

CURRENT NET ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Don McLain/KB8RAD (Wednesday, October 31, 2012)

CMARC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the “Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club” will be on Friday, November 9th at 7:30pm in the Salvation Army building, which is located at 701 W. Jolly Road in Lansing. Our program speaker for the month of November will be CMARC member Ted Sadilek/WA8MFQ. Ted, who is a docent at Lansing’s Potter Park Zoo, is a trained raptor handler (among other things), and with the help of his wife Bev, will be giving us a presentation on some of the animals he will be bringing into the Club from the zoo—including one of the large birds of prey (the Eurasian Eagle Owl), an Amazon Parrot, a Rose-Haired Tarantula, a Blue-Tongued Skink, a Rose-Tailed Boa Constrictor, AND a Bunny Rabbit to pet...so please be sure to bring the kids! There will be an opportunity for a close-up look at the creatures Ted brings and some time for questions and answers. You surely won’t want to miss this one, so come on out and join us because we’re really going to have a great time! Oh, and don’t forget about the good eats we have for you during the break, too!! For more information about this meeting or anything else Club related, you can check out our website at www.centralmiarc.com, or just get a hold of our Club contact Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812 or KB8RAD@arrl.net. See you ALL there!!

VE EXAMS

The next testing session of the “Ingham County VE Group” will be on Saturday, November 10th 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 11:00am. Walk-ins are always welcome! If you need assistance you can check out the CMARC website at 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

ARPSC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the “Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps” will be on Monday, November 19th at 7pm. This time we’ll be meeting at Lansing Fire Station #8 on the corner of Marshall Street and Grand River Avenue in Lansing. 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.lansingarpsc.com/.

HAMFESTS

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

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

Location: Harrison Township, MI

Sponsor: L’Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

Website: www.n8lc.org

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!!”

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 **197** 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!