

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD MEETING
JULY 7, 2022 ON ZOOM**

PRESENT: Dan Beuchert, Daniel Dembinski, Kelly Fitzgerald, Gregg Mulder, Shannon Ranes,
ABSENT: Gordon Smith, Michael Wetzel
VISITORS: Dale Cole, John Doornhaag, Christopher Ranes, Tom Rocheleau, Doug Bussell

Dan Dembinski opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

FIELD DAY Dan Beuchert gave an update with statistics and informational follow-up.

*Chris Ranes - CW Chair; Randy Williams - Digital Chair; John Hosford - SSB Chairs; Dan Beuchert - GOTA. Dan B not interested single chairperson for Field Day 2023, but is willing to help someone out. Possibly committee instead of one chairperson. More hands sharing.

HAMFEST is Saturday, September 10th. Dale Cole contacted a number of vendors. Received package from Heil. Ham books. QRZ subscriptions. N3FJP. Following up with others. MFJ does not have a print catalog at this time. ARRL. Get others involved in contacting people and clubs. No VE Testing at HamFest. Flyer. Grand Prize drawing at noon. Raffle paperwork. 9am-1pm. Discussion regarding main prize. Budget/expenses. Suggested we cater to new hams and older hams. \$200-\$250 in the past. ***Everyone was in agreement that \$200 is the cap for purchasing a grand prize. All in favor and agreed.***

VE will not happen until November. John Doornhaag out for back surgery 12-14 weeks. Fire Station 44 on Miller Road in Lansing.

LADIES NIGHT is Friday, August 12th. Kelly Fitzgerald has figured food cost about \$8. Charge \$10pp, then we are short about \$0.50 to cover park entrance fee. Fitzgerald Park is donating the pavilion fee (\$150). She will have sign up sheets. Begin at 6pm. Ziegenbein Committee chair, Tom Rocheleau, plaque. Kelly invited Ralph Ziegenbein's family to Ladies Night.

BUILDING Dan D talking with Bryan Adams at Lansing Makers Network on Saturday.

COMMUNITY GROUP IN STOCKBRIDGE is interested in having us do a presentation.

GM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB sent a flyer and inquired about swapping a table at one of their swaps in Shelby, for a table at our HamFest. The first one is next Saturday, July 16, 2022. Dan D. plans to attend and have a table of things to sell. Board agreed to let them have a table at HamFest. The GMARC has about 219 members. *John D. said we have about 60 members.*

SURVEY responses by 16 people, per Dan B. We'll ask again at tomorrow night's general meeting and allow another week or so to fill it in. Some items responses on survey were:
~We need to have a point person for the website, ListServ, and Facebook page. ~Greeter at the door for meetings. ~Break between business meeting and speaker. ~Keep newsletter monthly or bi-monthly. ~Emails with concise data. ~Continuing education - modes, making contacts, demos. ~We don't have a home right now for classes, events, station, etc. It's hard to get a hold of the people at a possible new home. ~Tom will put a link on the website.

GREGG'S FIELD DAY IN NORTH DAKOTA with the Souris Valley ARC, Minot, ND.

REMOVING TOWER IN MASON Dan D. said we are planning on next Saturday, July 16, 2022. Decisions regarding tools, storing tribander and tower, truck/trailer to use, and people to work. Dan D. already told the owner of Britelites we are coming out.

Kelly Fitzgerald has a new call - K8FK.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:30pm by Dan Beuchert, second by Gregg Mulder, approved by all. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Ranes
CMARC Secretary

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022 IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM
(15 Members, 1 Visitor, 9 Members on Zoom, 1 Visitor on Zoom)**

Dan Dembinski opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

~Pledge of Allegiance.

~Welcome visitors.

~Reminder of sign in sheets.

~No Cards and Flowers report.

~Moment of silence.

~Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report will be presented and voted on next month.

~LCDRA - Next meeting 7/21

~ARPSC - Next meeting 7/18

~Interesting DX - Michael Wetzel, Gregg Mulder

~VE Testing tomorrow at Fire Station #44 tomorrow. No VE Testing until November. No VE Testing at HamFest.

~Building Committee - Have not had a meeting because they have had feelers out to two places. Each person's schedule is swamped for Summer. Dan D, Tom R, Gregg M, Dan B going to check out Lansing Makers Network.

~An organization in Stockbridge is interested in us coming out for a presentation.

~Survey sent out for CMARC members to fill out, It will be available for another week. Dan B read some of the responses in the meeting.

~GMARC (General Motors Amateur Radio Club) - Swap meet in August. Dan D will be going and having a table. Others are welcome to go with him.

~HamFest - Saturday, September 10 at the Okemos Event Center. Dan Dembinski and Dale Cole working together. About a dozen or so vendors so far. Need volunteers (assist vendors, money taker, hand out wristbands, prizes, etc.). Paper wristbands again this year. Give away prizes and grand prize at 12pm. Don't need to be present to win the grand prize. We have other options of places we could go, like the Ingham County Fairgrounds building. Do we want the great price at the Okemos Conference Center, or great profits? One day it will be profits over price. If anyone wants to donate anything, see Dan D or Dale Cole.

~Ladies Night - Kelly Fitzgerald - Friday, August 12 at 6pm at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. \$10 per person. That includes entry into the county park. Kelly has order forms tonight.

~Field Day - About 45 people attended. Dan B gave some statistics but more details will be given during the presentation. Dan B does not want to be the Chairperson next year, but is willing to assist someone, or be a co-chair.

Motion by Bob Strobel to close the meeting at 7:35pm. Second by Kelly Fitzgerald, approved by all. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Raney
CMARC Secretary

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2022**

PRESENT: Dan Beuchert, Gregg Mulder, Shannon Ranes, Michael Wetzel
ABSENT: Dan Dembinski, Kelly Fitzgerald, Gordy Smith
VISITORS: Dale Cole, Chris Ranes, Tom Rocheleau

Gregg (VP) opened the meeting at 7:17pm

Discussion regarding Ladies Night and possibly changing the name. Ideas like Family Night or Volunteer Appreciation Night. Pre-CoViD, Ladies Night was in May so near Mother's Day. If we keep having it in the Summer/Fall, possibly change the name.

HamFest Update

Handi-talkie

Mobile

2 books from DX Engineering

N3FJP - complete suite

QRZ - 3 printed subscriptions

Buckmaster HamCall - shipping out a cd that has ham calls similar to QRZ

Dan has some books in his hands - 6 books from Craig Buck

ARRL donations coming to Dan

Dx engineering - \$100 gift certificate

Heil - t-shirts and one of the radio handbooks and gym bag and one other item to give away

~A little over 20 items to give away in the 4 hours.

~Dale did some figuring at the gifts at the last hamfest and it was around \$1,000. With an entrance fee of \$5, we needed around 200 attendees to break even.

~Dale will have the flyer at the Jackson/Cascades hamfest tomorrow.

***Motion by Michael Wetzel to close the meeting at 7:58 pm. Second by Dan Beuchert.
Approved by all. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Ranes
CMARC Secretary

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2022
(18 Members)**

This was the annual "Ladies Night" and we met at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge, MI.

Michael Wetzel (W8QF) was the 2021 recipient of the Ziegenbein Award.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Raney
CMARC Secretary

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD MEETING
9/8/22 @ 7:00 PM ON ZOOM**

PRESENT: Dan B, Dan D, Kelly F, Gregg M, Shannon R, Gordy S, Michael W

ABSENT:

VISITORS: Dale Cole, John Hosford, Ed Hude, Allan Ostrander, Chris Raney

Dan Dembinski opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

HamFest 2022 - This Saturday, 9/8/22 from 9am to 1pm at the Okemos Event Center.
Registration/Money - Kenny. Raffle/Ticket puller/Announcements - Kelly. Take money. Give out wristbands/tickets. Help vendors set up/tear down. Runner. Greeter. "Ask Me". Photographer.
*John Hosford and Russ Fitzgerald will be there and can help out in any way needed.
Dan D plans to be there at 6:30am when Jessica arrives. The rest can come at 7:30am.
Dan B will have LCDRA info. Dan D will look for the hamfest signs in WLCC garage tomorrow.

HamFest 2023 - Looking at a different venue next year. Ingham County Fairgrounds, a church, indoor and outdoor, size of room makes a difference, parking situation. Look at economics.

We need to establish a process for official CMARC Facebook posts and announcements. Instead of using our personal Facebook accounts to post or comment, it will be best for people to see an official CMARC post. Appoint a "Communications Coordinator".

Uncle Johns Cider Miller Bike ride on Sunday, 9/11/22.

~Dan Dembinski, John Tyree, Terry Feichtenbiner are attending to help out.

Building - Dan D to get in touch with both Lansing Maker Network and Willow Street building.
Ed Hude - Made an initial inquiry at Ingham County Fairgrounds

Hog Roast at West Lansing Church of Christ on Sunday, August 28, 2022. CMARC provided the pork. Dan Dembinski was the only one from CMARC able to attend.

Tomorrow night's CMARC meeting at 7pm at West Lansing Church of Christ.

LCDRA - Dan Beuchert

~Next meeting is October 19th. They will have elections at that time.

~Statewide emergency drill in October.

~Girl Scout event.

~Silver Bells in the City.

Dan D spoke with the Pastor at West Lansing Church of Christ about holding classes.

CMARC Questionnaire - Dan Beuchert will email results to us.

Ideas for General Meetings

~Ask a monthly question.

~What have you heard that's going on in ham radio?

~Heard an interesting ham radio podcast?

~Show & tell.

~At the church picnic, Dan talked with Jeremy from ECom. They are doing a foxhunt at Franklin Park on September 17th. Advertise that to the membership tomorrow night.

Michael has a brand new flip-top computer, purchased for their ministry but do not need. He is looking to donate it someplace. Will donate it to the club if we can use it. May be able to use it for Zoom at meetings.

Motion by Michael Wetzel to close the meeting at 8:30pm. Second by Shannon Ranes. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon M. Ranes
CMARC Secretary

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
09/09/22 @ 7:00PM IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM
(13 Members, 8 Members on Zoom, 1 Visitor on Zoom)**

Dan Beuchert opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

~Pledge of Allegiance.

~Cards and Flowers: Bob Berger - Ann Berger's passing. John Doornhaag - surgery/rehab.

~Moment of silence for silent keys.

~No Secretary or Treasurer Report - Illness and will have ready next month.

~No VE testing at HamFest. John Doornhaag not available due to surgery.

~Building Committee Report *Dan Dembinski meeting with Darrin at the Willow Street Outreach for Children building next week. *Lansing Maker Network is a no-go by not answering.

~Dan B and Dan D - Speaking engagement last month in Stockbridge at the Michigan for Pure Election Integrity. They had a lot of questions for us.

~HamFest - Everything set for tomorrow. Set up 7am-9am. HamFest 9am-1pm. Lots of prize donations. Dale Cole has worked hard to collect prizes. Some purchased, many donated.

***Dale had to take his wife to the emergency room tonight. He assured Dan the prizes would be at HamFest tomorrow.

***Looking ahead to next year, the Board has discussed having HamFest at a church or the Ingham County Fairgrounds. We want to be fiscally wise.

~Gordy Smith - wants to put a motion before the Board that we earmark the Humphreys Fund toward training. Gregg Mulder believes the original intent was to fund youth events and activities. This may be a way to get people in the door and have a build night. Discussion.

~A fox hunt and get-together at the Franklin Brick Park in Grand Ledge next Saturday, September 17. Being put on by Jeremy, who started a group called M-Com 365. Dan D will be there and others are invited to come as well.

~Gordy mentioned he is thinking of building an antenna and having a class. It won't work before next week's fox hunt, but build something soon.

~LCDRA - Dan Beuchert - Thursday, October 20th on Zoom. Elections.

~ARPSC - Dan Beuchert - Monday, September 19 on Zoom. Talking about SET (Statewide Emergency Test). Girl Scouts even (like GOTA) at MSP complex. SilverBells on Amateur TV.

~Bike-a-thon this Sunday at Uncle John's Cider Mill this Sunday. They would like some hams to be along the route with radios.

Motion by Dennis Dann to close the meeting at 7:30pm. Second by Gordy Smith.

Approved by all. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Raney

After the business meeting, we had a "show & tell" presentation from a few members as well as follow up from the CMARC member survey.