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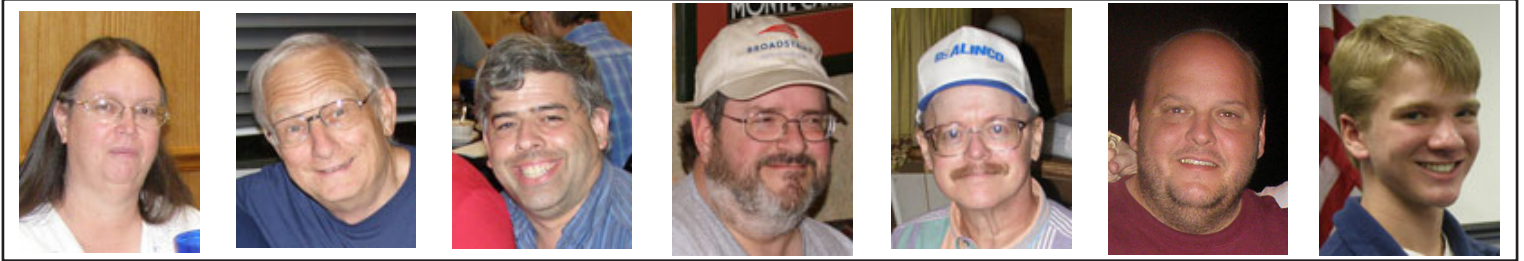
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KD8HHK Elected President of CMARC



CMARC held its annual elections and Christmas Party on Friday, December 5th at the American Red Cross in Lansing. And for only the fourth time in CMARC's storied past, a Lady Ham was elected president.

Sharon Waite (KD8HHK) will lead CMARC in 2009, along with Veep, Bob Berger (K8RDN), Secretary, John Hosford (KC8QZB), Treasurer, Ron Harger (WD8BCS), Director, Don McLain (KB8RAD), Director, J. Ervin Bates (W8ERV) and Under 22 Director, Corey Bulock (KD8BOQ).

Nominations were accepted and the election was held. Following the ballot count, headed up by Wayne Conklin (W8QG), the winners were announced and they retired to the Board room to discuss Board positions.

Outgoing president, Erv Bates (W8ERV) spoke highly of Waite, calling her, 'A strong leader who clearly cares about CMARC'. He added that he felt the Club would rally around her and help make 2009 a 'Big year for us all'.

Sources close to the Board said it took some minor arm twisting to get Waite to take the job, but after each member pledged support and backing to get the work done, she gave in. Rumor has it she's made a list and everyone who pledged their support to her had better

do as they said, or face her presidential wrath!

All kidding aside, Sharon promises to be a good leader of our Club and the Ladies of CMARC have made yet another statement that they are here to stay. We are glad to have them and our Club could not be what it has become without them.

Returnable Cans/Bottles Wanted!

As we've been doing, 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 and we've already raised over \$140! Thanks!

Class is in Session for Prospective Hams

Tom Rocheleau (WA8WPI) has announced an Amateur Radio Technician Class will be held at the Eaton County Sheriff Dept., 1025 Independence Drive, Charlotte, MI. The class will be held on Saturday, January 17th and 24th at the Department and license testing will take place directly after the second class. Classes are scheduled from 9am until 1pm

Cost is \$25 for the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual and \$15 for the exam.

Call Tom at 517-628-3151 (home) or 517-244-2315 (work)

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For Your Consideration

With the start of this New Year, this space is undergoing some changes. Given the fact that our new president does not wish to handle a monthly column at this point, I will continue to pen 'For Your Consideration', unless one of you wish to write something. All you need to do is be sure your comments are motivational, in essence, and send them in. I think this column serves a good purpose and when Sharon sends something in, we will be sure to print it here. So, let's move onward, shall we?

2009...a New Year, full of promise for more GREAT things from the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club. There is so much to talk about at our first meeting in January and our new president, Sharon (KD8HHK) has a questionnaire to get your thoughts on what types of programs you want to see and what we can do to continue building on the success of the last few years. It's good when you see someone in a leadership role reaching out for fresh ideas, because everyone can use a change from time to time and CMARC is no exception. So please bring your thoughts and ideas to the meeting on January 9th and share them.

I would like to take a moment to recognize someone who is about to leave us. Elizabeth (KD8GYN) has been accepted into a nice new home in Sacramento, California and the January meeting will be our last opportunity (at least for now) to say, 'Thank You'. As you know, she was instrumental in helping to build the Ladies of CMARC (with many other Ladies), as well as organizing a fantastic CMARC cookbook fundraiser with Sandy (W8GRO) and Sharon (KD8HHK). As our Fund-Raising Chairperson, Elizabeth also sold 50/50 Tickets at the meetings and was in charge of the food at Field Day last year. Between Linda (W8LCC) Donna Cote' and her, I don't know who could have done a better job of making it all come together...but lemme tell you, we ALL ate VERY well last year.

On a personal note, I'll miss having my Mom here with us, because I helped elmer her, along with some of the Ladies, and it was a particular treat celebrating with her when she passed her Technician in the fall of 2007. It doesn't seem possible that she's already been a Ham for nearly a year and a half. But most of all, I guess I'll miss her goulash, peanut brittle (I have a copy of the recipe, so don't despair) and our occasional trips to the restaurant for lunch together. For those who will, please allow me to say 'Thank You' to my Mom, on behalf of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club. We appreciate all you have done and if you need help starting a Club out there, I bet there are several Ladies (and me, too) who would be willing to help you get the job done! We also ask for your prayers as we cross the southern United States in just a few short days from now.

In many ways, we are a big Family around here, aren't we? A Family that is constantly growing, with folks coming in from all walks of life. Can you think of anything better than that? No, we do not always agree and occasionally part of us leaves (temporarily or otherwise), but we always remain Family.

I'm thankful that The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and those who make up its core is part of my life. I've made many good friends here in the last 14 plus years, even some I never thought that would be possible with....sometimes because of my outlook and other times, vice versa. But, make no mistake, individuality is what makes us who we are.

If I could have any wish for 2009, it would be this...that we, as a Club could grow even bigger. That we could achieve some of the goals we did not meet last year. That we could see Corey's efforts on behalf of the Under 22 group rewarded. That the Ladies of CMARC would have a banner year and new YLs would come in droves to their Tea Time Luncheons. That our VE Sessions would fill to overflowing and classes would require extra dates.

Maybe these are just rambling thoughts, but wouldn't it be nice to see these things happen? My bet is, they CAN and they WILL with everyone's support. Time will tell.

73, ERV

What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born in Lansing, Michigan on September 14th, 1953 and grew up on Lowcroft Street on Lansing's South side. I attended Everett Elementary, Dwight Rich Junior High, and graduated from Everett High School in 1971. Immediately after graduation, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served six years. After finishing Boot Camp and "A" School (Quartermaster/Signalman), I attended Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. After receiving orders to serve on the USS George Washington (a fleet ballistic missile sub in Scotland), the Navy changed those orders and instead, I ended up serving the bulk of my Naval career working as a Signalman on the USS Conyngham DDG-17 in Norfolk, Virginia. I sailed on six of the seven seas, from the Arctic Circle to the Black Sea, most ports in the Mediterranean, and to Africa and South America. After sailing through the Panama Canal on our way to Vietnam, the Peace Treaty was signed and we turned around and headed back to the Conyngham's homeport in Virginia.

I then attended college at Santa Rosa State University in California, Lansing Community College and Central University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Virginia. In September of 1977, I was hired by the Lansing Fire Department. I have worked as a firefighter, paramedic, engineer, officer, Assistant Fire Marshall and the City of Lansing Emergency Manager.

I met my wife while I was a paramedic and she was a nurse in the St. Lawrence Emergency Room. One day she left a note on the patient litter, "For a good time, call Terri"! We were married in 1980, less than a year later, and I've been having a good time ever since! We have three children, all of which have graduated from MSU and now have lives of their own away from home. Our youngest, Hannah, was married in August of 2008. Family has always been a high priority for me and we are all very close.

In September of 2002, I finally "retired". I thought it would be fun to do something with my newfound spare time, so in September of 2003, I started a company called CEMA (Comprehensive Emergency Management Associates). What started out as just something to keep me occupied has turned into a full-blown business. With three partners, five employees and twenty-five subcontractors, working in every region in Michigan as well as four other states, I no longer have any "spare" time!! If I ever do manage to find some, I go camping and backpacking because I love the outdoors!

As far as the Ham Radio Hobby goes, I was first licensed as a Technician on November 23, 1999 and on June 19, 2007 I got my General upgrade in Charlotte. Before getting my license, I didn't know anything about scanning or even what Amateur Radio was. A friend and his love for the Hobby drew me in with his enthusiasm. At that time, I was the Emergency Manager for the City of Lansing and my friend was the City/County Emergency Coordinator. Of course, I have always had an interest in electronics and gadgets. However, I never really followed through on that interest until he came along and encouraged me. I really like the emergency preparation aspects of the Hobby.

My favorite mode is ATV, although I admit I am not very good at it. In the summer of 2008, I rode my bicycle in the DALMAC (bike ride from MSU to the Mackinaw Bridge) and carried with me all the equipment I needed to use ATV. However, I never got it working properly—even though I spent a month configuring it to work prior to leaving on the trip! My Ham gear is very basic and includes a VHF/UHF mobile and some hand-held radios. After passing my General exam, I wanted to purchase some HF equipment and antenna's, but haven't as of yet. I am a member of the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association, the Lansing/Ingham Amateur Radio Public Service Corps, and the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club.

When asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio or life in general that I'd like to pass on I responded by saying that my life's goal can be found in a particular verse in the Bible. It is First Timothy 1:5 which says, "The goal of this command is Love, with a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith"! As far as Ham Radio is concerned, I'd like to say that CMARC has been a valuable club for me to attend when I am able. It gives me the nice opportunity of meeting many others that enjoy the Hobby.

There, now that we've gotten a little better acquainted—What's My Sign? My callsign is KC8NJK and my name is Tom Shaver, the Emergency Coordinator for Ingham County. The friend that got me hooked on Amateur Radio is Clint Hannahs/KC8EHR.

Bits N Bytes

CMARC Dues are Due

It's hard to believe that we are already into the New Year. As a result of this, it is time to re-up your CMARC dues and we do appreciate your support.

You can either take care of your dues at an upcoming CMARC meeting, or you can mail them to Ron Harger (WD8BCS), or John Ingraham (NG8L) at the address below.

Again, we thank you for your support.

CMARC

Attn: Ron Harger or John Ingraham

P.O. Box 27321

Lansing, MI 48909-7321

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/1 – Jan Bradfield (KC8BFK)

1/2 – Tammy Burk

1/5 – Don Hinkle (KD8DJH)

1/8 – Felimon 'Mhon' Brazas, Jr.

1/10 – Vic Jackson (W9NDM)

1/11 – Louie Larche (KD8BWL)

1/11 – Ralph (N8YQJ) and Char Riggs' Anniversary

1/12 – Tom Cain (KB8ZL)

1/18 – Dennis Boone (KB8ZQZ)

1/23 – Mary Lou Tillitson's Sweet 16

1/23 – John Ingraham (NG8L)

1/24 – Pamela Denomme (KB8PSF)

1/24 – Keith Colister (K8CWQ)



National Ham News

He doesn't play soccer, or "salta moleta" (the leapfrog game) but he's friendly with everyone in the convent school of Minor Friars of St Giacomo in northeastern Italy. Born in 1895 in a family of land owners, weak and in poor health (many doubt that he will survive his first year), Bortolo Begali grows almost normally thanks to the attention and medical care that his family's wealth makes possible. Admonitions of "Do not sweat, Bortolo!" and "Wrap yourself up!" are common throughout his childhood.

Experimenting with Electric Waves

He spends his free time at school in the physics laboratory with Father Beniamino, a teacher of physics who performs experiments with electrical waves. With the economist Father Damaso, they experiment generating waves using an induction coil, purchased from Ducretet workshop in Paris, which creates 5 inch sparks.

Father Damaso shares with his young student the passion for scientific experimentation. Beniamino, Damaso and Bortolo finally meet success when, after having set up a receiver that uses an Edison effect detector purchased from

England, they are able to follow telegraphic transmissions between the Antivari station in Montenegro and the station in Bari (southern Italy).

Service in the WWI Trenches

After May 24, 1915, even though he is exempted from compulsory military service, he enlists as a volunteer and asks to be sent in the first line as a sharpshooter (cecchino). Bortolo is wounded on Podgora in 1916 but refuses invalid status and, after being promoted to sergeant, returns to fight at Fort Campomolon (one of the hottest places of WWI, especially during the Strafexpedition, also known as the Battle of Asiago, a counteroffensive launched by the Austro-Hungarians on the Italian Front).

He is wounded for the second time and is taken to the military hospital in Verona where he meets and becomes friends with Giovanni "Nan" Casabona, a telegrapher with a combat engineering unit, under treatment for burns to the hands due to an electric discharge caused by Ruhmkorff coil.

Dry Feet and Defied Orders

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Bortolo refuses the invalid status again and enrolls in Officer Candidate School. After being promoted to Second Lieutenant he has an idea -- shoes! Shoes soaked with moisture and mud make life in the trenches very hard for soldiers. So he orders a supply of footwear for all the men of his platoon from his family's shoemaker. Bortolo is rewarded later when, after he is trapped in a grid, his soldiers disobey their orders and go to his rescue.

Unfortunately, after this incident he falls ill with pneumonia from the hours he spent in the mud and rain. After the major defeat in Caporetto, Bortolo can no longer return to his parents' house since the territory is now occupied by the Austrians. He moves to Val d'Ilasi, Nan's home (who has not yet recovered the use of both hands), to convalesce.

A Spark Gap and Covert Communication

Talking and chatting in front of the fireplace over a glass of wine, they devise a plan to broadcast information from the occupied country using those very tools that he experimented with in the laboratory at the school of St Giacomo. A soldier of humble origins from a modest family probably wouldn't have been able to obtain support from his superiors, but the status of his family allowed Bortolo to gain the approval of High Command.

Prior to this, espionage communications had been carried out by pigeons, but the Austrians banned their breeding, making it a capital crime. Moreover, their snipers were ordered to shoot anything that flies. But the new media of radio is there to fill the void. In 1916, the technical development of radio does not permit them to be readily transportable. Fortunately, the St Giacomo convent radio is available behind enemy lines to communicate with the High Command.

During the night of February 2 Bortolo parachutes into S Fior (a town near St Giacomo), landing in an estate belonging to his family. He is helped by peasants to conceal the parachute and his uniform. (It was one of the first uses of the device designed by Leonardo da Vinci in 1500. It was rediscovered by the British and later improved by General Guidoni who died during a launch test over the airport of the town that now bears his name -- Guidonia Montecelio, near Rome.)

Since Bortolo has documents certifying that he's exempted from military service, the Austrians grant him a pass allowing him to move freely throughout the territory to look after his family's property (the prestige of his family is well known over the border also).

With the help of Father Beniamino, he sets up the radio. For the transmitter they use the Ruhmkorff coil powered by a stack of Leclanchè batteries prepared with stale manganese dioxide.

The voltage is unstable and the electrodes tended to polarize. The transmission power is less than 10 W, radiating along a copper wire that Father Damaso who, in his youth was a member of the Trento Alpinist Society, stretches out

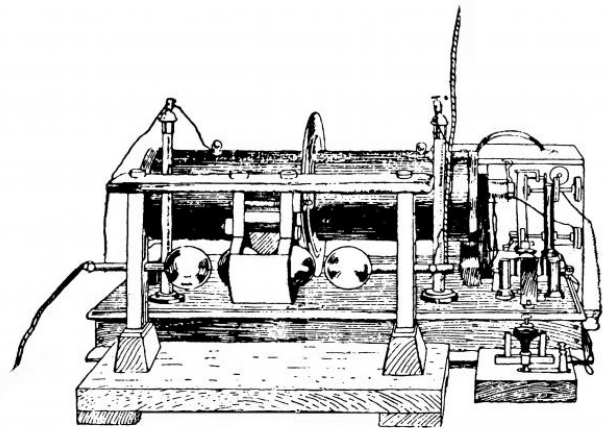
from the laboratory school to the bell tower of the church every night. Since he is an experienced climber, he's not afraid of the height at the top of the spire, but he is terrified of the Austrians. As soon as he descends from the belfry he runs and hides in the cellar until the transmissions are finished. Then he climbs the belfry again to withdraw the antenna. The receiver is the same one they used to listen to broadcasts from Antivari. Among Bortolo's many informants are his sister and girlfriend (Lucia and Aura) who keep an eye on the rail traffic to Treviso. Unfortunately, the St Giacomo school was destroyed in 1944 by Allied bombing.

In Venice, at the same time, Nan has resumed service as sergeant and leads the operation of a squad of telegraphers. They need all their skills to follow the fleeting broadcasts from the occupied area, even with the best receiver of the time using a double circuit line, Fleming detector and French "Loupiote" amplifier (in French the triode vacuum tube was called loupiote). In spite of the fact that the signal is hardly readable, the connection is established almost every night.

Even without concrete evidence, the Austrians suspect Bortolo and he is often questioned but always convinces the Austrians of his innocence. In this manner he continues the operation until October 30, 1918 when, with the signing of the Armistice of Mudros, the peace desired by all men of good will arrived and the epic era of WWI came to an end.

Piero Begali, I2RTF, remembers hearing Sputnik as it beeped its way around the world in 1957. He was first licensed in 1964 as a Second Class ham. He has a technical background covering radio and mechanics and has worked most of his life as a machinist and mechanical engineer designing and manufacturing components for knitting machines. For the past 12 years he has been manufacturing the Begali line of telegraph keys for the amateur market, which can be seen at www.i2rtf.com. Piero can be reached at Officina Meccanica Pietro Begali, Via Badia 22, I-25060 Cellatica, Italy

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A drawing of the Ruhmkorff coil transmitter used by Bortolo.

Drawing courtesy of Piero Begali, I2RTF

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CMARC BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2008

President Erv/W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Vice-President Bob Berger/K8RDN, Treasurer Ron Harger/WD8BCS, Director Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG and "Under 22" Director Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ. Excused from tonight's meeting was Secretary Julie McLain/KB8ZXR as several Ladies who had planned to work in the kitchen tonight were sick and Julie was filling in for them. [Sec. note: A big "thank you" to Erv and Corey for taping the meeting minutes for me so I could work in the kitchen getting things ready for the Christmas party.] Erv asked if anyone had received a call from DeAnna Barnhill/KD8BDI asking to be excused from the meeting and no one had.

Cookbook update: Erv/W8ERV said that as of right now, over 60 copies of CMARC's Cookbook, "Memories of Mom", have been sold. He said that our total cost is \$1,007.00 and we have almost made that already, with anything over being pure profit for the Club. A Board member said it would have been nice if the Cookbook was a little thicker and Erv agreed. However, he said that after begging and pleading for Club members to send in their recipes, this is all they had received, and with this being the first time our Club has ever done something like this, he felt the Cookbook had turned out okay.

He reported that a \$36 gift card for the Texas Roadhouse, along with two Movie tickets (\$14) from Celebration Cinema had been purchased for the winner of the "Dinner and a Movie" contest, which was devised to see who could sell and/or purchase the most cookbooks.

The winner would be announced after all the totals from tonight's meeting were in.

Erv told the Board that a suggestion had been made that we donate a Cookbook to Dale Williams/WA8EFK (the ARRL Great Lakes Division Section Manager for Michigan), three to Bill Serviss/KD8HHN in memory of Jeanie/KD8IKO (one for him, one for his daughter and one for his granddaughter), and one for the Club History. A motion to donate the five Cookbooks in this way was made by Corey/KD8BOQ, seconded by Bob/K8RDN and approved.

Other points of discussion: 1.) Erv submitted a receipt for reimbursement for the toner cartridges and paper he purchased for the Club copier. 2.) We will have elections later tonight voting for those who were nominated at last month's meeting. Nominees were as follows: Sharon Waite/KD8HHK, Corey-Bulock/KD8BOQ, Ron Harger/WD8BCS, Don McLain/KB8RAD, Jolyon Vincent/KD8HZY and Jane Newton/KC8HJQ. Jane Newton/KC8HJQ, who could not attend due to illness, contacted the Secretary and asked that her name be withdrawn from the nominations. 3.) Ron/WD8BCS will talk briefly in the meeting on "Field Day '09" and Gregg/WB8LZG will address the membership on Sweepstakes. 4.) This may be the last Swap that Marshall has, so we should all support it with our attendance, and if we have any Cookbooks left, we should rent a table and take them along to sell, handing out our Tri-fold and informational flyers, as well.

With all business being concluded, Corey/KD8BOQ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gregg/WB8LZG and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:16 p.m.
Julie McLain/KB8ZXR – Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2008

President Erv/W8ERV called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed both our members and those visiting with us for tonight's Christmas party/Elections. We had a moment of silence in memory of our "Silent Keys".

ATTENDANCE: There were at least 62 people in attendance, but the true count is unknown because many failed to sign in. Of those that did sign in we had 43 members and 19 visitors making this one of our best-attended meetings of the year! Our guests were: Kurt Niemeyer/KC8QYV; Ruth Hinkle; Ann Berger; Chris/KC8CAJ and Shannon Ranes; Tammy Garner and Ana Mai; Laurie and Joshua Bates; Don/WB8PPB and Mary Lou Hunsaker; Joe Caswell/KC8WJY; Joan Mann; Donna Cote'; Morgan Mosher/KD8IWT, Curt Mosher/KD8IWS; Jeff Oberg/KB8SXX; Sheldon McLaughlin and Amanda Donders/KC8SRV.

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS: There was nothing new to report.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: There were no DX contacts reported.

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT: Marie Watson/KC8NOI turned in her report, which was put on the table for those interested to read. A "thank you" card was received from Julie McLain/KB8ZXR for the flowers that were sent for the funeral of her Father, Lyle King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our next CMARC meeting will not be on the first Friday of the month this time due to the New Year's holiday; instead, it will be on the second Friday, which is January 9th at 7:30pm.

President Erv/W8ERV said the December Scope will be out in a few

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weeks and asked for our patience as Gretchen/KC8ODL and he are in transition, getting everything set up at his place so that in January Erv can replace her as SCOPE Editor. Also starting in January, Jane Hosford/KC8FSK will be mailing the SCOPE each month to those members that have requested receiving their SCOPES via the Postal Service.

Amateur Radio Technician Classes are going to be held at the Eaton County Sheriffs Department in Charlotte. They will take place over two Saturdays with the first class starting on Saturday, January 17, 2009 and the last on January 24th. Immediately after the last class, VE testing will be conducted for those attending. The cost is \$25 for the Technician manual and \$15 for the exam. If you know anyone who is interested, have them Contact Tom Rocheleau/WA8WPI at trochele@verizon.net.

OLD BUSINESS: Because the SCOPE had not yet been published, no motions to accept the November Secretary's Report or Treasurer's report were made. They will be taken care of at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Sharon/KD8HHK, Sandy/W8GRO and Elizabeth/KD8GYN, the three Ladies who did all the work for the CMARC Cookbook "Memories of Mom", presented three Cookbooks to Bill Serviss/KD8HHN in memory of his wife, Jeanie/KD8IKO. She had only been licensed about three months when she passed away on August 26, 2008 with Pancreatic Cancer. They gave him one for himself, one for his daughter and one for his granddaughter.

Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG spent some time talking about Sweepstakes and Ron Harger/WD8BCS talked about Field Day 2009 and

how positions were being filled for the committee. The location for Field Day next year is still up in the air however, and suggestions are still being solicited.

President Erv went over the list of nominees (from the November meeting) for the Board of Directors positions that need to be filled in tonight's election. A motion was made to open the floor for more nominations by Jeff Oberg/KB8SXX, seconded by Jim Hannahs/KC8QWH and approved. After additional nominations were made, a motion was made by Jim Hannahs/KC8QWH to close the nominations, seconded by Don Cote/KD8BD and approved. The final nominations for the Board of Directors were: Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ for the "Under 22" position, Ron Harger/WD8BCS, Don McLain/KB8RAD, Sharon Waite/KD8HHK, John Hosford/KC8QZB and Jolyon Vincent/KD8HZY. Jane Newton/KC8HJQ, who had been previously nominated, withdrew herself from the election. Once the list of nominees was finalized, we held the election and the "ballot counters" retired to another room to tabulate the results. A motion was then made by Scott Tickner/W8ATT that we should, in the interim, adjourn to the Christmas Party/Potluck Dinner, seconded by Bill Cote/W88NYW and approved.

We had a wonderful time fellowshiping together as we ate a variety of delicious main dishes and desserts, which were provided by many of those in attendance. There was such a feast it took three and a half tables to hold all the food!

Once the votes were counted, the outgoing Board met with the new Directors and they decided how each position was to be filled. After much deliberation, they finally reached a group decision and returned to the main meeting room to announce the

results. The new CMARC Board of Directors for 2009 are: President Sharon Waite/KD8HHK; Vice-President Bob Berger/K8RDN; Secretary John Hosford/KC8QZB; Treasurer Ron Harger/WD8BCS; Director Erv Bates/W8ERV; Director Don McLain/KB8RAD and "Under 22" Director Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ.

We all gave the new Board a round of applause and then continued enjoying each others company (as well as the food) until the last of us left around 10 p.m.

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR – Secretary

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR FRIENDS
at
The Central Michigan
Amateur Radio Club**



Ladies of CMARC News

Ladies' Tea Time Wrap-Up

Our Christmas Ladies Tea Time Luncheon was held on Saturday, December 13th at the home of Marie Watson/KC8NOI. Marie, her granddaughter Rachel and Fred "K9DOG" welcomed us as twelve additional Ladies arrived at the Watson home, bearing gifts and food for the party. The house was decorated for our enjoyment and even though Marie's husband Garry/KC8MAD stayed downstairs—far from all the noise—he made us feel welcome by all he did to help Marie before we came, and by even cleaning up for us after we left! He was also gracious enough to give several of the Ladies a tour of his shack!

We had such a wonderful time eating the delicious food the Ladies brought, exchanging Christmas gifts, visiting with one another and playing "speed" Bingo that we hated to see the luncheon end. It is with hearts of gratitude that we thank Marie for opening her home to us, once again, so we might all get together for this fun luncheon!

We haven't decided yet where we'll be holding our January Ladies Tea Time Luncheon, but keep watching the CMARC website to find out when and where it will be. Remember Ladies, you don't have to be a Ham to join us for these monthly Luncheons. You just need to enjoy food, fellowship and fun!!

Not on our mailing list? Would you like to be? Just call Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) at (517) 694-0812 or email me at kb8zxr@aol.com. For more info on the Ladies Tea Time Luncheons check out the SCOPE or visit the CMARC website at: www.centralmiarc.com.

~Julie McLain, KB8ZXR

Ziegenbein Nominations Sought

As we close out 2008, it is once again time to consider making your nomination for CMARC's highest honor, the Ziegenbein Award. Nominees must be FULL CMARC members, and nominations must be in writing (no duplicates accepted) and mailed in.

The Award, named for Ralph Ziegenbein (W8PLP/SK), a man members affectionately referred to as 'Mr. Ham Radio', honors the recipient for their efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio and CMARC in the last calendar year. It is traditionally given out at Ladies' Night in May.

If you know someone who is deserving of a little recognition, please send your nominations to:

CMARC
Attn: Ziegenbein Nomination
P.O. Box 27321
Lansing, MI 48909-7321

Memories of Mom Cookbooks on Sale...Get Yours Today!

With the prep work and printing out of the way, the sales are all that remains. The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club cookbook, "Memories of Mom" is only \$10 and you can get your copy at any CMARC meeting, as well as at the Coffee Break on Saturday evenings at Denny's (with advance notice, please).

We have already sold enough copies to pay for printing, so ALL monies collected from this point forward will go to CMARC for activities and such. We would like to have them sold by Spring, but any copies remaining after February will be taken to the Marshall Ham Swap.

For more information, contact Erv at 517-202-6229, or email him at w8erv@acd.net. If copies need to be mailed, please add \$4.95 to cover postage and handling.



Teen Talk

by Corey Bullock, KD8BQQ
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517-930-2372

Welcome to 2009 CMARC!!!! As one of the oldest clubs in the area, I see us excelling far this year and meeting our expectations and more. I am excited to see where Sharon takes us this year and I put my support behind this new President that we are lucky to have with us. We can do so much this year and grow.

We did a lot of great work last year but there are still plenty of things to expand on. For instance, I would love to follow through with the letters that we planned to send out to hams last year. As discussed previously, this would include sending invitations to 300 or so hams in Lansing inviting them to CMARC. Also, we need to re-visit the idea of relocation, we have a great place to call home at the Red Cross, but the committee that was formed to look for a new place should meet up again and see what else is out there. We had some great programs in 2008, but lets get some even better ones lined up for 2009. Amateur radio is a technical hobby, and we have new technologies that we can use every day, I would love to learn new things, and some technical programs for 2009 would help attract new people to the club. As the Under 22 director, I am always thinking to help the current and future youth of CMARC. I think we have so work to do to change a few of our old habits to attract more young people, and a few of the things I have mentioned are key in what we need to do.

I was disappointed in the progress I was able to make in 2008 to create a club in the school. I feel I should take a minute to explain the hold up. I honestly have been working hard to try to accomplish this, but with little success. In March Tyler KD8BOP and I did sit down and discuss the possibility in starting a club with the Superintendent of Holt Public Schools. He described what we needed to do to get this to happen, but otherwise supports the idea fully. We followed through with everything he asked us to do except one thing. We need a teacher to sponsor and support the club. That's the hard part. I haven't had anything but bad luck in finding a teacher who has the time to put towards an after school club. I need someone who has the time and is enthusiastic enough to make this club grow strong. I am being a little picky in the type of person I am looking for, but I would much rather build a strong base that takes a while to progress, than quickly build a weak base and not succeed in building a club at all. So, my New Year's resolution for 2009 is to find a good teacher to sponsor this club ASAP. Once I accomplish this, I already have awesome plans that I know will attract many to our hobby. Thank you all for being patient, and giving me support in 2008, I look forward to the support I know I will receive in 2009.

Also, I have been thinking about the direction of this article. In 2009, I want to change the way Teen Talk works a little bit. I did mention that to attract more youth to the club we needed to bring technology. I'm not going to be a hypocrite, so I'll be spicing up Teen Talk with updates on what new and cool in the hobby to grab our young reader's attention. I will still have a similar style, and be updating you all on my progress, but a little change is needed. I do want to please people this year, so I beg you PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS! I always supply my email and phone number below, so contact me either way please. For those of you tech savvy people, you may text me as well. Lets see what we can do, and where we can go in 2009. I'm pumped! HAPPY NEW YEAR CMARC!!!!!!!



Thanks and 73, Corey

Local & Special Interest News

CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 354.84
Business Checking	\$ 467.98
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/12/09)	\$1778.03

Net Worth as of 11/30/08	\$2600.85
Youth Fund Balance (as of 11/24/08)	\$ 142.00

(separate from CMARC Funds)

Submitted,
Ron Harger, WD8BCS
CMARC Treasurer



FOR SALE...

1. Azden 3000 2m mobile w/brackets and detachable head cable \$50.00
2. Azden 3000 2m mobile w/brackets \$50.00
3. Icom 2410H Dualband mobile. Some issues with microphone \$100.00

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The 2009 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

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

Weekly Nets in the Greater Lansing Area

Nets are a great way to learn organized communication, as well as to meet and get to know your fellow Hams. The Lansing area offers many Nets and they are listed below. Please feel free to check into one, or ALL of them...and everyone is welcome!

Sunday 7:00pm - Central Michigan Slow scan Net. Join Carl (K8YHH) for this weekly gathering on the 146.700 repeater. All are welcome to attend.

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 7:00pm - ARPSC Net. Don (KB8RAD) 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. (NO NET ON MEETING NIGHT)

Tuesday 7:00pm - 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 - 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. Corey promises LOTS of information and fun for the young people of the Lansing area. Sounds like a good Net to visit!

As with all Nets, 3rd party checkins must have Control Operator present at checkin time.

VE Testing & Special Announcements

Lansing V.E. Testing Session #1

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 January 10, 2009

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



**Lansing Area/
Ingham County**



Amateur Radio Public Service

SKYWARN TRAINING 2009 SLATED

Our local weather guru, Ben Holcomb (WX8BEN) has announced the date for our 2009 SKYWARN Training. As has been the case for the past several years, it will held on Saturday, March 7th at LCC's West Campus, with thanks to John Imeson (N8JI).

Class is scheduled to begin at 10am and last until 2pm and admission is free, but pre registration is highly recommended, due to overwhelming interest.

Also included in the training is a fine lunch, provided by Lansing Community College. You won't want to miss this!

Ben has set up a Pre-Registration page at <http://www.lansingarpssc.com/training.html>. You will be prompted through the sign up process.

Agenda for Class

10a-12p	National WX Service Training
12p-1p	Lunch, Courtesy of LCC
1p-2p	Rob Dale, WLNS - 6 Meteorologist

A big thank you to Ben AND Tom Shaver (KC8NJK) for a fantastic SKYWARN Class each year!

Lansing VE Session #2

Tuesday January 6th - 7pm

Lansing Police Dept., South Precinct,
3400 S. Cedar St., Lansing
Downstairs, Sm. Conf. Room
(Lansing VE Team)

Contact: Don McLain (KB8RAD)
phone: (517) 694-0812

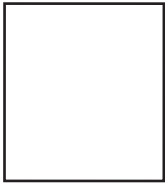
Eaton County VE Session

Saturday February 14th - 12pm

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

Contact: John Dewey (NY8Q)
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