

**A New Look for the New Millennium - December, 2000**



Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

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*No 'swinging chads' here*

## **CMARC Elections December 1, 2000**

Unless you have been fast asleep since October, the ongoing Presidential Election stuff has become a staple of your daily life. No, this isn't about the National election, which was held on November 7, 2000 and is (at press deadline) STILL unresolved. It's about our own, less prolific ballot counting, scheduled for December 1st, 7:30pm at the Red Cross in Lansing.

I couldn't help tossing in a little mention of the political stalemate, since it's historical relevance will linger for many years to come. The simple truth of the matter is that I have been captivated by the process of electing our Nation's highest official under the scenario we've all been witness to in the weeks that have followed. But it has driven home a basic fact, important even here in our little Amateur Radio Club. Due process is vital to all aspect of any election.

We have already nominated several CMARC members for the openings on January 1st, but we still would like to see more. The three years that I have served has taught me the importance of having people on the Board who are, a.) Interested in the well-being of CMARC and its membership and, b.) Interested in making a difference while they serve.

Whether you're interested in a simple 'in and out' term, or you have deeper aspirations, if you ARE interested and you have NOT been nominated, you can do two things to get involved. 1. Call a CMARC Board member and express your interest. 2. 'Toss your hat into

the ring' at the December meeting. Either way, it's far better to volunteer and have a chance to get in, than to wait on the sidelines, hoping someone will read your mind at the meeting.

CMARC historically has seen up times and down. We have had Board members quit out of frustration (some years ago, mind you), some have become Silent Keys while serving and some have just stepped down for personal reasons. But since 1994, we've seen a gradual reversal of this trend and this President has been fortunate to have been on for three years running.

So get involved. Come to the meeting on December 1st, bring a friend or the whole family, speak up and let's all enjoy a fantastic time at our annual Christmas party. Rumor has it we're going to have some really great things to satisfy our palates and before the night is out, you WILL know the outcome of the election.....we guarantee it.

*A scene NOT likely here in Lansing-a volunteer in one of the embattled Florida counties pours over a mountain of ballots....looking for swingin' Chad and the rest of the Chad family!*



# News From Around Town

*Including Meeting Minutes from CMARC & LCDRA*

## CMARC BOARD MEETING

*November 3, 2000*

President Erv/W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members in attendance were Vice President Steve/W8CRH; Secretary Julie/KB8ZXR; Treasurer Pam/KB8PSF; and Director John/N8LLC. Director Don/KB8RAD was excused because of illness, and Erv said he had called and left a message reminding Tyler/KC8LWG of the meeting, but since no one had heard from him, Tyler went unexcused.

Erv gave us a brief rundown on how well things had gone for Ham Fair 2000, and congratulated both groups on a job well-done. He then told the Board that we had between 600 and 700 people attending our swap, and after all the bills were paid, CMARC and LCDRA EACH received approximately \$700 from the profits! Erv also said that the people at the Summit told him they were quite satisfied with how we conducted our swap in their building, and were willing to have us come back next year.

Erv told the Board that LCDRA, who had their quarterly meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, had discussed at that time how things went at Ham Fair and wanted to give us their input so we could get busy preparing for the 2001 swap. Erv was told that they were very happy with our location and the floor plan, they would like to keep the admission tickets and table prices the same for 2001, and they wanted us to get everything in writing next time (e.g., the Bake Sale, driving into the building for unloading, etc.), so we won't have to worry about the Summit reneging on their verbal "OK's" with us. After a small discussion, John/N8LLC made a motion that we stay at

the Summit for Ham Fair 2001—making our reservation and paying the deposit as soon as possible. John's motion was seconded by Steve/W8CRH and approved.

We also discussed getting the Ham Fair 2001 flyers printed as soon as possible so we can start handing them out in the next few months. Julie/KB8ZXR made a motion that the new flyers be printed with the same layout as this year's, except for the few necessary changes such as date, etc. Her motion was seconded by Steve and approved.

Erv also showed us the two logos that Dave/KF8WS and Shirley/N7UPY Birdsley had worked on in an attempt to make our Club logo a little easier to digitize, thereby facilitating their use for Club jackets, hats, etc. The logos which the Birdsley's submitted for our consideration both incorporated circles that enclosed the old Club logo, with one having the person's callsign inside the circle and the other with the callsign on top of the circle. A motion was made by John to go with the logo which allowed space for the person's callsign inside the circle as the new Club logo (as it was more symmetrical) and to present that one to the membership. The motion was seconded by Steve and approved.

Erv also brought up a possible idea for making a little money for the Club. He said he had recently talked to Bob Johanson/W9LDN who is making something called "Ham Tags". Ham Tags are "injection molded plastic" with chrome foil plating, and are triple coated with lacquer to stand up to the elements. They can be up to 22 letters of "anything you want to say" and can be either glued on or used as a magnet. They cost \$39.95 for chrome and \$44.95 for gold matte and Bob is offering CMARC a \$10 kickback for EVERY Ham Tag sold by

us. After a discussion about this idea and where the money would go (such as, to the Ham Fair fund or to CMARC's Treasury, etc.), it was decided that we all liked the idea of CMARC receiving profits from the sales since it would give us some extra money to work with throughout the year. Julie/KB8ZXR made a motion that we accept Bob's offer and that the money made should go into CMARC's Treasury. The motion was seconded by John and approved.

Having concluded the business at hand, Pam/KB8PSF made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Steve and approved. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary*

## CMARC MEETING

*November 3, 2000*

President Erv/W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. We had 37 members in attendance and 8 visitors. **OUR VISITORS for tonight were:** Mark Francis; Cary Britten/KC8JKA; Fran Thompson (Bruce/KC8ODP's friend); Dale and Karen Colby; Louis Addinston/N8NVN; Tim Crawford (John/N8LLC's son); and Tom Rocheleau/WA8WPI.

There were no **NEW LICENSES OR UPGRADES.**

**INTERESTING CONTACTS** – Both Dick/KI8C and Erv/W8ERV said they had made contact with Kingman Reef.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** December 1<sup>st</sup> is the CMARC Party/Elections so please be sure to attend. We will be electing your new Board for 2001, eating some

GOOD FOOD, having some prize giveaways, and visiting with our friends. In other words... you are guaranteed to have a GREAT TIME!! Here is the list of those volunteering to bring in goodies for the December meeting: Randy Stortz/KC8IHV (his Mom's Divinity Fudge); John Crawford/N8LLC (his wife Karen's cookies); Gloria Cote (her Texas Sheet Cake... YUM!!); Mike Sanders/KC8FCA (custard or Key Lime Pie); Kay (cookies); Pam Denomme/KB8PSF (veggies/dip); Julie McLain/KB8ZXR (whatever Don/KB8RAD hasn't already gotten into!); Erv Bates/W8ERV (?); Marie Watson/KC8NOI (Rice Krispies Treats); and Bernie Gaffney/N8PVZ (potato chips/dip). If YOU would like to donate something, too, just bring it to the meeting. The December meeting is usually one of the most well-attended of the year, so the more goodies we have, the more we can "pig out"—ha, ha! Thank you in advance!

**OLD BUSINESS:** Don/KD8BD made a motion to accept the Secretary's minutes as printed in the Scope. The motion was seconded by Currin/W8FSZ and approved. Bruce/KC8ODP made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed in the Scope. The motion was seconded by Julie/KB8ZXR and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** CMARC Survey - Erv had prepared a short survey that was handed out to the membership who was asked to fill it out and return it by the end of the meeting. It was to find out how the membership felt the Board was serving them, how they liked the meetings/Scope and what kind of programs or changes they would like to see in the next year. Everyone participated and we really got some good input.

Ham Fair Update - Erv reported that we had between 600 and 700 people

attending our Swap and that CMARC and LCDRA had EACH made about \$700 profit. Erv said everything he heard back from those attending the Swap was nothing but positive! Everyone, including the dealers, praised the new location with its spaciousness. We even had many comments from those needing to use wheelchairs that the aisles were easier to negotiate and they had no trouble getting up to the tables to look at all of the merchandise. Erv even had many tell him they would definitely be coming back next year! Erv also heard from several people who told him they DIDN'T attend this year's Ham Fair because the aisles have been so tight and the room so congested for the last several years (at the Ingham County Fair Grounds Community Center) that they thought this year would be the same. They also expressed their regrets, after hearing from friends how great the new location really was, that they didn't come, but said they sure will mark it on their calendars for next year!!

After Erv gave us his report on Ham Fair 2000, he told us that Bill/KB8TTS had volunteered to be the Chairman for Ham Fair 2001, and then opened the meeting up for a short discussion about what we wanted to do for next year's swap. After a few suggestions, a motion was made by Forrest/N8PWD to keep Ham Fair 2001 at the Summit; keep the prices for the tables and ticket sales the same; and purchase one (1) large door prize and one (1) medium door prize. The motion was then seconded by Currin/W8FSZ and approved.

"Ham Tags" - Erv brought up a possibility for making a little money for the Club. He said he had recently talked to Bob Johanson/W9LDN who is making something called "Ham Tags". Ham Tags are "injection molded plastic" with chrome foil plating, and are triple coated

with lacquer to stand up to the elements. They can be up to 22 letters of "anything you want to say" and can be either glued on or used as a magnet. They cost \$39.95 for chrome and \$44.95 for gold matte and Bob is offering CMARC a \$10 kickback for EVERY Ham Tag sold by us. Erv told the membership that the Board had liked the idea and that they wanted to see the money to go to CMARC's Treasury so we could have some extra money to work with throughout the year. After a discussion by the membership, a motion was made by Don/KD8BD that we try to sell these Ham Tags, with \$10 of each one sold by CMARC going into our Treasury. The motion was seconded by Jim/WB8VIC and approved.

Club Logo - Erv brought in two logos that Dave Birdsley/KF8WS has been working on for us per our March meeting. At that meeting, Dave from B & B Embroidery brought in some examples of his hats, coats, and t-shirts so we could place orders. Also during that presentation, many of the members mentioned that they wanted to have our Club logo made into a template so we could order Club coats and hats. However, after looking at our logo, Dave told us that it was too large to be made into a template. A motion was made and passed at that time which gave Dave some freedom in working with our logo, while at the same time trying to keep it as close to the original as possible. We decided that when he had them finished, the membership would vote on one for the new Club logo—which brings us to tonight's meeting and Dave's finished samples. Both of the logos that Dave submitted for our consideration incorporated circles that enclosed the old Club logo and had room for putting a person's callsign, if desired. However, one sample had room for the callsign inside

the circle, and the other had room for it on top of the circle. After a lengthy discussion, Mike/KC8DBP made a motion that the "new" Club logo should be the one that was symmetrical, i.e., the one which allowed for a callsign outside of the circle. The motion was seconded by Bruce/KC8ODP and approved. Don/KD8BD then made a motion that the other logo (with room for a callsign inside the circle) should be used for hats, shirts, coats, etc. This motion was seconded by Randy/KC8IHV and approved.

**BREAK:** We took a short break where we, once again, got to taste all those delicious goodies that Jane/KC8FSK and Mary Lou always seem to keep coming up with for us... like ghost-shaped sugar cookies, brownies, Rice Krispies Treats, cider and more. Thank you, Ladies, for always doing a terrific job and for your dedication to serving your Club and it's members!

When we returned to the meeting after our break, Don/WB8NUS addressed the membership and told us that CMARC needed to purchase a cart that the women in the kitchen could use for their kitchen supplies, so that, rather than borrowing one from the Red Cross and having to unload and reload it every month, they can just leave their supplies on it all the time. This would make for a lot less lifting and struggling in trying to get the coffee pot and all the rest of the stuff up from the basement to the second floor kitchen. Don made a motion that we purchase a two-shelved cart for this purpose. His motion was seconded by Don/KD8BD and approved by all. Don will purchase the cart at Big Lots and will bring the receipt in at the December meeting so Treasurer Pam can reimburse him.

**DRAWING WINNERS:** Our draw-

ing winners were Leo Smith/W8SSK (who won some pliers), Randy Stortz/KC8IHV (who won the tickets to the Ft. Wayne swap), and Cary Britten/KC8JKA (who won a grill).

Erv was our speaker for the evening and shared with us the many things that CMARC has accomplished in the last three years. He entitled his little speech, "Getting The Job Done Together." Erv also presented "Extra Mile Awards" and they went to: Mike Sanders/KC8FCA in recognition of all the work he did at Field Day with the "Under 22" bunch; Tim Crawford (who isn't even a Ham) for all the hard work he has put in at the Car Washes, CMARC meetings, etc.; and to Lucas Schaar/KC8OTY for his many efforts for the Club, in spite of the fact that he is a very new Ham. Lucas was not at the meeting this evening, so his award will be given to him at a later date.

**NOMINATIONS:** Bernie/N8PVZ made a motion that the floor be opened for nominations for the elections next month. Currin/W8FSZ seconded the motion and nominations were then accepted for the three 2-year directorships. Pam/KB8PSF nominated Mike Sanders/KC8FCA, Don/WB8NUS nominated Ken Faiver/W8HNI, and Randy/KC8IHV nominated Mike Rhew/KC8DBP. Forrest/N8PWD made a motion to close the nominations for the 2-year director positions, which was seconded by Hal/WA8LAY.

Pam/KB8PSF then made a motion that we accept nominations for the two 1-year directorships. Bernie seconded her motion and nominations were taken for those positions. Pam nominated Jim Crisp/WB8VIC, Don/WB8NUS nominated Randy Stortz/KC8IHV, and Marie/KC8NOI nominated Gary Watson/KC8MAD. Don/WB8NUS

then made a motion to close the nominations for the two 1-year positions. His motion was seconded by Currin/W8FSZ and approved. As there was no one "Under 22" present to be nominated for that position, we will wait for the December meeting.

With everything being completed, a motion to adjourn was made by Forrest/N8PWD and seconded by John/N8LLC. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 P.M.

*Julie McLain/KB8ZXR-Secretary*

## **It's Official: CMARC Has a New Logo!**

At the November meeting of CMARC, it was decided and voted that we accept one of the two designs put forth as our new Club logo. Unfortunately, the official Editor's scanner is down, but we will have a copy of it available (hopefully) next month in the SCOPE.

Designed by Dave Birdsley (KF8WS) of B&B Embroidery, the logo is simple in its design, yet appealing to the eye, according to those who got a chance to see and vote on it at the November meeting. Additionally, Dave is planning to come to the December 1, 2000 meeting to show off the design, as well as to take orders. Birdsley mentioned that a 'bulk order' of 12 pieces (hats, jackets, or shirts) would allow him to offer some discounts, too.

Make plans to come and join us for the meeting and bring some extra spending cash for the cool threads while you're at it. Response has been excellent and we anticipate being able to turn in the order in December, or early January at the latest.

# More Local News? You Asked For It

At the November meeting of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, members were given a small survey, much like the one they filled out in 1997, just prior to the election. You were asked to tell us what you liked, or thought could be improved on and you responded.

We are looking (again) for someone to handle news for the YLs in our Club. You need not be a journalist, only a woman who wants to share your news with other YLs in CMARC and LCDRA. We know you have get togethers and you are active in other Club business, so why not share?

Additionally, we are looking for submissions from ALL members for the newsletter. It is clear that you want MORE local news, but it takes YOUR help to get the job done, so if you see something happening, or you attend a function that members should know something about, drop your Editor a line and tell him about it. In time, we hope to have lots of local news in the SCOPE, but it will take time and the time to start this is now.

Thanks for your help and take some time to check out a new advertisement in the SCOPE, found on page 9. HamTags is a business, based in Indiana and operated by Bob Johanson (W9LDN) and Bob has offered to 'share the wealth', offering \$10 BACK to CMARC for every HamTag we sell! What this could mean to us, is additional funds for Club Activities, Club Equipment purchases...or HamFair expenses. More information will follow in the coming months and we'll be looking for volunteers to set up at local swaps and take orders.

## Ziegenbein Nominations Sought

Pursuant to the bylaws recently re-submitted and approved, this is official notification that your nominations for the 1999 Ziegenbein Award are now being accepted. As you should be aware, the annual award, CMARC's highest, is presented at the May Ladies' Banquet. The Nomination Committee is comprised of the last three winners of the Ziegenbein and include the following: Roy Uchigashima (N8GAQ) <senior member>, Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) and Pam Denomme (KB8PSF).

Pursuant to the bylaws, *nominees MUST be current CMARC members, the nominations MUST be made in writing (no chain letters or duplicates allowed), ALL nominations are to be mailed and must be submitted to the Committee members no later than 15 March, 2001.* Nominations can be sent to Julie McLain (KB8ZXR), 4444 Sycamore #1, Holt, Michigan 48842.

Good luck to all and get them nominations in.

# *For Your Consideration.....*

## *36 Months of Success and Progress*

For those of you who know me well, I don't have to tell you how difficult it was to come to the November meeting. I dreaded it for several weeks, because I knew it would be the last regular meeting I would preside over as President of CMARC. But I overcame the dread as I prepared several pages of notes, compiling the many accomplishments of our great Club. And, since so many of you are unable to attend regularly, I wanted to take some time to share a fairly impressive list with you. But please remember that this is NOT about me, it is about WE....the accomplishments WE have enjoyed these last three years.

First and foremost, we have to be excited about the Club growth since the beginning of 1998. Despite the 25 or so Silent Keys we've said farewell to, Club members have been busy building. The result is a net increase of about 60 members, or so. Recognizing membership isn't all there is to CMARC, read on for more good news.

Since 98, we've seen the startup of regular VE Testing, which resulted in several new licensees and many more upgrades, myself included. We have watched in awe as Clint Hannahs (KC8EHR) took the reins in establishing the first viable ARES/RACES organization in the Greater Lansing area in more than two decades. CMARC members wanted more interesting meetings and from what you tell me, we succeeded in this endeavor by bringing in folks like Kaz Fujita, Gregg Mulder and the Flint group who take Amateur Television VERY seriously. You wanted more public visibility and you got it, as CMARC enjoyed countless spots in local newscasts, air time on radio stations and plenty of ink, to boot. And this says nothing of Amateur Radio Newsline's coverage of the '1998 Tutu Incident' and QSTs coverage (nearly one full page) of our Special Event, held in April. (you can see it on page 20 of the November, 2000 edition).

I'm not done. Add to this the overwhelming compliments that have fallen on my ears. When the McGuires came to 'visit' in January of 2000, then decided to stay because of the kindness you showed them and the warm welcome they received, it touched me personally. Why? Because I know where we came from prior to 98. And then, there's HamFair. 1999 saw profits not realized in over 4 years and 2000 topped that with an increase of 60% in attendance....and this is just the beginning for HamFair. You watch and see what happens in the next two years-that's all I'm gonna say for now about this.

You all made it EASY to come to the meetings. You made me WANT to come to the meetings, because I knew you were excited about our Club and it's progress. Your desire to work and build was something to behold, I assure you. Among all of these accomplishments, however, if I had to pick the most important reason for our success, I would rest it squarely on the teamwork and dedication of CMARC. When there was work to be done, there was always someone there to make it happen. I never had to worry, though you all know I did worry to some degree. There is tremendous responsibility in 'governing' a group of volunteers, but you have shown me how it CAN be done, given the proper measure of delegation and compromise.

As I did November 3rd, I wish to Thank you all for helping me these past 36 months. I cannot think of a more appropriate way to get this across to you. Some of you only spoke words of encouragement to me when I was in the 'valley of decision' sometimes. Thank you. You have NO idea how important this has been to me.

It's been a great ride and as we move forward at the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, I sincerely hope YOU will get in on the action. I wish you all a Blessed, Safe Christmas and Holiday season, as well as a prosperous 2001.

*73, Thank You and May You  
have a blessed Holiday Season, ERV*

# Something Funny, Something Special

*Humorous, Sometimes Touching Submissions from our Members and Others*

## The History of 'Taps'

We have all heard the haunting melody of "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But do you know the story behind the song.

If not, I think you will be pleased to find out about its humble beginnings. Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing, Virginia.

The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellisombe heard the moans of a soldier who was severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward the encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at

the funeral. The request was denied since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, which we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals, was born.

*Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the lakes  
From the hills  
From the sky  
All is well,  
safely rest.  
God is nigh.*

*Fading light  
Dims the sight  
And a star  
Gems the sky,  
Gleaning bright  
From afar,  
Drawing nigh,  
Falls the night.*

*Thanks and praise,  
For our days,  
Neath the sun,  
Neath the stars,  
Neath the sky,  
As we go,  
This we know,  
God is nigh.*

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

## The Hot Air Ballonist

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend an hour ago I would meet him, but I don't know where I am."

The woman replied, "You are in a hot air balloon approximately 30 feet above the ground. You are between 40 and 41 degrees North latitude and between 79 and 80 degrees West longitude."

"You must be a Republican," said the balloonist.

"I am," said the woman, "but how did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I still have no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I am still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help."

The woman below responded, "You must be a Democrat."

"I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault".

*Thanks to Steve Dible, W8CRH for TAPS and to Tim Lear (one of my former High School Classmates) for the Hot Air Balloonist*

*Attention Story Collectors: Got something funny or touching to share with us-Why not submit it? Email [Erw.w8erv@arrl.net](mailto:Erw.w8erv@arrl.net) or call him 676-2710*

## The Y2K CMARC Board

## The 2001 LCDRA Board

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### Congratulations to Our Newly Elected LCDRA Officers:

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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 *Clmt* to show you the EOC station they have worked so hard to build up.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Charlie Shawnee/K8USY's B'day!
- 5 – Dave Parker/W8NSH's 63<sup>rd</sup> B'day!
- 11 – Russ Fitzgerald/N8FZ's 39<sup>th</sup> B'day!
- 12 – Mike Manning/N8EUQ's 61<sup>st</sup> B'day!
- 13 – William Torrence/KC8ALL's 52<sup>nd</sup> B'day!
- 17 – Bob Marklewitz/K8NNZ's 79<sup>th</sup> B'day!
- 17 – Clarence Shaner/W2PMH's 94<sup>th</sup> B'day!
- 17 – Dolly Acker-Wright/N8DOL's 79<sup>th</sup> B'day!
- 17 – Jack Wiswasser/WA8IAL's 64<sup>th</sup> B'day!
- 18 – Ralph Chapman/WA8NHD and Wife's 47<sup>th</sup> Anniv.!
- 21 – Bill/WD8NYW and Donna Cote's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.!
- 24 – Tom Tabler/W8WZH and Wife's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.!
- 27 – Charles Stahl/N8DWI and Wife's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.!
- 28 – John McEnhill/KB8LBT's 58<sup>th</sup> B'day!
- 28 – Arnold McCardell/KI8AJ and Wife's Anniv.!
- 30 – Stephen Dible/W8CRH's 57<sup>th</sup> B'day!

## Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of November 3, 2000

### ASSETS:

Cash & Bank Accounts	
Mich. Nat'l Bank Checking	\$483.10
USPS Postal Deposit	<u>\$224.53</u>
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$707.63
Other Assets	
Comerica Bank CD	<u>\$1,349.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$2,057.28
LIABILITIES:	\$0.00
TOTAL NET WORTH:	\$2,057.28

Income & Expenses: October 6-November 3, 2000

### INCOME

Coffee Fund	\$17.34
LCDRA HamFair Flyers	\$107.89
Dues	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$125.23

### EXPENSES:

SCOPE Mailings	\$0.00
Food for Club Meeting	\$6.44
ARRL Outgoing QSL	\$6.00
Non-Profit Filing Fee	\$10.00
Service Charges	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12.44
TOTAL NET PROFIT	\$112.79

\*Transfer from Checking to Postal Deposit Account \$200.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Denomme-KB8PSF, Treasurer



## Ingham Co. ARPSC Meetings

If you are an RACES or ARES member, and wish to play an active role in the Ingham County ARPSC Group, you are invited to attend the Ingham County ARPSC 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 ARPSC net held at 9pm 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](mailto:kc8ehr@arrl.net) or Cary M. Britten, The Assistant Ingham Co. Emergency Coordinator, at [kc8jka@arrl.net](mailto:kc8jka@arrl.net)

### Ingham Co. ARPSC 2000 Meeting Schedule

December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm held at the Ingham Co. Sheriff's Dept.

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## Club Logo Clothing Order Planned

This is another reminder to be at the December CMARC meeting for a chance to order some new threads from B & B Embroidery of Perry. Dave has assured me that he will be in attendance, armed with a sample of the new CMARC logo and you can order your hats, shirts and jackets December 1st.

See you at the meeting!

## For Sale, or Trade

*Florida Car*-1965 Chevrolet Impala. Runs and looks great. Comes with a genuine Florida voting machine and box of 'dimpled chad' ballots, too! A steal for \$75. Contact Buggy Daley for details or a test drive.

# Local and Area VE Sessions

## **Lansing V.E. 2000/2001 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:

Jan. 13th, Mar. 10th, May 12, Jul. 14th, Sep. 8th, Nov. 10th.

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

# COMPUTER WORDS

BY WA8LAY

## Word list

BRANCH	CIRCUITS
BRUSH	DATA
BUFFER	DIGITAL
BUG	DRIFT
BYPASS	ENERGY
BYTE	FACTOR
CABLE	FORMULA
CALLING	LOSSES
CAPACITOR	PILOT
CARDOID	SHIFT
CARRIER	WORKING ?
CHARTS	



K	R	E	F	F	U	B	Y	P	A	S	S	I	L
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## Calendar of Events for December, 2000

Dec-1st	CMARC Meeting 7:30pm (Nomination, Election, Christmas Party)
Dec-2nd	5.39 Breakfast, Theio's (North East St.) 7:30am
Dec-3rd	L'Anse Creuse ARC swap ( <a href="http://www.ameritech.net/users/lc_arc/index.html">http://www.ameritech.net/users/lc_arc/index.html</a> )
Dec-13th	OOTC Lunch 1pm. (contact Jerry Maslowski or Irv Graham for location)
Dec-30th	QCWA Breakfast, Theio's (North East St.) 8am
Jan-21st	Hazel Park ARC swap ( <a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8hp">http://www.qsl.net/w8hp</a> )

*Monday evenings at 9pm, ARPSC 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*



# Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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December, 2000

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