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For Your Consideration

A Call to Action- A Look Ahead

The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club will celebrate it's 30th Annual HamFair, on Sunday, October 8, 2000. That's pretty exciting, considering all the celebrating this Club has seen and continues to see. But in all your excitement, please don't forget to come out and show your support for HamFair. We still need bodies to make this come together and your assistance will be most appreciated, but even more importantly, we need you to come out and see us at The Summit on October 8th. WHAT A PLACE!!! It's everything we've hoped for and, hopefully, the future of our beloved annual swap.

In the past, some have been disgruntled, because our Policy has held that all attendees pony up a few bucks...including volunteers, for admission. Nevermind that you have a chance to win one of our door prizes, which really are nice this year, by the way. After all, ALL proceeds go to our Club, as well as LCDRA, so it makes sense to raise as much money as possible. This being said, we have come to the understanding that we would appreciate all participants' purchase of a ticket, but we are not going to force any of our volunteers to do so, we would rather it be voluntary, much like the assistance of our members.

Final preparations for HamFair2000 have begun and we are working out details for setup and teardown of the show on Saturday evening-and then of course on Sunday, immediately following HamFair. Anyone that can help would be appreciated and you are asked to contact me ASAP at 517-676-2710, or by pager at 517-229-6442.

On other HamFair notes, we are already making plans for

HamFair2001. Assuming that we will break even, at the minimum, we should consider remaining at The Summit, primarily because of it's size and reasonable price. We understand that this year could be less than what we hope for, financially speaking, but it's believed that 2001 will only be bigger and better, so why jump ship? It is my personal belief that our door prizes, while costing more, will ultimately make a difference in the draw. And I am hoping to see a beginning of this at our show this year.

I will also do my level best to secure at least one "headliner" for our Forum roster. We have been thankful for Bil and Ron, but we need to give them some time off to peruse the swap. They've never turned us down and I have even considered an appearance by Kaz Fujita, with a presentation on his Father's life and work, much like what we saw this year at CMARC. What do you think of this idea? For anyone knowing anything about tornadoes and "the F scale", this would be a GREAT draw in itself, but couple that with Kaz's candor and you have a winning combination. Others on "the short list" include Riley Hollingsworth (if we get him early), or maybe even a DXpedition team member or two to talk about preparations, etc. It promises to be a challenge, but lots of fun, too. All I ask, as we move forward with HamFair is this: Please remember that we took three years getting as far as we have. HamFair will take time to build, but I am confident in the ability of our members to make this something we can ALL be proud of...but we won't get there accidentally. And, in closing, allow me to share something from a very wise individual... Theodore Roosevelt said it best. *"The credit belongs to those people who are actually in the arena...who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions to a worthy cause; who at best know the triumph of high achievement and who, at worst, fail while daring greatly...so that their place shall never be with the cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."*

News From Around Town

Including Meeting Minutes from CMARC & LCDRA

CMARC BOARD MEETING

JULY 7, 2000

President Erv/W8ERV brought the Board meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Board members in attendance were Treasurer Pam/KB8PSF, Secretary Julie/KB8ZXR, and Vice President Steve/W8CRH. Those Board members excused from tonight's meetings were Under 22 Director Tyler/KC8LWG, Directors John/N8LLC and Don/KB8RAD.

Erv and Pam gave the Board a brief run-down on how well everything had gone for Field Day 2000. Erv also took the time to thank Pam for all the work she did at Field Day, such as running for gas for the generators, making meals, getting the computers up and running, plus much more.

President Erv announced to the Board that he would be resigning at the end of the year, and will not be serving the second year of his two-year term. He said he will still be the Scope Editor and will dedicate more of his time to working on next year's Field Day and Ham Fair.

He then briefly went over some of the things that would be covered in this evening's meeting. They were: (1.) Erv will announce that he will not be completing the 2nd year of his term on the Board, but will be resigning at the end of this year. (2.) We will be voting on a new Club logo. (3.) We will get a brief report on Field Day 2000. (4.) Tonight's program will be on basic antenna fundamentals by our guest speaker, Terry Griner/W8TI.

With nothing more to address, a motion was made by Steve to adjourn. Julie seconded the motion and the meeting

adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary

CMARC MEETING

July 7, 2000

President Erv/W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. We had 39 members and 7 visitors. **OUR VISITORS were:** Mary Chapman (Bill/W8TJQ's wife); Gloria Cote (Don/KD8BD's wife); Mark Francis; Denise Rowell/KC8ODN; Kirt Livernois/KC8OXS; Lou English/KC8MQI; and our Guest Speaker, Terry Griner/W8TI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (1.) Saturday, July 15th and Sunday, July 16th is the MS 150 Bike-a-thon. See Don/WB8NUS for more information. (2.) Saturday, July 22nd is Women on Wheels. See Don/WB8NUS for more information. (3.) Sunday, August 6th at 3 p.m. is a Ham Fair Planning Meeting. The location will be determined at a later date. (4.) Saturday, August 19th at 1 p.m. will be a Ham Fair Planning Meeting at the Red Cross in the A/B room (where CMARC meets). (5.) Saturday, September 23rd at 1 p.m. will be our last formal meeting to plan for Ham Fair 2000. We will be meeting in the A/B room on the second floor of the Red Cross. Please plan on attending... we NEED your help!

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT: A Get-Well card was sent to Jane/KC8FSK who has been having problems with her back and leg. A Thank-You was received from the Pennington family for the flowers and card sent for Dick/W8SFA's funeral.

OLD BUSINESS: Motions were made by Bernie/N8PVZ to accept the past two

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, as they were printed in the May and June issues of the Scope. The motions were seconded by Don/KD8BD and approved.

New CMARC Logo Contest: When Dave/KF8WS (owner of B & B Embroidery) showed us his wares at the March meeting, it was the consensus of those present that CMARC needs a more up-to-date and streamlined logo for use on Club hats and jackets. We then decided to have a contest, with members submitting their ideas to be voted on and approved by the membership. Tonight was the deadline for the logo submissions and only two of our members (Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG and Pam/KB8PSF) remembered to bring their ideas. As we were about to vote, a question was raised as to why we couldn't just keep our original logo, as many members already had Club jackets and hats with the logo on them, and many hated to lose CMARC's 50+-year-old symbol. Erv reminded the Club that Dave had said (at the March meeting) that our logo was a little too large and complicated and, consequently, would probably cost a little more to make a template. After a brief discussion, Gregg/WB8LZG made a motion that we get Dave to take a closer look at our logo and see if he could show us what changes are needed to streamline it enough so the cost of the template remains reasonable, while keeping the logo itself as close to the original as possible. The motion was seconded by Bernie/N8PVZ and approved by the attending membership.

Field Day Report: Pam/KB8PSF reported that we operated as "4-Alpha" this year, with two extra transmitters - one being a UHV/VHF station and the

other being a Novice/Tech station. She said that Ken Faiver/W8HNI and his group, who were working the CW station, once again made the most QSO's, with 479 contacts being made (that included the 5 solar-powered contacts that were required). The next highest contacts were made by Erv/W8ERV's group on phone, with a total of 310. Joe/N8VYS' group, handling the other CW station, made 256 contacts. Clint/KC8EHR's group, way out in the field on another phone station, made 163 contacts. The Novice/Tech station, which was run mostly by a couple of very new Hams (Tyler Whitney/KC8NSB and Lucas Schaar/KC8OTY), made 108 phone contacts. Rod/KC8HGF and his group, working UHF/VHF, made 51 contacts, with most of them being made on 6 meters. These contacts brought in 1,367 points, and with the bonus points that were given for generator power, solar power, holding it in a public place, and for the publicity we got on TV and in the State Journal, the grand total came to 5,104 points which put CMARC in the top 1/3 of the 4-Alpha category.

Erv then thanked Mike Sanders/KC8FCA, who worked with the two new Hams who are only 12 years old; Pam/KB8PSF, who did a variety of jobs, from cooking and cleaning, to getting the computers up and running; and Joe/N8VYS, who got all the volunteers and equipment around for the big Field Day weekend. The members gave them all a big round of applause.

Erv then showed the news footage that WILX TV-10 took when they came to check out our Field Day events. He said that the State Journal had even sent out a reporter, and Erv had brought in copies of the article for those that had missed it. Many thanks go to TV-10 (and their

reporter Phil Drummond) and the Lansing State Journal (and their reporter Katie Matvias) for the publicity they gave to CMARC and it's members. We are all volunteers here and are not in this hobby for public attention and the "praise of men", but it sure does feel good to be recognized once in a while for doing something more than just "playing radio"!!!

NEW BUSINESS: Don Cote/KD8BD said he would like to get together with anyone interested in building homebrew vertical, gain or wire antennas. Jokingly, he said he has a BUNCH of stuff that Gloria wants "out of the garage". Please contact him at (517) 882-3294 if interested.

Erv passed out a few more certificates to those who had contacted CMARC's Special Event Station which commemorated 50 years of ARRL affiliation on April 29th. Those receiving certificates tonight were Ken/W8HNI, Pam/KB8PSF and Joe/N8VYS. Remember... if you were one of the 192 contacts made at this event, get your QSL card in to Ken Faiver/W8HNI as soon as possible.

Ken/W8HNI took a few minutes to report that the Club had received two Official Observer Advisories. These "friendly warnings" were sent to us because someone had been operating out-of-band during Field Day. Ken reminded everyone to always take special care to verify that they are actually transmitting safely within the band limits when operating—especially at Field Day, a time when we may be operating in bands or on rigs we might not be familiar with!

DRAWING WINNER: John Ingraham/NG8L, who faithfully buys and brings in the prizes for our drawings each month, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, leaving us with no prizes for the

drawing winners (even after we had sold tickets...oops!). A blessing then appeared when we discovered that Erv had brought in a toolbox that he was going to ADD to the prizes. Needless to say... it became the ONLY prize! (Isn't it great when things work out?!) Anyway, those Scope readers who weren't in attendance at the meeting are probably all assuming that Troy Creed/W8TCC won the toolbox (since he seems to win something at almost EVERY drawing! Ha, ha!). Well...this time you would be wrong, because Bill Chapman/W8TJQ walked off with the goods! (Sorry about your luck, Troy!)

Erv then announced that he will be resigning from the Board at the end of the year and, therefore, will not be returning for the second year of his two-year term. He said that, although he is leaving his post after serving for three years as our President, he will stay on, however, as Scope Editor, and will remain active in the Club by focusing his efforts more on Ham Fair and Field Day 2001. *[Secretary's note: We will hate to lose Erv as our President because he has done very much for the Club and its members during his administration. In the past three years, Erv has brought a lot of fun back into the meetings (that bald head of his always leaves room for a ribbing, and, will we EVER be able to forget the sight of that "over-stuffed" Bumble-Bee Tutu?!). As our President, he has also increased our membership—not only by getting new Hams to join, but also by encouraging those who have left the Club, to come back and try us out again. His membership drive in 1998 raised our total numbers to well over 200. Another of Erv's strong points is his unending supply of good ideas, accompanied*

by his willingness to go “out on a limb” (or a boom truck!) to carry them out. However, when they don’t come to fruition, it’s not because he hasn’t tried. I know, because I’ve been there with him for the past three years, trying to work these things out. (Oh, by the way... thanks, Erv, for keeping my “phone arm” in shape!). Those who would find fault must realize that there are always other “players” in the picture when planning anything (he CAN’T do it all by himself—no President can!), and these people can occasionally “drop the ball”. Unfortunately, the President is the one who is most visible, and therefore, is the one who takes the rap for failure. All in all, I think Erv has done a commendable job as our leader, and CMARC owes him our gratitude for a job well done. Thanks, Mr. Prez! It’s been a true pleasure serving with you for these past three years! – KB8ZXR]

After the business portion of the meeting was completed, we took a short break and got to enjoy the delicious (i.e., wonderful, scrumptious, yummy!) Texas Sheet Cakes made by Gloria Cote. She had taken some to Field Day and everyone loved them so much, she decided to make more for tonight’s meeting. She brought in three cakes in three delicious flavors: chocolate, peanut butter, and vanilla. They were so good, there was nothing left for her to worry about carrying home. Don/KD8BD sure is a lucky fella to have her for his cook, oops, I mean, wife! Ha! Ha! Thank you Gloria for bringing in the great dessert! Also, a big THANK YOU to Mary Lou Tillitson, Shirley Pittenger/KB8LTR, and Gloria for doing the kitchen. We often forget to thank the Kitchen Ladies for such a

service of love they do for us each month. Without them, we wouldn’t have the coffee and goodies we do. **(NOTE: They would appreciate it if some of the members would be willing to donate something each month instead of the same people having to bring the goodies in. Therefore, if you can bake (or stop at the store for something) or sweetly ask your “better half” for some goodies, it would be greatly appreciated. If interested in helping in this way, please call Mary Lou at 321-2004 or Julie/KB8ZXR at 694-0812 to let us know ahead of time that you’re bringing something for a particular meeting. Thanks for your contribution to YOUR Club!)**

After the break, Erv invited our speaker for the evening, Terry Griner/W8TI, to come forward and address the Club. Terry gave a wonderful talk on building antennas. He even provided us all with an informational handout on the subject to take home. Everyone enjoyed the program immensely!

With the meeting and program concluded, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary

CMARC MEETING

August 4, 2000

Secretary Julie/KB8ZXR brought the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. She had been asked by President Erv/W8ERV to chair the evening’s meeting, as he had to work. Other Board members who were excused from tonight’s meeting were: Vice President Steve/W8CRH and Treasurer Pam/KB8PSF (who both had out-of-town family reunions), and Director Don/KB8RAD (who was ill). Director

John/N8LLC and Under-22-Director Tyler/KC8LWG did not show up. Needless to say, since Julie was the only Board member in attendance...a Board meeting was not held prior to tonight’s regular meeting!

Although the August meeting is traditionally low in attendance, we still had a nice turnout of 28 members and 3 visitors. **OUR VISITORS WERE:** Mark Francis, Lucas/KC8OTY, and Lucas’ mother, Ruth Schaar/KC8PAZ. **NEW LICENSES:** We only had one brand new Ham in attendance tonight and that was Ruth/KC8PAZ. Lucas, who also just recently got his Tech license, was beaming as we all congratulated his Mom with a hearty round of applause. After the meeting, he very proudly told me that she had only missed one question on her examination! CONGRATULATIONS, RUTH, and WELCOME to a great hobby!!! **UPGRADES:** Mark/N8DEF happily reported to the membership that he had upgraded to Amateur Extra. He was also congratulated with a round of applause. **INTERESTING DX CONTACTS:** Gregg/WB8LZG said he had made contacts in the Canary Islands (near the NW coast of Africa), St. Helena Island (in the South Atlantic), and the Azores (in the North Atlantic). **GREAT GARAGE SALE FINDS:** Lowell Corbin/W8IQB told us he received a really nice surprise in his mailbox today, from a Ham in Kalamazoo. This Ham told Lowell, in a very nice letter, how he had recently stopped at a garage sale where he found a box “full” of old QSL cards. He decided to take them home and see if he could return them to the original senders by looking them up on the QSL Internet. Well, Lowell happened to be one of the people he looked up, and along with the nice letter, Lowell received a QSL card that he had sent to West Virginia way back in 1950! Wow, from junk...to a “treasured memory”!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (1.) Wednesday, September 6th, at 7:30 p.m. will

be a Ham Fair planning meeting. For all those wanting to, we will be gathering at Don's Truck Stop for dinner, with the meeting immediately after. Following our meeting, we will be going across the street to check out the Summit for some final detail planning. (NOTE: *If you do not care to eat, please plan on being at the meeting at 8 p.m. You do not have to go to the Summit, either, if you don't wish.*) (2.) **Friday, September 8th will be our CMARC meeting.** Remember, it is **NOT** going to be on the first Friday of the month in September, as that is the beginning of the Labor Day weekend. It is going to be held on the SECOND FRIDAY, September 8th, and our guest speaker will once again be Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG, who will discuss kit building. (3.) **Saturday, September 23rd will be another Ham Fair Planning meeting.** Take note that this meeting will be held sharply at 4 p.m. and **NOT** 1 p.m. as previously scheduled. We will once again be meeting in the A/B room of the Red Cross (our regular CMARC room). (NOTE: *There are already some who are planning on going out for supper after the meeting. Hope to see you there, too!!*) (4.) **LADIES TABLE DONATIONS** - We are once again asking for donated items for the Ladies Table at the October 8th Ham Fair. If you have anything you would like to donate, please give it to Mary Lou Tillitson or Julie.

OLD BUSINESS: Erv has been super busy for the last month or so, moving his family to a new location, and his new home is still in disarray (i.e., "where's the paper, the ink, the duplicator? Laurie, where are the washcloths...you know I can't wash my hair without one!"). Needless to say, the Scope will once again be late. It will be mailed out as soon as possible and you should have it before the September 8th meeting. Therefore, due to the lateness of the Scope, motions to approve the July and August Secretary's and Treasurer's reports will be made at the September meeting. [NOTE: Hu-

mor added by the President's faithful, efficient and trustworthy Secretary-KB8ZXR!]

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary Julie/KB8ZXR addressed the membership, telling them she had decided to resign from the Board at the end of the year. *[I told the members that I have been going through a terrible flare-up of my Rheumatoid Arthritis since January, and it hasn't been getting any better—even with weekly (instead of monthly) visits to my Rheumatologist and many dosage increases made to the 18 different medications that I'm on. I told them that this year has been an exceptionally hard one, not only trying to cope with my own health problems (and now a flare-up), but also with those of my husband, Don/KB8RAD. I also told them that I would have resigned months ago, but I wanted to hold out for as long as I could, hoping things would get better. So, only after long, thoughtful, and prayerful deliberation, I have decided that I won't be coming back to the CMARC Board in 2001 to fulfill the second year of my elected 2-year term. This year marks my 5th year serving on the Board, and I want you all to know that I have truly loved every minute of it (except for standing up in front of a WHOLE room of people and running the meeting! Ha! Ha!). The best times were getting to know YOU, and let me say, I love each of you. You have really made my job easy...by being so helpful (answering my million and one questions), kind (by answering my million and one phone calls), and for laughing with me at my many mistakes and ramblings in the Scope minutes (a million and one pages long!). I'm going to step back for a little while and take a break. Please keep Don and me in your prayers as we continue to keep you in ours, that the Lord Jesus Christ will cover you with His mercy and grace. Your servant and His, Julie McLain/KB8ZXR.]*

DRAWING WINNERS: This month's prizes, which were a camera and a screwdriver, went to the winners of our drawing, Randy Stortz/KC8IHV and Bill Nielsen/W8JWW.

We took a short break after the business portion of the meeting and were treated to punch (watch out for Jane's—she has a vicious right hook according to KB8RAD!), coffee, cookies, and Duncan Donut holes by our "Sweet" servers, Mary Lou Tillitson and Jane Law/KC8FSK. After the break, the Secretary introduced our Guest Speaker for the night, Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG. Gregg gave a very interesting presentation on PSK-31 (Digital Mode). Everyone enjoyed the program immensely and thanked Gregg by giving him a round of applause. At the conclusion of the program, the meeting was adjourned at around 9:30 p.m.

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary

[NOTE: I truly wish to thank my dear and precious husband of 27 years for all the proofing and correcting he has done for me and in helping to get my minutes done for the Scope...especially this year, without you I couldn't have done it. I love you! ~Julie]

IT'S A BOY!!!

Our heartiest congratulations to proud new parents, Bill Anderson (KA8TPQ) and his wife Becky. Liam Christopher was born on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:02am and measured 18 1/2 inches long, while weighing in at a healthy 5lb. 10 1/2oz. Here's to a new member of the CMARC Family and (maybe) a future Ham, too!

According to CMARC Secretary, Julie (KB8ZXR), "They are registered at Target for anyone interested. They have had a lot of older clothes given to them, but they need newborn items and diapers. Bill said that even the 0-3 month clothes are too big for him, but they won't be for long. Oh, and papa is already going through the Amateur Radio catalogs trying to find a perfect HT for Liam!!"

For Your Consideration.....

It's Time to Move Along...

When I won election to the Board of CMARC in 1998, I was happy. I had a list of ideas I was sure we could accomplish, but some told me to slow down, or I would "scare" off the membership and cause a ruckus. Well, we took it slow for the first year, just to test the waters. Oh sure, a few things got done, including the new look to the SCOPE, etc., but I didn't want to offend anyone and change too much, too fast. My how much we've done since then!!!

Most of you know by now that I have asked the membership, at our July meeting, to please accept my resignation from the CMARC Board, effective December 31st. Some still wonder why, so allow me to share a few reasons. I can tell you, however, that there is no deep, dark reason...it's just time to step aside and get some fresh ideas in there.

As you ALL know, my Family is top priority. I drive truck for a living and it kept me away from them for nearly two years, before I got this job. It was difficult and I missed them as much as they missed me. Well, since my return home in 1996 (full time), I have been working locally, we added a beautiful young lady to the family and then I took this position with CMARC. No complaints, mind you, but after three complete years of taking personal days for meetings, I decided to take a respite from the Board and focus on them, as well as a few other, non-Board-related Club activities.

I guess my upgrade plays into this, somewhat, as well. I really had a good time at Field Day this year and I am getting more involved in this and HamFair....one of my favorite "pets". I see so much potential for HamFair and yet it's going to take time. I understand this all too well. We all know of Clubs who grew their Swaps too fast, only to lose their show altogether. *We cannot afford to make that mistake* and I certainly wouldn't support such a fiasco-but then neither would you.

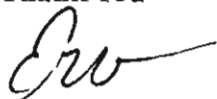
My goals for 2001 are the above and to work on the SCOPE, another project I enjoy, but let's talk about the future. There are members out there who have ideas, dreams and goals, but they've never had the chance to express them fully. NOW is YOUR time! We will have nominations in November and again in December, as well as elections and this is the time when you can get involved and "take the reins", so to speak. It's not easy and it DOES take time and patience, but I can honestly tell you that it's worth the effort.

I have been blessed to have three of the best Boards anyone could ask for. They've been there to keep my head level, too, though and despite what some may believe, we NEVER had or expected "Yes Men" among us. Each worked to do his or her best, in the best interest of the Club. I am honored to have served with each of you and thank you for making a difference while you were on the Board....it paid off handsomely for us all!

And so, enough of my rambling. In 2001, you will have a new President and some new Board members. Remember, we do NOT have to let things slow down. We all worked too hard to get where we are today. In December, I may include the impressive list of accomplishments we've compiled over these last three years, but our success is far more than one, two, or 7 people. It's a shared list, where each member has made a contribution and if you see things falling apart, EACH of us has a vested interest and the DUTY to speak up and do something to stop it. I know I will, but then you knew that already, didn't you?

My thanks to each and every one of you for your kind words, support and hard work. I wanted to make this announcement, so we will have time to nominate a replacement and vote him or her in for next year, so let's find some more workers and get them ready for November. I count each of you as friends and here's to continued success for The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, as we enter the 21st Century.

**Warmest Personal Regards and Thank You
for Allowing Me to Serve YOU,**



Something Funny, Something Special

Humorous, Sometimes Touching Submissions from our Members and Others

May All Your Saturdays Be Special

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it.

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind, he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whoever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles".

I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say. "Well, Ron, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow

should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital."

He continued, "let me tell you something Ron, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now stick with me Ron, I'm getting to the important part."

"It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy."

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round-up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away."

"I found that by watching the

marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Ron, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. 73 Old Man, this is K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids."

"Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."

*submitted by Phil Perrault (W8EKR)
Thank You, Phil! FB Story.*

The Y2K CMARC Board

The Y2K LCDRA Board

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Meetings: 1st. Friday of every month at the Red Cross, Lansing Chapter, 1800 E. Grand River at 8pm.
Club Calls: W8MAA & W8PLP
QSL & Awards Mgr: Don DeFeyer-KC8CY
Scope Editor: J Ervin Bates, W8ERV Email address: w8erv@arrl.net
Deadline for articles: 15th. of month.

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Meetings: Quarterly, on the 3rd. Thursday at 7:30pm. at Lansing Fire Dept., Station #8, on Marshall St. at Grand River, just west of the Red Cross. Ask Clint to show you the EOC station they have worked so hard to build up.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 – Joe Denomme/N8VYS's 58th B'day!
- 4 – Phil Dowker/KC8FXS' 41st B'day!
- 5 – Jaymes Kenyon/KC8DJH's 17th B'day!
- 5 – Glenn Sommerfeldt/KG8LE's 77th B'day!
- 6 – Roger Young/KC8CGH's 45th B'day!
- 6 – Roger Jackson/N8SGU's 64th B'day!
- 7 – Douglas Risdon/KM8P and Wife's 39th Anniv.!
- 7 – Ralph Riggs/N8YQR's 41st B'day!
- 9 – David Held/N8CFM's 64th B'day!
- 9 – Dan Harger/W8BCI's 70th B'day!
- 10 – Jack Wiswasser/WA8IAL and Wife's 43rd Anniv.!
- 10 – Jim Kuerbitz/KB8GOY's 35th B'day!
- 11 – John/AA8LF and Nancy/AA8NC Kelly's 16th Anniv.!
- 13 – Jon Seaver/N8SUA's 46th B'day!
- 14 – Roy Uchigashima/N8GAQ's 67th B'day!
- 15 – Tom Simmons/KB8GVE and Wife's 36th Anniv.!
- 15 – Bil Blick/W8EB and Dorothy Van Conant/W8DVC's 13th Anniv.!
- 18 – Steve/W8CRH and Julie Dible's 32nd Anniv.!
- 21 – Richard Stortz/K8JNZ's 71st B'day!
- 25 – Thomas Feiten/KB8WGO's 60th B'day!
- 26 – Don/WB8NUS and Mary Lou Tillitson's 50th Anniv.!
- 27 – Ray Ridenour/KB8ETY's 76th B'day!
- 29 – Pete Lycos/KM8K's 80th B'day!
- 30 – Chuck Keep/W8CLK's 55th B'day!

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of July 7, 2000

ASSETS:

Cash & Bank Accounts	
Mich. Nat'l Bank Checking	\$959.21
USPS Postal Deposit	<u>\$266.22</u>
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$1,225.43
Other Assets	
Comerica Bank CD	<u>\$1,349.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$2,575.08
LIABILITIES:	\$0.00
TOTAL NET WORTH:	\$2,575.08

Income & Expenses: June 2-July 7, 2000

INCOME

Coffee Fund	\$14.47
Dues	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$39.47

EXPENSES:

SCOPE Mailings	\$46.30
Field Day Food	\$45.54
Julie McLain-Supplies	\$25.43
Field Day Gas	\$53.00
Chief Okemos Council FD	\$165.00
ARRL Outgoing QSL Buro	\$6.00
Service Charges	\$11.97
Postage	<u>\$6.93</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$360.17
TOTAL NET PROFIT	\$(320.70)
Transfer from Checking to Postal Deposit Acct.	\$200.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Denomme-KB8PSF, Treasurer

RACES/ARES Meetings

If you are an RACES or ARES member, and wish to play an active role in the Ingham County RACES/ARES Group, you are invited to attend the Ingham County RACES/ARES meetings. These meetings are held the third Monday at 7pm each month. They alternate between the Ingham County Sheriff's, Department; 630 N. Cedar St, Mason and Fire Station #8; on the corner of Marshall St. & Grand River, Lansing. Talk in frequency is the Okemos repeater - 145.390MHz 100Hz PL.

Every other Monday during the month, there is the Ingham County RACES/ARES net held at 7pm on 146.580MHz. This net is held for RACES/ARES equipment check and information pertaining to RACES/ARES members.

If you have any questions, please contact Clint Hannahs, The Ingham Co. Emergency Coordinator, at kc8ehr@arrl.net or Cary M. Britten, The Assistant Ingham Co. Emergency Coordinator, at kc8jka@arrl.net

RACES/ARES 2000 Meeting Schedule

August 21st at 7pm held at the Ingham Co. Sheriff's Dept.

September 18th at 7pm held at the Lansing Fire Station #8

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of August 4, 2000

ASSETS:

Cash & Bank Accounts	
Mich. Nat'l Bank Checking	\$1,182.94
USPS Postal Deposit	<u>\$221.61</u>
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$1,404.55
Other Assets	
Comerica Bank CD	<u>\$1,349.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$2,754.20
LIABILITIES:	
	\$0.00
TOTAL NET WORTH:	\$2,754.20

Income & Expenses: July 7-August 4, 2000

INCOME

Coffee Fund	\$20.92
HamFair Funds	\$235.00
Dues	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$255.92

EXPENSES:

SCOPE Mailings	\$44.61
Service Charges	<u>\$32.19</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$76.80
TOTAL NET PROFIT	\$179.12

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Denomme-KB8PSF, Treasurer

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Jeff Meaton/KI8FF's 43rd B'day!
- 4 – Mike Mather/KA8PME's 46th B'day!
- 4 – Tom Tabler/W8WZH's 80th B'day!
- 6 – Bob Trimbach/K8RBT and Wife's 15th Anniv.!
- 6 – Elbert Monkman/W8TCY's 89th B'day!
- 11 – Joseph Oranchak/WA4KPQ and Wife's Anniv.!
- 12 – Robert Strobel/KB8DQQ and Wife's 36th Anniv.!
- 13 – Jane Law/KC8FSK's 46th B'day!
- 15 – Hazel Rickerd/K8KSX's 71st B'day!
- 18 – Larry Nordeen/N8VEN's 48th B'day!
- 27 – Bil Blick/W8EB's 59th B'day!
- 28 – Mert Thurston/KB8MUM's 76th B'day!
- 29 – Hal/WA8LAY and Betty Bell's 51st Anniv.!
- 30 – R.E. Lindberg/WA8ZWR's 75th B'day!

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Local and Area VE Sessions

Lansing V.E. 2000 Test Dates

Testing is held at the Lansing America Red Cross, in the Kropschot Room at 1800 E. Grand River; Lansing, MI 48909 Talk-In 145.390 - (100hz PL)
Registration begins at 9:30am and testing starts at 10:00am for the following dates:

Sep. 9, Oct 8 (HamFair2000) Nov. 11

VE Team's local contact is Joe Denomme-N8VYS at (517) 589-5263

Corunna VE Testing

On the 4th Thursday of the month at the Red Cross in Corunna, MI

(except for July, Nov. & Dec.)

7pm Registration

Email: aa8tc@arrl.net

Call in frequency is 147.020 +

Charlotte VE Testing

On the 2nd Saturday of the even months at the Eaton Co. Sheriff Dept.

Email: x95korroch@wmich.edu

12 Noon Registration

Talk-In frequency is 147.080 +

Howell VE Testing

On the 2nd Tuesday of the odd months at the Emergency Operations Ctr.

Highlander Way, Howell, MI. 7pm.

Contact: Greg Mcdiarmid-AA5GO

517-548-5893

Talk-In frequency is 146.680 - (100 hz PL)

Mt. Clemens VE Testing

On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at the Salvation Army in Mt. Clemens, MI

Contact: Bill Chesney 810-468-8345

7pm. Registration~Talk-In frequency is 147.180 + (100 hz. PL)

Grand Rapids VE Testing

On the 1st Friday of the month at the Red Cross,

1050 E. Fuller Ave., NE, Grand Rapids.

6:30pm.

Contact: Ed/N8UXN 616-458-9029

Talk-In frequency is 146.760 - (94.8 PL)

Jackson VE Testing

On the 3rd Saturday of most months (10am) at the Jackson District Library, 244 W. Michigan in Jackson, MI

Contact: Dick McGuire 517-782-1430

Walk-Ins Welcome! Talk-In frequency is 146.880 - (100 hz. PL)

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DOS	PRINTER
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Calendar of Events for August/September, 2000

Aug-4th	CMARC Meeting 8pm
Aug-5th	5.39 Breakfast Theio's (North East St.) 7:30am
Aug-9th	OOTC Lunch 1pm. (pse contact Jerry Maslowski or Irv Graham for location)
Aug-26th	QCWA Breakfast, Theio's (North East St.) 8am
Sep-3rd	5.39 Breakfast Theio's (North East St.) 7:30am
Sep-6th	HamFair2000 Planning Meeting, 7:30pm at Don's Truckstop.
Sep-8th	CMARC Meeting 8pm (Guest Speaker, Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG on QRP and Kits)
Sep-10th	Findlay, OH Swap. TI: 147.15+/444.15+ Doors open at 8am
Sep-13th	OOTC Lunch 1pm. (pse contact Jerry Maslowski or Irv Graham for location)
Sep-16th	GRARA SuperSwap2000, Grand Rapids. TI: 147.26+ T94.8 or 146.520
Sep-23rd	HamFair2000 Planning Meeting, 4pm at Red Cross in AB (meeting) Room
Sep-30th	QCWA Breakfast, Theio's (North East St.) 8am

Monday evenings at 7pm, RACES, ARES Net 146.580 simplex, No PL tone

Tuesday evenings at 8pm, QCWA Net 146.700 -600

Sunday evenings at 8:30pm, 5.39 Information Net, 145.390 -600 100hz PL

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