PMH  
11/15 – Randall Stortz/K8VY  
11/16 – Charlie Keep/KB8SKV  
11/17 – Jeremiah Sevrey/KC8EIA



11/18 – Roger Barnhill/AB8RX  
11/18 – Marv Sommer/WB8OIP  
11/19 – A. C. Stoddard/W8KLN  
11/20 – Arnold McCardell/WA8CW  
11/21 – Don Rickerd/W8BQD  
11/24 – Don Tillitson/WB8NUS  
11/24 – Bernie Gaffney/N8PVZ  
11/24 – Ronald/WA8RYZ & Linda Edwards Anniv.  
11/25 – Vera Gould  
11/26 – Bob Wright/W8QN and Wife's Anniv.  
11/28 – Christina Shasteen ("RAD's Coffee Break" waitress)



## LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON WRAP-UP

*There were Eight Ladies Who Attended the October 18th Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Held at Cheddar's Restaurant on W. Saginaw in Lansing. The Food Was Delicious And All the Ladies Had Fun Sharing What Had Been Going On in Their Lives—Laughing, and Joking Together!*

*We Have Decided Not to Hold a Ladies Luncheon In November, Since We Will All Be Busy Preparing For the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

*However, Marie Watson (KC8NOI) Has Graciously Invited Us, Once Again, to Her Home For Our December 20th Christmas Luncheon.*

*Remember Ladies: You Don't Have to Be a Ham to Join us For These Monthly Luncheons— You Only Need to Enjoy Food, Fellowship and Fun!!*

*If You're Not On Our Mailing List and Would Like to Be, Just Call Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) At (517) 694-0812 Or E-mail Me at KB8ZXR@aol.com.*

*For More Info On the Ladies Tea Time Luncheons Check Out the SCOPE or CMARC Website at [centralmiarc.com](http://centralmiarc.com).*

*~Julie McLain, KB8ZXR*

# "WHAT'S MY SIGN?"



I was born in June of 1955 in Zeeland, Michigan, but lived in nearby Holland until 1963. After that, my family moved to Ft. Benning, Georgia when my father was called up to “active duty” during the Viet Nam War.

I became interested in radio in the 6th grade by building crystal sets with a school friend. We’d listen for hours, fascinated that they didn’t need batteries, and you never had to turn them off.

My introduction to Ham Radio came from a neighbor who made phone patches to wives back home from their husbands in Vietnam. When we moved back up north to Lansing in 1967, a CMARC member, Lyle Brooks/W8TIJ (SK), invited me to his shack to play radio. It was there that I made my very first contact. It was with Father Dave/CE0AE (SK) on Easter Island, and I was hooked! I studied Morse Code with a High School buddy and when we passed our Novice Class exams I became WN8LZG. Back then, nearly everyone built their own radios from scratch or kits, so I started out with a Knight Kit receiver and an Ameco transmitter, then graduated to the “Cadillac” of novice rigs, a Heathkit HW-16.

After High School, I joined the Navy and became an IC Electrician, cross-rating to Gas Turbine Specialist. I got a used Ten Tec Argonaut and entered the world of QRP. When I was stationed in San Diego, San Francisco and Hawaii I made many low power contacts from neat DX locations like Panama, Hawaii, Midway, Git-Mo, Alaska, Bahamas, Bermuda, and Canada, as well as some great desert operations in southern California.

In 1979, I met my wife-to-be Victoria while on vacation in Key West, Florida, and decided to get married rather than re-up for another hitch in the Navy. We eventually moved back to the Lansing area to raise a family. After buying a home, I got serious about Ham Radio and upgraded to Advanced, then Extra and put up my first tower and tri-bander. We have two sons, Kevin/KC8QZE and Jordon/KC8QYU (who was only 11 years old when he got his ticket). Nearly all of my employment opportunities have come as a result of being a Ham, and I’ve been fortunate to have worked in the radio and satellite industries for many years. I’m currently employed at M.S.U. in the engineering department as an electronics tech and am very active with the MSU Amateur Radio Club located in the same building. I’m pretty lucky, because what other job could you have where you go to work and can play radio in one of the finest equipped radio shacks in the whole world?

I’ve been a CMARC member since my Novice days in 1972, and continue to be active with this fine group. I have served in all of the offices of the club leadership and continue to do so to this day. I especially enjoy Field Day and feel that there’s no finer way to play radio with good friends, good food, and good fun, and it always keeps me coming back for more. The two things I enjoy most in Ham Radio and will never give up on are Field Day and Straight Key Night!

My shack’s made up mostly of kits and homebrew rigs/accessories. In addition, I have an Elecraft K1, K2, a Ten Tec 544 and an Argonaut. I also love Code Key collecting, and in the mid-80’s I started out with straight keys but now have many bugs and paddles, as well. Along with the Ham Radio hobby I enjoy woodworking and have combined the two hobbies to include “side panels” for my radios, and finger pieces for my keys. A third little-known hobby that I have is that of collecting slide rules, which stems from using one back in Nuclear Power School during the Navy years.

Lately, I’ve found a lot of enjoyment operating QRP contests and “sprints” and I get a tremendous amount of satisfaction scrambling to work as many fellow QRPers as I can in a short 2 hour operation. I am an active member of the following QRP Clubs: the Michigan QRP Club, NJ QRP, Nor-Cal QRP, NAQCC, Flying Pigs QRP, and QRPARCI—all wonderful organizations for the QRP fanatic. My favorite mode of communication is CW (of course!), but I’m also very active in satellite communications, as well as PSK31. My hope is to, one day, be a part of a real DX-pedition, handing out DX QSO’s to the world from some rare Island.

There, now that we’ve gotten a little better acquainted—What’s My Sign?

My callsign is WB8LZG and my name is Gregg Mulder.

# **Weekly Nets in the Greater Lansing Area**

## **SUNDAY • 7pm • CMARC Slow Scan TV Net**

Hosted by Carl (K8YHH). Whether you're new to Slow Scan TV, or a Pro, you are welcome to join them on the 146.94 (- Offset, 100Hz PL) LCDRA Repeater.

## **SUNDAY • 8:30pm • CMARC Information Net**

Next on Sunday evenings at 8:30pm is the CMARC Information Net on the 145.39 (- Offset, 100Hz PL) LCDRA Repeater. Your host, Bob Berger (K8RDN) is at Net Control and welcomes all comers. Stop in, chat and tell us what's new and exciting in your world.

## **MONDAY • 7pm • The Lansing ARPSC Net**

The Lansing ARPSC Net is held weekly on the 145.39 LCDRA Repeater. Tune in at 7pm every Monday Night to participate with your Net Control, Don McLain (KB8RAD). The Net does not take place on the third Monday of the month which is when we hold the monthly ARPSC meeting. The purpose of the Net is to pass traffic, provide training for ARPSC members, exchange information for ARPSC members regarding activities and requirements and to be heard amongst HAM's and non-HAM's alike in the multi-county footprint of the repeater.

## **TUESDAY • 8pm • Quarter Century Wireless Association Net**

Net Control Operator, Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) is your host on the 146.70 LCDRA Repeater (- Offset, 100Hz PL). All licensed Amateurs are invited regardless of whether your quarter century milestone is in your past, present, or future.

## **TUESDAY • 7pm • Ladies Tea Time Net**

*Ladies Tea Time Net*, held each Tuesday evening at 8pm on the 145.39 LCDRA Repeater. Your Net Control Operator, Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) welcomes one and all to this Net. If you are a lady without a license, talk to your OM and get him to stand by while you check in 3rd party. Yes, the guys are welcome too. Grab a nice, hot cup of tea and get in on the fun.

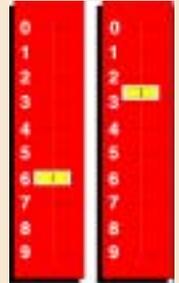
## **THURSDAY • 8pm • CMARC's Youth Net**

Licensed hams of all ages are invited to join Corey (KD8BOQ) on the 145.39 LCDRA Repeater. The next generation of Hams are taking the Amateur Radio world by storm. Get a look at Amateur Radio through the eyes of our youth and see what Corey and the gang have in store for us.

**Let's remember & give thanks to all who maintain our local area repeaters from the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association (LCDRA) who give of their time & money to keep up the, 145.39, 146.94, 146.70, 145.47, 224.98 repeaters. Without which we would not be able to have the wonderful Net's we enjoy!**

## *Visit One of our Many Lansing Area Repeaters*

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Offset / PL / Notes</i>
145.39	Okemos	(-) offset, 100 Hz PL, Skywarn Main Repeater, LCDRA
146.70	Lansing	(-) offset, 100 Hz PL, LCDRA 1
46.94	Lansing	(-) offset, 100 Hz PL, Skywarn Backup Repeater, LCDRA
145.47	Lansing	(-) offset, 100 Hz PL, IRA Link System (Lansing RemRecSite), W8HVG
145.47	Okemos	(-) offset, 107.2 Hz PL, IRA Link System (Okemos RemRecSite) W8HVG
145.47	Onondaga	(-) offset, 114.8 Hz PL, IRA Link System, W8HVG
224.98	Lansing	(-) offset, 100 Hz PL, LCDRA
442.025	Lansing	(+) offset, No PL, Lansing Community College
442.425	Lansing	(+) offset, 100 Hz PL, KD8PA
444.125	Lansing	(+) offset, 107.2 Hz PL, DTACS, N8DEF
442.900	E.Lansing	(+) offset, 77 Hz PL, Michigan State University
442.050	Dimondale	(+) offset, 100 Hz PL, N9UV
147.08	Charlotte	(+) offset, 103.5 Hz PL, Skywarn Eaton County, K8CHR
443.625	Charlotte	(+) offset, 100 Hz PL, Skywarn Eaton County, IRLP Node #7930, N8HEE
442.725	Lansing	(+) offset, 100 Hz PL, KB8SXX
443.700	Mason	(+) offset, No PL, WB8RJY
147.02	Owosso	(+) offset, 100 Hz PL, N8DVH
446.150	Owosso	Simplex, 173.8 Hz PL, IRLP Node #4035, KD8AYM
146.68	Howell	(-) offset, 162.2 Hz PL, L.A.R.K.
146.88	Jackson	(-) offset, 100 Hz PL, W8JXN
145.13	Portland	(-) offset, 94.8 Hz PL, N8ZMT
145.27	Lowell	(-) offset, 94.8 Hz PL, National Weather Service During Skywarn, LARC
51.70	Onondaga	(-) offset (51.20 input), 192.8 Hz PL, WB8RJY



### *Ziegenbein Nomination Guidelines*

- 1. The recipient must be a full, current member of CMARC*
- 2. Nominations to be made in writing, in your own words, no chain letters to be accepted, stating nominees contributions to CMARC and Amateur Radio.*
- 3. All nominations are to be kept secret until award is presented.*
- 4. All nominations are to be mailed.*
- 5. The same person can receive the award more than once.*
- 6. The Committee shall consist of the last three recipients; the senior member shall be the chairman.*
- 7. All nominations are to be closely checked and discussed by the Committee.*
- 8. If the Committee feels the nominees are not deserving, the award does not have to be given.*
- 9. Nominations are to be submitted before March 15th of each year, so the Committee can make the selection and have the plaque engraved.*
- 10. The recipient will be announced at the annual Ladies' Night.*



# VE Testing Sites & Dates

for additional info including  
updated area listings and dates  
visit [www.centralmiarc.com](http://www.centralmiarc.com)

## (HOWELL)

Livingston County EOC, 300 S Highlander Way, Howell, 48843.

Contact Person: George Bruce Van Dam (N8GVD), Phone (313) 999-5547. (Livingston AR)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Tuesday, October 14th, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 7:00pm Registration



## (JACKSON)



Jackson District Library, 244 West Michigan, Downstairs Auditorium, Jackson 49204.

Contact Person: Richard McGuire, (K18C), Phone (517) 782-1430. (Cascades ARS)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Saturday, October 18th, 2008 • W5YI VE Session 10:00am Registration

## (CORUNNA)

American Red Cross, 712 Corunna Ave., Corunna, 48817.

Contact Person: Thomas E. Carpenter (K18AS), Phone (517) 579-0599. (Corunna VE Team)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Thursday, October 23rd, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 6:30pm Registration

## (BATTLE CREEK)

Maple United Methodist Church, 342 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, 49015.

Contact Person: Gary P. Hurt (KC8H), Phone (269) 762-0048. (Southern Michigan ARS)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Thursday, October 23rd, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 7:00pm Registration

## (LANSING)

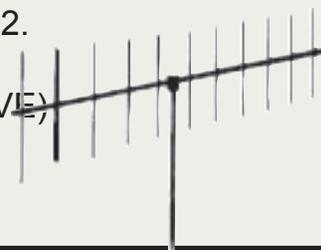
American Red Cross, Lansing Chapter, 1800 E. Grand River, Lansing 48912.

Testing in Kropschott Room.

Contact Person: Don McLain (KB8RAD), Phone (517) 694-0812. (Lansing VE)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Saturday, November 8th, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 9:30am Registration



**NOTE: PLEASE CALL THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE  
TO VERIFY TESTING SESSION AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU MAY BE REQUIRED  
TO BRING TO SESSION  
(ID, PROOF OF AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE, ETC.).**

# AMATEUR RADIO

## CMARC BOARD MTG. MINUTES • October 3, 2008

President Erv/W8ERV brought the Board Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Bob Berger/K8RDN, Julie McLain/KB8ZXR and Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG. Excused from tonight's meeting were Ron Harger/WD8BCS and Corey Bullock/KD8BOQ; unexcused was DeAnna Barnhill/KD8BDI.

Erv brought us up-to-date on what the "Memories of Mom" Cookbook Committee members (Elizabeth Stein/KD8GLN, Sharon Waite/KD8HHK and Sandy Tickner/W8GRO) have been doing to get it ready to be sent for printing. It will contain over 100 recipes submitted from various Club members, helpful cooking hints, a measurement guide, some favorite memories of our Mothers, along with a page about our Club's history and a dedication page to Jeanie Serviss/KD8IKO (SK). The Cookbooks will sell for \$10.00 each and we will have them in time for Christmas gifts. Orders for CMARC Cookbooks will be accepted at the November and December meetings.

Julie/KB8ZXR asked if the Club was still going to raffle a Radio at the December meeting and was told we don't currently have the funds in our Treasury to purchase the Radio. It is a good idea for a fundraiser and we will look into the idea again in the beginning of the year when we have more money in the Treasury from the Cookbook sales and membership dues. Bob/K8RDN said he had talked to a couple of members from the Howell Club about their recent raffle and was told that there are about 37 forms to complete for this type of raffle along with a fee of \$50.

Bob revisited our discussion of last month, when we talked about how we should be careful of what we say when we're out on the air. He said that just the other night on the QCWA Net, he heard someone mention that they were going to be out of town for two weeks. Bob reiterated that it is so easy for anyone listening to find out where we live, that we really need to be careful about announcing to the world that we are going to be away from our homes—we are just asking for trouble!

With all business concluded, Bob/K8RDN made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gregg/WB8LZG and approved. The Board Meeting closed at 7:22 p.m. *Julie McLain/KB8ZXR – Secretary*

## CMARC MTG. MINUTES • October 3, 2008

*President Erv/W8ERV called the Club Meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and welcomed both the members and those visiting with us. We had a moment of silence in memory of our Silent Keys.*

ATTENDANCE: There were 46 people in attendance (35 members and 11 visitors). Our guests were: Jan Bradfield/KC8BFK; Mary Lou Tillitson; Ruth Hinkle; Morgan Mosher/KD8IWT; Curt Mosher/KD8IWS (Morgan's Grandfather); Steve Rentschler/N8SR; Matt Taylor/KD8JIA; Chris Raney/KC8CAJ; Shannon Raney (Chris's wife); Gloria Cote and James Deagan/KD8JAQ

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS: Charles Shawnee (formerly KD8IZR) is now N8CYY, which was originally his Dad's Callsign until HE got a new Vanity.

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT: Marie Watson/KC8NOI reported that flowers had been sent for the funeral of Currin Skutt/W8FSZ (SK).

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: Mike/KC8ZLQ reported that he talked to Cincinnati Ohio on the 76 machine. Erv/W8ERV said there was quite a band opening this morning as he was heading into work about 3 am, with the K2XV repeater in New Jersey coming in S-5 on the 145.39 repeater, so he went over to 146.52 simplex and ended up talking to Hams in South Bend, Ohio and Windsor. Gregg/WB8LZG said he had talked to Clipperton Island on 5 watts.

FOR SALE: (1.) Ken Kruger/W8AAX told us about a friend that has two High Gain antennas and an 8-element 2-meter Yagi. (2.) Jeff Oberg/KB8SXX also has a stacked 2-meter antenna and rotor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Angel House Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled until next year, as the trail in Mason used for the walk is unsafe at this time.

The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Tom Hermann/AB8IT, who will share his program on the Digital Modes. Also, we will be accepting nominations for those interested in serving on the Board of Directors, with elections being held in December. This year, we have our normal three 2-year Directorships, the Under 22 position and the last year of a 2-year Directorship coming up for re-election. [SEC's. NOTE: Jane Newton/KC8HJQ, who was our Secretary for part of this year, was elected last December to a 2-year term and had to resign earlier this year for health reasons. Julie McLain/KB8ZXR was appointed to act as Secretary, completing Jane's first year, however, nominations are required to fill the remaining year of this appointed position.]

The new CMARC Cookbook, "Memories of Mom" is expected to be here in time for Christmas gift-giving. The cookbook features 150 recipes from our Club members, a page on CMARC's History, some favorite memories of our Moms, along with helpful pages for cooking tips and conversion charts, as well as a dedication page to our dear friend, Jeanie Serviss/KD8IKO (SK). Charles Shawnee/N8CYY will be taking advanced orders at the November CMARC meeting and you can pay at that time. When the Cookbooks come in, they will be taken to "RAD's Coffee Break" (which meets every Saturday night) where you will be able to pick them up. Be sure to order your copy at the November meeting and remember, "Memories of Mom" Cookbooks are ONLY \$10.00 each, so make sure you buy one for each of your family members and friends, too!!

**OLD BUSINESS:** Because the October SCOPE had not yet been published, the vote to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for September was deferred until the November meeting.

Bob Berger/K8RDN reminded us, once again, that we need to be VERY careful about what "private" information we may be giving out in our conversations on the repeaters. Many of us are forgetting that just because we're talking to our friends—we also have a lot of people out there listening who are NOT our friends and are just waiting for us to give them the information they need to break into our homes while we are away and take anything they want. So, please BE CAREFUL in sharing your vacation plans (or anything else) too freely on the air!!

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jeff Oberg/KB8SXX asked the Club if we could send a card to Rose Podsiadlik/N8UHY upon the passing of Tom Cutter/W8AFC (formerly N8TSR). Tom and Rose both regularly attended the 5.39 Breakfast when it was held at the north-end Theo's and were known and loved by many CMARC members. The Secretary will get the mailing info to Marie/KC8NOI so she can send a sympathy card to Rose.

Jeff also mentioned that he heard that all cell phone numbers were being turned over to Telemarketers and if you don't want to be harassed by them on your cell phone, you have to contact the National "Do Not Call" list, just as you did for your home phone number.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Jan Bradfield/KC8BFK won \$26.50 in tonight's drawing.

With all business being concluded, we adjourned at 7:55 p.m. for an extended Break, followed by our Guest Speaker.

**BREAK:** Tonight we celebrated the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of a long-time CMARC member, Don Devendorf/W8EGI. Jane Newton/KC8HJQ made a Chocolate sheet cake with all the decorations for the occasion. We wanted candles so Don would have something to blow out, but were a little concerned that we'd set off the sprinkler system if we lit 94 candles on the cake, so we only put two candles on it—a big number "9" and a big number "4"!! Gloria Cote brought in her famous Peanut Butter sheet cake; Jane Hosford/KC8FSK brought delicious Cider; Marie Watson/KC8NOI brought in a package of Vanilla sugar-free wafer cookies and one of Strawberry; Ginny Hannahs/KD8HPG also brought in a package of sugar-free Vanilla wafer cookies, another of Strawberry and a bag of apples. Julie McLain/KB8ZXR brought mini Chocolate Chip cookies. Don was truly surprised by the party and had fun blowing out the candles as we all sang "Happy Birthday" to him. [SEC's. NOTE: Thanks to all who helped with the goodies—your contributions were GREATLY appreciated!]

**MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER:** John Imeson/N8JI, Director of Public Safety at Lansing Community College, was our speaker for the evening. John put on a very interesting program in which he explained exactly how a repeater works, from the time you press the PTT on your microphone, until your signal gets boosted and retransmitted throughout the region. John made it a lot of fun by even giving candy to those answering his questions correctly. *Julie McLain/KB8ZXR – Secretary*

**AMATEUR RADIO**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The 36th annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo  
and Indiana State ARRL Convention

will be held November 15th & 16th, 2008.

Last years attendance was nearly 4000.

There will be over 750 tables of fleamarket and commercial exhibits,  
plus lots of forums.

Please check [www.fortwaynehamfest.com](http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com)  
or [www.acarts.com](http://www.acarts.com) for more information.

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## CMARC Mailing List Information

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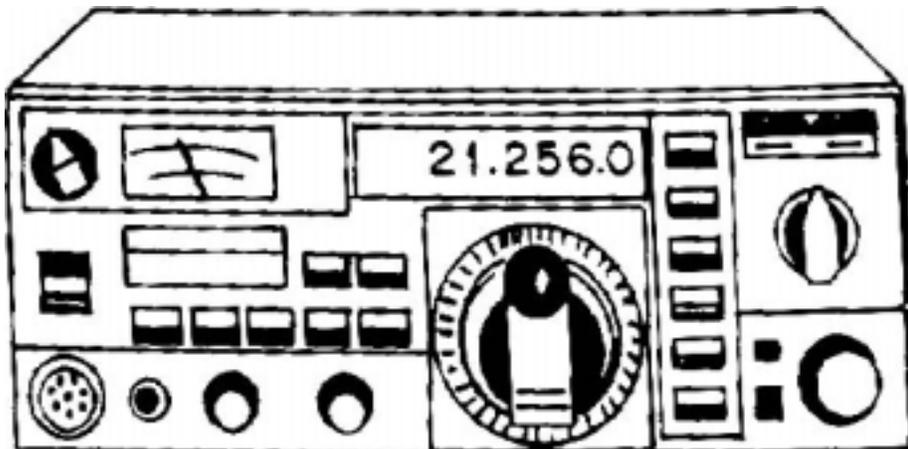
**find the answers to this and more on the CMARC website**

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## ARPSC Meeting moved

**to November 10th  
(instead of the 17th),  
due to deer hunting.**

**Meeting is at 7pm  
at Lansing EOC,  
corner of Grand River  
and Marshall.**



# The 2008 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

The **SCOPE** is published by the **CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
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**Meetings: 1st. Friday of every month at the Red Cross, Lansing Chapter  
1800 E. Grand River at 7:30pm. Board Meeting begins at 7:00pm.  
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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.**

## September 2008 CMARC Treasurers Report

### Assets NuUnion Credit Union

Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund)	\$354.75
Business Checking Account	\$300.41
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (02-12-09)	\$1769.46
Net Worth as of August 31, 2008	\$2424.62

**Ron Harger - WD8BCS • 2008 CMARC Treasurer**

## Youth Fund Balance as of 8-29-08: \$87.00

*Youth Funds are separate  
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