

# CURRENT NET ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Don McLain/KB8RAD (Wednesday, **September 26**, 2012)

## CMARC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the “Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club” will be on Friday, **October 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm in the Salvation Army building, which is located at 701 W. Jolly Road in Lansing. With the “Cold and Flu Season” just around the corner, our program for October is going to be a very timely presentation by Jim/KC8QWH and Ginny/KD8HPG Hannahs who will share with us some things we can do to avoid getting sick in the months ahead. Their discussion will include information about ways to boost our immune systems and whether or not we and our families should get vaccinations this year. You won’t want to miss this one! As always, we are certain to have a great time, so come on out and join us! And don’t forget about the good eats during the break!! For more information, you can check out our Club website at [www.centralmiarc.com](http://www.centralmiarc.com) or just get a hold of our Club contact Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812 or [KB8RAD@arrl.net](mailto:KB8RAD@arrl.net).

## VE EXAMS

1.) The next testing session of the “Ingham County VE Group” will be on Thursday, **October 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Mason. The exams will be given in the Sgt. Paul Cole Training Room and registration starts at 7:00pm. Walk-ins are always welcome! If you need assistance you can check out the CMARC website at [www.centralmiarc.com](http://www.centralmiarc.com) to find travel directions and what to bring, or you can just get a hold of VE Team Contact Person Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812 or [KB8RAD@arrl.net](mailto:KB8RAD@arrl.net)

2.) The next testing session of the “Eaton County VE Team” will be on Saturday, **October 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Eaton County Sheriff's Department, 1025 Independence Blvd. in Charlotte. The exams will be given downstairs in the EOC and registration starts at 12 Noon. Walk-ins are always welcome! For assistance you can get a hold of VE Team Contact Person Mark Korroch/WB8TGY at (517) 645-2378 or [WB8TGY@yahoo.com](mailto:WB8TGY@yahoo.com).

## ARPSC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the “Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps” will be on Monday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. This time we'll be meeting at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Mason at our usual location, the Sgt. Paul Cole Training Room. Remember, membership in the ARPSC is NOT required for attendance at any of our meetings, so please join us—and bring along a friend! For more information, check out our website at: [www.lansingarpssc.com/](http://www.lansingarpssc.com/).

## RAD's COFFEE BREAK

Looking for something FUN to do on a Saturday night with your fellow Hams and their families? Well, “RAD's Coffee Break” is the place to be! It's a “family friendly”, Ham Radio-related get-together that's fun for EVERYBODY. “RAD's” has met EVERY Saturday night without fail for FIVE YEARS (since **June 30, 2007**) and has seen as many as 55 in attendance!! Guests begin arriving around 7pm at Denny's Restaurant, 7330 W. Saginaw Highway on the West side of Lansing. It's just down the road from the Lansing Mall (out by Horrock's Farm Market), and you can easily get there by taking I-96 Exit 93B. An all-night commitment is NOT required—you can come and go as you please—and you DON'T have to belong to a particular Club to join in on the fun, either. As Don, KB8 “RAD” likes to say, “If you're a HAM, related to a HAM, wanna be a HAM, or just like to eat HAM...EVERYONE'S welcome at RAD's Coffee Break!!”

## LCDRA MEETING

The next quarterly meeting of the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association is on Thursday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm and will be held at Lansing Fire Station #8 on the corner of Marshall Street and Grand River Avenue in Lansing. If you want to get the latest information about our local repeaters “straight from the horse's mouth”, come on out and join us for this next meeting—you'll be glad you did! For more information check out: [www.lcdra.net](http://www.lcdra.net)

## **HAMFESTS**

**Sunday, October 7, 2012 - USECA's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamfest**

**Location: Madison Heights, MI**

**Sponsor: Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association**

**Website: [www.usecaarc.com](http://www.usecaarc.com)**

**Saturday, October 13, 2012 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest**

**Location: Muskegon, MI**

**Sponsor: Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services (MCECS)**

**Website: [www.mcecs.net/](http://www.mcecs.net/)**

**Sunday, October 21, 2012 - Kalamazoo Hamfest**

**Location: Kalamazoo, MI**

**Sponsor: Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team**

**Website: [www.KalamazooHamfest.Com](http://www.KalamazooHamfest.Com)**

**Saturday, November 17 & Sunday, November 18, 2012 - Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo/Indiana ARRL State Convention**

**Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

**Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society**

**Website: [www.fortwaynehamfest.com](http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com)**

**Sunday, December 2, 2012 - LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest**

**Location: Harrison Township, MI**

**Sponsor: L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club**

**Website: [www.n8lc.org](http://www.n8lc.org)**

## **THE BREAKFAST CLUB NET**

“The Breakfast Club Net” meets **EVERY weekday** morning from 7am to around 1:00pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD. This Net has been around now for **THREE YEARS** (since **September 24, 2009**) and usually averages around **90+** check-ins per morning, but the **NEW** all-time record is **113** people in one morning’s Net (and that’s **NOT** counting rechecks)!! So, if **YOU** are getting bored with just listening to Broadcast Radio during the morning commute, come and see what all the commotion’s about—join Don and the rest of the gang every weekday morning on “The Breakfast Club Net”! They’ll not only wake you up—they’ll put a smile on your face, too! And thanks to Daniel Burk/NE8K, EchoLink is now available each morning, so it’s never been easier to check in and join the fun! Whether you’re somewhere throughout the United States (or world), or right here in the mid-Michigan area, you can now check in from your computer or cellphone at your convenience, so stop by in the morning and say, “Hello!” While you’re at it, why not join “The Breakfast Club Net” Facebook Group!! We are already **190** members strong and would love to have **YOU** join us!!

## **WEEKLY NETS**

(1.) The “Central Michigan Slow Scan TV Net” meets every **Sunday** evening from 7:00-8:30pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Carl Canfield/K8YHH. **EVERYONE** is welcome to join in and have fun learning and using this interesting and useful mode of communication. Other digital modes will be explored from time to time. For more information, call Carl at: (517) 755-6627.

(2.) The “Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps Training Net” meets on the first **Monday** night of the month at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz). Volunteer Net Control Operators are needed each week, as well as someone to provide Training, so if you are an ARPSC member and wish to sign up, contact Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812.

(3.) The “Ladies Tea Time Net” meets every **Tuesday** evening at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Julie McLain/KB8ZXR, and can now also be found on the \*DODROPIN\* Conference Server! Everyone is welcome to check in—even all you guys!! This Net’s been around now since **July 3, 2007** so let’s keep it going and growing!!

(4.) The “Quarter Century Wireless Association Net” also meets every **Tuesday** night but at 8pm and on the 146.70 repeater (PL 107.2 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don Tillitson/WB8NUS. Be sure to stop by after Julie’s Net and say “Hello!”

(5.) The “Mid-Michigan Information Net” meets every **Wednesday** evening at 7:00pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD. This Net has been around now since **November 11, 2009** and is still growing!! Be sure to join Don for a time of **FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and INFORMATION!!** There will be helpful Ham-related information to share from both Net Control and our check-ins, time for questions and answers, and on-the-air swapping of Ham equipment. Sounds like a good time to me!!

(6.) And finally, the “Michigan Radio Amateur Youth Net” (or MRAY) meets every **Thursday** night at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Matt Miller/KD8OOS. Although the Net specifically targets the Youth ( who are the future of Ham Radio), **ADULTS** are welcome to check in, too!! Also, Third-Party check-ins are encouraged// to join the Net as a way of introducing young people to the Hobby. In addition, EchoLink is available by searching for “KD8MJJ-R”, “MRAY”, or the \*DODROPIN\* Conference Server! So, **EVERYONE** be sure to check into the MRAY Net and show your support for our youth!

### **WB8NUS' HEART SURGERY**

Don Tillitson/WB8NUS is scheduled to undergo open-heart surgery for a triple bypass at 7:30am on Friday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>** at Lansing's McLaren hospital. With the many surgeries of this type being performed each year, some would say they've become routine, but Mr. Tillitson is 86 years old and would certainly appreciate your thoughts and prayers on his behalf during his surgery. Thank you.