

CMARC Board Meeting 5/1/26

Family Night

We need better participation from members. Only 29 attendees this year, same number as last year. We would like to see a greater turnout for this event, like in years past.

Plaque Vendor

Lemongrass Engraving on Etsy in Elkhart IN. 8 x 10 Red Alder wood plaque laser engraved.

Field Day Update

We are having a safety officer this year. John Winn KE8CYC used to do it. After doing some reading and talking on the phone with ARRL, we need 2 new fire extinguishers. One will go in the cook station and one at the generator. Daniel Dembinski KD8YDE made a motion to buy two fire extinguishers for \$36.00 and it passed with all 7 in favor. Gordy Smith KE8JKS will be picking those up. As always there are formal invites going to MSU students and local officials and state government.

Need schedule for food serving

Breakfast will be from 0700 - 0830 hrs. Lunch will be from 1100 - 1300 hrs. Club picnic will be 1700 - 1900 hrs. Please email or call Daniel Dembinski as to what dish or items you are contributing to the picnic. Dan D's email is peacockcustomrods@icloud.com or call him at 517-512-9846. Dan D. would also like to keep track of helpers. If someone cannot help, a donation to the cash can on the table will help.

VE testing

We are in the process of getting the time specified for VE testing at Field Day. Kelly Fitzgerald K8FK and Russ Fitzgerald N8FZ will be speaking with John Doornhaag KD8NNQ about VE testing time, maybe changing the time from morning to maybe 1100 - 1300 hrs. Once this is figured out, we will get this on the ARRL field day website.

Generator Trailer

Gordy Smith KE8JKS will be in charge of the generator trailer. Gordy S. and Dan D. filled two 100 lbs tanks and two 20 lbs tanks. We also tested the generator and got it running with the help of Tim Clay KC8THC. The instructions said don't choke it when running on propane - the instructions are misleading, but it works, tires have air, generator trailer is ready to play. Gordy S. will also be writing a S.O.P. (Standard Operating Procedure) manual. This way, as long as you follow the manual, anyone will be able to run the generator.

Comm Trailer

Things will be inventoried and packed up. Also all insurance is up to date and ready to go.

Shirts

Kelly is waiting to hear back from the lady that will be make the decal for the shirts. She is hoping soon so we will have nifty shirts with club logo on them.

Trailer check list

Dan D. will be writing a S.O.P. manual for this and how things are to be done, what you need to do for setup and tear down, and how to pack things up and load them.

New ideas

It was brought by Daniel D. that we could possibly use the American Legion or the VFW in Dewitt on old US-27. Gordy S. mentioned that maybe the church would be another good possibility for family night, but what we really need is input from you! The club. Remember this is your club and the board members facilitate what you want so let's jump on this together, because if we don't get more involved then we may not have Family Night. I don't want to see that happen. So folks, lets work together and make these gatherings memorable ones. You deserve it.

Fall Picnic

Fall picnic and gathering with the MSU radio club at Daniel D's home as there is a big field to park the trailer in, and trees to shoot antennas up into them. I already have the menu planned and the main dish. If you want to have a fall picnic in August, we will start a sign up sheet as we get closer to the event.

New Business

Anyone have thoughts on speakers for the upcoming meetings? Let Kkelly F. know.