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CMARC Members Get CERT Training

Article by Douglas Sitterson, KC8UUF

Well folks, here is another acronym for us to try and remember. CERT! Some of you are probably saying "What the heck is CERT?" and "why should I care?"

Well, CERT stands for "Community Emergency Response Team." And it's purpose is just like it sounds. How many of you know the people in your neighborhood and surrounding community? How many of you know that there is a person on the end of the block that



may be hand-capped? How many of you know that Miss Mary down the street has asthma and can't tolerate smoke or fumes?

This is what CERT is about. Communities and neighborhood people like us, receiving training for emergency and disaster situations to help those in our community until such time as professional emergency personnel arrive on the scene.

I personally attended a CERT Training Course provided by the Lansing Fire Department. A normal CERT Training is a six week course but this particular course I attended was especially geared toward amateur radio operators so it was only about sixteen hours.

During the course you learn the aspect of what to do and what to be aware of during emergency situations. You learn how to search for victims. You also

learned the proper way to treat people in emergency situations and set up areas for the different types of injuries.



The course was taught by Teresa, a Lieutenant in the Lansing Fire Department, and Ignacio "Nacho", one of the firefighters with help during the certification part from Mike, Engineer/Driver and Damyon, also an Engineer/Driver. The turnout was pretty good. CMARC members who attended were: Rocky Beckner (K8DRB), Don Tillitson (WB8NUS), John Hosford (KC8QZB), Dennis Boone (KB8ZQZ), Jim Hamilton (WA8KDP), 'Bruce' Ranney (KC8ODP), Evelyn Sitterson (KC8YMN), and myself.

Others who also attended included: Clint Hannahs (KC8EHR), Roxanna Hannahs (KC8GAK), Jim Hannahs (KC8QWH), Ron Harger (WD8BCS), Mark Cosgrove (N8TSK), Troy Creed (W8TCC), Jeff Goeke-Smith (KC8PUN), and Larry St. George (N8SG).

During the certification part of the course, we were joined by the Baker-DeNora community group, who were also to do their certification. This made for a lot of fun as we got to be the rescuers first then we got to play the victims. Boy, can Ham operators 'ham' it up!!

The most important piece of information we received during (cont'd on page 4)

Hamfests for May

May 1
Wexauke ARC
Cadillac, MI
<http://members.fortunecity.com/wexauke>

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From the Editor:



Spring!! What a beautiful time of year. The pretty greens popping from the ground, the trees, the bushes. Go rgeous colors from the flowers starting to bloom in the neighborhoods. Time to open up the windows and let out all that stale winter air and let the fresh spring smells permeate the house!!

As you can tell, I love spring. It's a time for renewal and time for spring cleaning!!

I would like to apologize for not having gotten April's SCOPE out in a timely manner. School, work, ham meetings, and trainings just sort of took away all my time and before I knew it, it was the end of April. So this will be a

double issue...April and May.

I do want to remind everyone that Ladies' Night is almost upon us. Let's all come out and have an enjoyable evening of fellowship, music, laughter and, of course, some speakers (couldn't be an event without them!). I hope to see many of you there!!

Also, check out the bios of the current CMARC officers...you never know what you might learn!

Well...I hope you all enjoy this double issue and also hope that you are able to get outside and enjoy the wonderful sights and smells of spring!!

Evelyn Sitterson, KC8YMN



Presidents' Corner

Well, winter is really leaving very quickly now. We can now get to our antennas to repair any winter damage. We need to get ready for the Skywarn season.

As the days become longer and warmer, the weather becomes more unstable. So check your grounds and secure all antenna connections. Don't forget the Skywarn Class April 3rd at LCC in Lansing, check with Don Tillitson, WB8NUS or Clint Hannahs, KC8EHR. Also this month we have the Michigan QSO party, the Milford Hamfest and the LCDRA meeting April 15th.

In May we have Ladies Night, don't forget to get your reservations in by May 3rd, followed by Mother's Day then The Dayton Hamvention. We only have this meeting, April 2nd, and the June Meeting to get ready for Field Day. Let's make Field Day an event where everyone gets a chance to operate. Let us make this year's Field Day an Amateur Radio outing for all operators, and classes. Let's allow slow speed CW as well as the high speed operators work the bands. Let us experiment with different antenna designs and make this a learning experience for all of us. A large score is nice but learning our short comings and strengths as well as including all who wish to participate should be paramount.

The HamFair is beginning to take shape. We passed out about 350+ flyers at the Marshall Hamfest. We need people to take flyers to the Milford Hamfest and I will be taking them to the Dayton Hamvention. If anyone else would like to pass flyers out at Dayton, please let me know. We need to pass out as many flyers as possible to dealers and flea market goers.

It looks as if we are going to have a busy spring and Skywarn season. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at this coming meeting.

73's and see you at the CMARC meeting April 2nd.
Rocky K8DRB

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT) Act 328 of 1931

750.508 Equipping vehicle with radio able to receive signals on frequencies assigned for police purposes; permit required; exceptions; misdemeanor; penalty; radar detectors not applicable.

Sec. 508.

- (1) Any person who shall equip a vehicle with a radio receiving set that will receive signals sent on frequencies assigned by the federal communications commission of the United States of America for police purposes, or use the same in this state unless the vehicle is used or owned by a peace officer, or a bona fide amateur radio operator holding a technician class, general, advanced, or extra class amateur license issued by the federal communications commission, without first securing a permit so to do from the director of the department of state police upon application as he or she may prescribe, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

- (2) This section does not apply to

the use of radar detectors.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;--Am. 1939, Act 295, Eff. Sept. 29, 1939 ;--CL 1948, 750.508 ;--Am. 1957, Act 242, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957 ;--Am. 1990, Act 77, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1990 ;--Am. 2002, Act 672, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003 .

Constitutionality: This section, which prohibits equipping or using a vehicle with a radio receiving set capable of receiving frequencies assigned for police purposes, was enacted to facilitate law enforcement activity. This section's restriction of persons permitted to monitor those frequencies involves classifications which are rationally related to the statute's objective, consistent with equal protection and due process guarantees. *People v. Gilbert*, 414 Mich. 191, 324 N.W.2d 834 (1982).

Former Law: See section 5 of Act 152 of 1929, being CL 1929, § 578. © 2003 Legislative Council, State of Michigan

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CMARC Members Get CERT Training

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the training is that your own safety is the number one priority. You are not trained to perform miracles but the action you take early on may save a life. You have better knowledge of the people and surroundings in your community than most emergency personnel. This training prepares you for an emergency and what to expect when emergency personnel arrive.



You can assist them by giving them information that you have collected from your assessment of the damage and injuries that you know about before they arrived.

I can't get into all the things taught by this course, but I can urge you to participate in a class in the future. It's not all knowing and all seeing, but you do learn how to react in an emergency situation.

Do I feel I am a qualified emergency technician? NO. But I am confident that I can help my community by doing what I can if an emergency arises. Think about your neighborhood and if this is something the community would be interested in, then by all means create a group and attend the CERT training in your area.



Silent Keys:

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Local Nets

ARES/RACES	Mondays (except 3rd Monday) 8:30 pm 146.58 simplex
DTACS	Tuesdays 7:00 pm 146.94

Upcoming Events Requiring Amateur Participation

May 1, 2004	Help Save Lives LCC
May 8, 2004	Masonic Lodge Mason (Need 4 operators)
July 10-11, 2004	MS 150 Bike-a-thon
July 24, 2004	Women on Wheels

For Sale!

Desktop PC, XP Home, AMD Athalon XP 2100+(1.73 GHz) CPU, 1gb mem, 17 in. monitor (cable a bit touchy about color but ok), CD-RW drive, floppy, 250 Mb Zip Drive, 20 Gb & 60 Gb Hard Drives, 2 serial/1 par/6 USB/1 game/Lan/modem ports, sound card & speakers. \$425 or best offer

30 Gb External USB 1.1 hard drive—\$50.00

7 port powered USB 1.1 Hub—\$20.00

Memory modules (PC100 & PC133):

4—128 Mb SDR DIMMS, \$25.00/ea

3—64 Mb DIMMS, \$15.00/ea

4—16 Mb EDO SIMMS, \$5.00/ea

Toshiba Tecra 500 CDT laptop, 32 Mb mem, 1 Gb HD, 100 MHz Pentium, Win98SE, 1 serial/1par port, 10 Mbps LAN card. Not a gamer, but good for logging, rig control, digital modes, etc. AC only as battery is shot, not worth replacing. Reset button NG. \$25.00

Call Bernie Gaffney, N8PVZ, 517-393-4028
Grid Square EN72rq (Lansing)

STATE OF MICHIGAN



JOHN ENGLER, GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
714 SOUTH HARRISON ROAD, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN 48823
COL. MICHAEL D. ROBINSON, DIRECTOR

February 16, 1995

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Under Michigan Compiled Law Section 750.508, it is not necessary to have a scanner permit issued by the Michigan Department of State Police to equip a vehicle to monitor frequencies assigned by the FCC for police purposes if you are a bona fide amateur radio operator holding a technician class, general, advanced, or extra class amateur license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. In order to exercise the privilege of equipping a vehicle to monitor police frequencies, you must have your Federal license in your possession.

If you rely on your license to scan police frequencies, we suggest you carry this letter with you to show to law enforcement officers as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Steffel".

Jeff Steffel, Captain
Division Commander
Communications Division

Administrative Professionals Week

Source: International Association of Administrative Professionals®

Formerly called Professional Secretaries Week, Administrative Professionals WeekSM (April 18 - 24, 2004) is a tradition of honoring administrative professionals during the last full week of April.

Professional Secretaries Week was started in an effort to recognize secretaries for their contributions to the workplace, and to attract young people to secretarial careers. The idea began with Mary Barrett, president of the then National Secretaries Association (now International Association of Administrative Professionals), along with public relations consultant Harry Kleffuss, and Dictaphone Corporation president C. King Woodbridge. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer proclaimed the first National Secretaries Week June 1 through June 7, 1952, with Wednesday, June 4, as Secretaries Day. The date was changed in 1955 to the last full week in April.

Over the years, Administrative Professionals WeekSM has become one of the largest workplace observances. The event is celebrated worldwide, bringing together millions of people for observances ranging from community luncheons and educational seminars, to individual bosses recognizing their support staff with gifts of appreciation.

Tips for Busy Bosses

A simple "Thank You" can go a long way to motivate employees and build loyalty. Administrative Professionals WeekSM (APW) offers an ideal opportunity to show appreciation - and formally reinforce the value of an employee's contributions.

The Society of American Florists offers this simple guide to help smart managers put the benefits of proper office etiquette to work during APW and year-round.



- 1 **Use APW to find out what motivates your staff.** Conduct a formal or informal survey asking support staffers what kinds of incentives they value most. This will show your commitment and give you hints on what forms of appreciation they would enjoy during APW.
- 2 **Be open and direct.** If you're not sure whether the members of your support staff want to be recognized during APW, just ask them.
- 3 **Include everyone on your team.** Make APW a time to thank all of your support staff - from secretaries to assistants to junior managers - for their contributions.
- 4 **Make "thank you's" personal.** Whether you're buying a gift or making lunch reservations, think about the individual. For example, if you're ordering flowers, ask your florist to create an arrangement that fits the recipient's personality. Is that person traditional? Outdoorsy? Dramatic?
- 5 **Be specific.** Tell the members of your support staff exactly what they did that you appreciate.
- 6 **Treat APW like a New Year's resolution.** Resolve to practice better office etiquette year-round to build your team's confidence and cohesion. Whether it's celebrated with a gift, flowers, or a group luncheon, APW is an opportunity to formally acknowledge the members of your support staff for their contributions throughout the year and wipe the slate clean of any forgotten thank you's.

Administrative Professionals Week shares its days with Big Brothers/Sisters Appreciation Week and Teacher Appreciation Week among others.



Bios of the current CMARC Officers



Dennis 'Rocky' Beckner, K8DRB
President

I was raised in the Lansing area and graduated from J. W. Sexton HS in 1967. I taught at C. W. Otto JHS from September 1966 thru

April 1968. In April 1968 I was inducted into the Marine Corp. When I arrived in Viet Nam, in October 1968, I was issued the platoon radio. This was my first introduction into radio.

In 1971, while living in Arizona, I met an Amateur Operator (K7UGA) and he introduced me to another Amateur Operator (JY1), both are now silent keys, and they encouraged me to obtain my license. Well on March 31, 1977, I was issued my Novice license, WD8SBO, after enrolling in Bob Wright's (W8QN) and Dale Moore's (K8YRD) novice classes.

On June 2nd 1977, I traveled to Detroit with Chuck (WD8MBB) and passed my tech. I moved to Tennessee in the fall of 1986 and passed my General in 1987, while spending lots of time in the hospital over the next 7 years. I promised myself that I would obtain my extra before they changed to the present testing method. In the Summer of 1999, I passed my Advanced license and then in February of 2000, I finally passed my Extra.

As a Tech, I was active in Skywarn spotting and Emergency communications (ARES) in the Lansing area. I remained active in emergency communications when I moved to Tennessee.

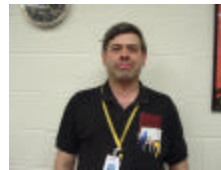
I took part in hurricanes Andrew, Hugo, Opal, Floyd and several others. I was involved with earthquakes in Northridge and Oakland Ca. In 1994, the NWS opened an office in Morristown, TN and I became the Skywarn Coordinator for the office.

I was responsible for all amateur activities dealing with Skywarn and the NWS. We covered eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina and southwest Virginia. I was directly involved in the eastern Tennessee tornados and floods during my 9 years as Skywarn Coordinator. In 1980, I joined Army Mars and have been active within it for the majority of the next 23 years.

I moved back to Lansing in May 2003 for health reasons and here I am again involved in Amateur Radio organizations. I have been glad to see many old friends and made many new ones. I have missed those who have become silent keys as I am sure that many of you do also.

This has been a short history of my Amateur Radio life. I hope it helps you get to know me a little better. Come and make yourself known to me, I am always looking for a new friend.

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John Hosford, KC8QZB  
Vice President

Hello, I have been around amateur radio all my life. Dad had been licensed as long as I can remember. Around

the late 70's, I started to study morse code but for some reason I just could not learn the characters.

In early 2001, I got the bug again but good. The next thing I know I had passed and was on the air. Since then I have volunteered to help provide communications at Lansing area special events. I check into the Skywarn nets when I see something that they would like reports on. I have not even begun to scratch the surface of amateur radio. I look forward to learning what being on the board is all about.

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Dick McGuire/KI8C,
Secretary

I grew up in suburban Cleveland, Ohio and was first licensed in November of 1954 at the age of 15. Since Novice licenses were for one year and not renewable, I upgraded to W8UBR (General) in

October 1955.

Between college, military obligation, and various careers, I have lived in Indiana (W9EO1), upstate New York (same call), New Orleans and San Antonio (W5PSQ), and suburban Chicago (W9LWF). I moved to Jackson in 1980 becoming (KI8C) and joined CMARC in January 2000.

My interests in ham radio include public service and working a little dx. In my spare time, I head a VE team in Jackson.

Being raised by symphony musicians and still single in my late 20's, I joined the New Orleans Symphony in 1967, then the San Antonio Symphony as an oboist. It was in San Antonio that I became friendly with a bassoon player by the name of Susan Dimmitt. We married in May 1969 and remained so until her death in January

2001. Our family was expanded with Kenneth, 32 and Jennifer, 31. Kenneth is now licensed as KC8LTL (and still single!) and lives near Traverse City. Jennifer is married with a son and two daughters in Columbus, Ohio.

I have clear memories of how expanding obligations affected my availability for ham radio. With due consideration for three grandchildren, I am hoping to turn recent losses into CMARC's gain.

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Randy Stortz/K8VY,  
Treasurer

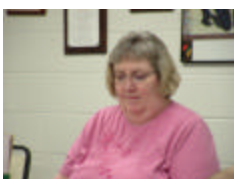


I started out interested in everything and eventually became most interested in Ham radio after meeting Jim Hewitt, who lived across the street from me. Later, I became interested in AM radio and television. After High School, I spent three years in Naval Air during the Vietnam war and gained my first large experience in electricity and electronics. After returning home, I attended Lansing Community College and got my Associates Degree in Electronics with Communication and Digital Options.

I am currently employed at Lansing Community College and a member of CMARC.

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Jane Law, KC8FSK
Director



I got my license in January of 1997. I was married at the time and my husband got his license. He told me about the meetings and all the people he was meeting so I decided if I was going to go to the meetings I would get my license, so I took classes in Perry taught by Tom Carpenter and got my tech license. I have helped with field day and Ham Fairs. The best part for me, of being a ham, is all the family and friends that I have gained.

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Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG, Director



I have been a ham since 1972. I enjoy QRP and Field Day, working DX and collecting keys. I have attended almost all the hamfests within 100 miles of Lansing.

My other hobbies include motorcycle racing and singing with a band.

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Kevin Mulder/KC8QZE, Under 22 Director

I became a ham in February, 2001 and currently hold a General class license. I enjoy QRP and working with electronics.

My other hobbies include playing guitar, racing motocross and playing tennis.

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John Ingraham/NG8L, Membership  
Chairman

In 1965, I became a Ham. In 1983, I got active again and passed my novice and finished my Extra class license.

I have been the Membership Chairman for CMARC since 1985. I have also served as president of the local chapter of QCWA.

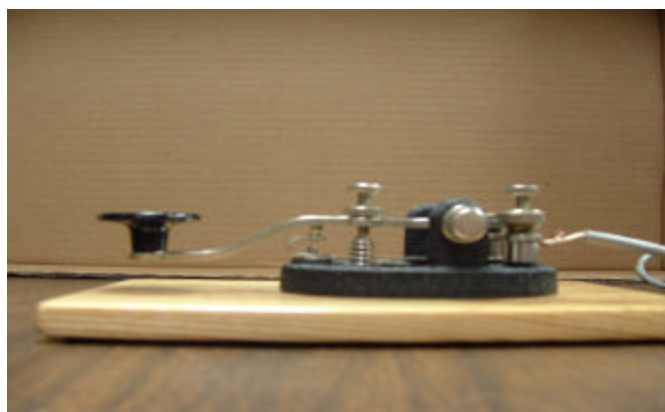
I have lived my entire life right here in the Lansing area. I graduated from MSU with a degree in Electrical Engineering. I retired from AT&T in '98 and was downsized from Lucent Technologies in 2002. I am currently self-employed as a Computer Technician.

My family and I are active at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing as well as the Knights of Columbus (I was a Grand Knight).

In 1977, I earned my Private Pilot license. I have canoed the entire length of the Grand River twice (1976 and 1990).

I have been married for 25 years and have two daughters.

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Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 5, 2004

The meeting was brought to order by club president Rocky Beckner (K8DRB) at 7:06 p.m.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

Rocky Beckner (K8DRB) - President
 John Hosford (KC8QZB) - Vice President
 Randy Stortz (K8VY) - Treasurer
 Dick McGuire (K18C) - Secretary
 Jane Law (KC8FSK) - Director
 Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) - Director

Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) mentioned the Marshall Swap and wanted to make sure members know about it. Greg also mentioned the test session next weekend for graduates of the Beginners' Licensing Class.

Rocky Beckner (K8DRB) mentioned CERTS Training on March 13 and March 27, and the Marshall Hamfest on March 20.

Rocky asked for suggestions on somebody to head the Field Day Committee. Scott Tickner (W8ATT) will be a member of the committee. Since there will be no regular meeting in May because of Ladies' Night, this matter will have to be resolved by the April meeting.

Rocky mentioned that in January he sent 137 letters welcoming the recipients back to CMARC; only 10 were returned, so the other 127 must have been delivered.

Rocky had met with LCDRA and mentioned our hamfest and that LCDRA saw a logical, vocal choice to head the Hamfest Committee. The CMARC board congratulated Rocky, who plans on printing 500 flyers for distribution at the Marshall Hamfest. The flyers will be printed on golden-rod or bright yellow. Rocky has talked with representatives of Kenwood and Alinco.

Rocky hopes to have a representative from the Department of Homeland Security for the April meeting. Future possibilities for programs include Riley Hollingsworth and the Michigan State Police.

In lieu of any formal program for the March 5 meeting, Gregg Mulder will make a short presentation.

Don Cote has entertainment lined up for Ladies' Night. The featured speaker will be Jim Weaver, Division Director.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Daily Survival Kit

- * ***Toothpick*** — to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others
- * ***Rubber Band*** — to remind you to be flexible, things might not always work out the way you want, but it will work out
- * ***Band Aid*** — to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours and someone else's
- * ***Pencil*** — to remind you to list your blessings everyday
- * ***Eraser*** — to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay
- * ***Chewing gum*** — to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything
- * ***Mint*** — to remind you that you are worth a mint!
- * ***Candy kiss*** — to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day
- * ***Tea bag*** — to remind you to relax daily and go over your list of blessings.

LADIES NIGHT and AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2004

CORAL GABLES

2838 E. Grand River

East Lansing

Handicap accessible and free parking

Cash Bar at 6:30 pm, Meal from 7-8 pm

CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE PER PERSON

(Price includes 6% sales tax and 17% gratuity)

1. Beef Sirloin Tips in Mushroom Gravy \$16.00
2. Baked Half Chicken with Gravy \$16.00
3. Broiled Lake Superior Whitefish \$16.00

Reservations must be in by May 3, 2004

Complete the form below.

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Attn: Randy Stortz, K8VY

C.M.A.R.C.

P.O. Box 27321

Lansing, MI 48909

Make checks payable to: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Name Call Choice _____
 You _____
 Spouse _____
 Guest _____
 Guest _____

Total Number of Meals Ordered _____ @ \$16.00 Amount Enclosed _____

Your Phone Number _____

U.S. Senator Zell Miller
Floor Statement: 'A House Divided Cannot Stand'
 Remarks as Delivered on the Senate Floor as printed on www.miller.senate.gov
 March 30, 2004

After watching the harsh acrimony generated by the September 11 Commission – which, let me say at the outset, is made up of good and able members – I've come to seriously question this panel's usefulness.

I believe it will ultimately play a role in doing great harm to this country, for its unintended consequences, I fear, will be to energize our enemies and demoralize our troops.

After being drowned in a tidal wave of all who didn't do enough before 9/11, I have come to believe that the Commission should issue a report that says: "No one did enough in the past. No one did near enough."

Then thank everyone for serving, send them home and let's get on with the job of protecting this country in the future.

Tragically, these hearings have proved to be a very divisive diversion for this country. Tragically, they have devoured valuable time, looking backwards when we should be looking forward.

Can you imagine handling the attack on Pearl Harbor this way? Can you imagine Congress, the media and the public standing for this kind of political gamesmanship and finger pointing after that "day of infamy" in 1941?

Some partisans tried that ploy, but they were soon quieted by the patriots who understood how important it was to get on with the war and take the battle to America's enemies, and not dwell on what FDR knew when.

You see, back then the highest pri-

ority was to win a war, not win an election. That's what made them "The Greatest Generation."

I realize that many well-meaning Americans see the hearings as "democracy in action." Years ago, when I was teaching political science, I probably would have had my class watching it live on television and using that very phrase with them.

There are also the not-so-well-meaning political operatives who see these hearings as an opportunity to "score cheap points."

Then, there are the Media Meddlers who see this as "great theater" that can be played out on the evening news and on endless talk shows for a week or more.

Congressional hearings have long been one of Washington's most entertaining pastimes. Joe McCarthy. Watergate. Iran Contra. They all kept us glued to the TV, and made for conversation around the water coolers and arguments over a beer at the corner pub.

A Congressional hearing in Washington, D.C. is the ultimate aphrodisiac for political groupies and partisan punks.

But, it's not the groupies, punks and television-sotted American public that I'm worried about. This latter crowd can get excited and divided over just about anything. Whether it's some off-key wanna-be dreaming of being the American Idol, or what brainless bimbo The Bachelor or Average Joe will choose or who will Donald Trump fire next week.

No, it is the real enemies of America that I'm concerned about. These evil killers who right now, right now are gleefully watching the shrill partisan finger pointing of these hearings and grinning like a mule eating briars.

They see this as a major split within the Great Satan America. They see anger, they see division, instability, bickering, peevishness and dissension.

They see the President of the United States hammered unmercifully. They see all this and they are greatly, greatly encouraged.

We should not be doing anything to encourage our enemies in this battle between good and evil. Yet, these hearings, in my opinion, are doing just that.

We are playing with fire. We're playing directly into the hands of our enemy by allowing these hearings to become the great divider they have become.

Dick Clarke's book and its release coinciding with these hearings have done this country a tremendous disservice, and someday we will reap its whirlwind.

Long ago, Sir Walter Scott observed that revenge is "the sweetest morsel that ever was cooked in hell."

The vindictive Clarke has now had his revenge, but what kind of hell has he, his CBS publisher and his axe-to-grind advocates unleashed?

These hearings, coming on the heels of the election the terrorists influenced in Spain, bolster and energize our evil enemies as they have not been energized since 9/11.

Chances are very good that these evil enemies of America will attempt to influence our 2004 election in a similar dramatic way as (cont'd on page 10)

U.S. Senator Zell Miller Floor Statement: 'A House Divided Cannot Stand' (cont'd)

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they did Spain's. And to think that could never be in this country is to stick your head in the sand.

That is why the sooner we stop this endless bickering over the past and join together to prepare for the future, the better off this country will be. There are some things - whether this city believes it or not - that are just more important than political campaigns.

The recent past is so ripe for political second-guessing "gotcha" and Monday morning quarter-backing. And it is so tempting in an election year. We should not allow ourselves to indulge that temptation. We should put our country first.

Every administration from Jimmy Carter to George W. Bush bears some of the blame. Dick Clarke bears a big heap of it because it was he who was in the catbird's seat to do something about it for more than a decade. Tragically, it was the decade in which we did the least.

We did nothing after terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in 1993, killing six and injuring more than 1,000 Americans.

We did nothing in 1996 when sixteen U. S. servicemen were killed in the bombing of the Khobar Towers.

When our embassies were attacked in 1998, killing 263 people, our only response was to fire a few missiles on an enemy tent.

Is it any wonder? Is it any wonder that after that decade of weak-willed responses to that murderous terror, our enemies thought we would never fight back?

In the 1990's is when Dick Clarke should have resigned. In the 1990's is when he should have apologized. That

is when he should have written his book. That is, if he really had America's best interest at heart.

Some will say, "We owe it to the families" to get more information about what happened in the past and I can understand that. But no amount of finger-pointing will bring our victims back.

So, now we owe it to future families and all of America now in jeopardy not to encourage more terrorists, resulting in even more grieving families, perhaps many more over the ones of 9/11.

It's obvious to me that this country is rapidly dividing itself into two camps: the wimps and the warriors.

The ones who want to argue and assess and appease, and the ones who want to carry this fight to our enemies and kill them before they kill us. And, in case you haven't figured it out, I proudly belong to the latter.

This is a time like no other in the history of this country, and this country is being crippled with petty partisan politics of the worst possible kind. In time of war, it is not just unpatriotic; it is stupid, and it is criminal.

So, I pray that all this time, all this energy, all this talk and all this attention could be focused on the future instead of the past.

I pray we would stop pointing fingers, assigning blame and wringing our hands about what happened on that day David McCulloch has called "the worst day in our history" more than two years ago.

And instead, pour all of our energy into how we can kill these terrorists before they kill us - again.

For make no mistake about it. They watch these hearings. They are scheming and smiling about the distraction and the divisiveness they see in America. And while they may not know who said it years ago in America, they know instinctively that a house divided cannot stand.

There is one other group that we should remember is listening to all of this - our troops.

I was in Iraq in January and one day when I was meeting with the 1st Armored Division, a unit with a proud history known as Old Ironsides, we were discussing troop morale, and the Commanding General said it was top notch.

And I turned to the Division's Sergeant Major, the top enlisted man in the division, a big, burly, 6-foot-3, 240 pound African American and I said, "That's good, but how do you sustain that kind of morale?"

Without hesitation he narrowed his eyes, and he looked at me and said "The morale will stay high just as long as these troops know the people back home support us."

Just as long as the people back home support us. What kind of message are these hearings and the outrageously political speeches on the floor of the Senate yesterday sending to those marvelous young Americans in the uniform of our country?

I say Unite America! Before it is too late! Put aside these petty partisan differences when it comes to the protection of our people.

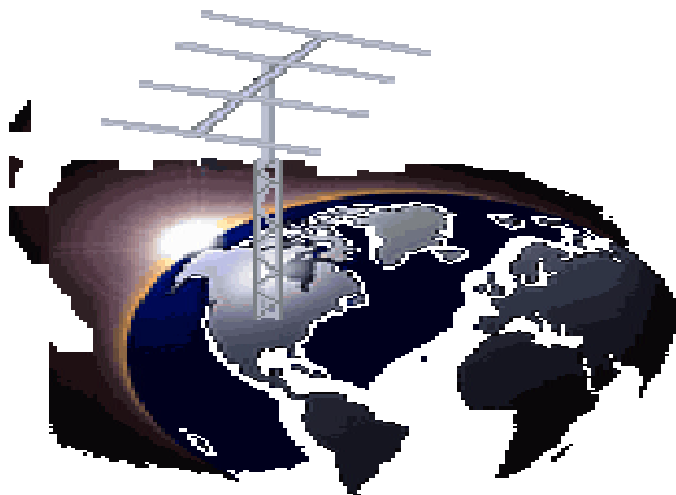
Argue and argue and argue and debate and debate and debate over all the other things - jobs and education and the deficit and the environment - but please, please do not use the lives of Americans and the security of this country as a cheap-shot political talking point.

May 2004

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Special Items of Interest

- * Richard Cole is looking for a housekeeper. Contact him at the next CMARC meeting



May Schedule of Events

- May 1 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- May 3 DTACS Meeting
7:00 p.m., Delta Tnshp Fire Sta
- May 7 CMARC Meeting
Ladies Night
- May 8 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- May 12 OOTC (Old Old Timers Club),
Flap Jack, 1601 N Waverly Rd
1:00 pm
- May 15 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- May 17 Lansing ARES/RACES
ICSD, Mason
7:00 pm
- May 22 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- May 29 QWCA, Korner Kitchen
Mt Hope & Pennsylvania
8:00 am

April Birthdays

- Apr 7 Richard McGuire, KI8C
Apr 8 John Shaner, KC8RMF
Apr 21 Kenneth Norton, KC8OIL
Apr 22 Kenneth Hull, WR8S
Apr 30 Joseph Oranchak, WA4KPQ

May Birthdays

- May 22 Irving Graham, KD8PI
May 25 Ken Faiver, W8HNI

April Anniversaries

- Apr 9 Scott & Sandy Tickner
Apr 27 Peter Lycos

May Anniversaries

- May 1 Clint & Roxanna Hannahs
May 6 J. Rod Schultz
May 9 Dan Harger
May 12 Candice Keppner
May 21 John Ingraham
May 27 Mike Rhews

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Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting (March 5, 2004)

The business meeting was brought to order by club president Rocky Beckner (K8DRB) at 7:30 p.m.

Members

22 members were present at the meeting.

Visitors

Mary Tillitson (wife of Don Tillitson)
Brent Hannahs (son of Clint Hannahs)
Dale Williams (WA8EFK)
Dave Batch (KC8WHA)
John French (KC8WZH)

Upgrades and New Licenses

None

Old Business

Minutes were accepted as published in The Scope. Moved by Don Cote (KD8BD) and seconded by Don DeFeyter (KC8CY).

Treasurer's report was accepted as distributed and appended. Original motion was moved by Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) and seconded by Evelyn Sitterson (KC8YMN). Don Cote (KD8BD) moved to have the report subject to annual audit. The appended motion was seconded by Ron Harger (WD8BCS) and approved.

Rocky pointed out that the November minutes reported a decision to reimburse Mike Shanblatt for tapes related to his licensing class from the Humphreys Fund. Rocky will instruct Randall Stortz (K8VY) to follow November's reimbursement decision.

There were no officer reports.

Don Cote reminded us that Ladies' Night is May 7th. Don repeated the menu choices and urged us to make reservations. Soothing dinner music will come from John Kelly playing the dulcimer. The after-dinner speaker will be Great Lakes Division Director

Jim Weaver (K8JE). With the presentation of the annual Ziegenbein Award, it will be a big night.

Don Tillitson announced that the MS 150 Bike-a-thon will be July 17-18, not July 10-11. All other events will be as already posted in The Scope.

Rocky will make Hamfair (our hamfest) flyers for distribution at the Marshall Hamfest. Rocky will touch base with Dan Harger (W8BCI) for info. Rocky has contacted Kenwood and Alinco; he will also try for Icom, Yaesu, and Ten-Tec.

Rocky has two members of the Field Day Committee but is looking for a chairman, since that task will involve considerable time. The location will be Camp Kiwanis. Don Cote and Rocky would like to see more variety in antennas.

Clint Hannahs (KC8EHR) announced the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training on March 13th and 27th at Fire Station 8. These sessions will be geared for amateur radio.

Ingham County ARPSC will meet at 7 p.m. on March 15th, also at Station 8. Clint also announced new equipment purchased by the City of Lansing. This announcement was followed by a discussion on burnout of emergency coordinators.

Doug Sitterson (KC8UUF) announced that he hopes to have a members-only section on the website by the end of the month. There was talk of placing the current issue of The Scope in the members-only section and making a sample issue (not current) available to the general public.

Rocky Beckner is trying to inventory

club equipment. In addition, the old KDK transceiver in the clubroom is no longer operational on packet. Rocky would like to replace it with a 2-meter-only transceiver.

Rocky then reported that in January he had mailed 137 letters inviting people to come back to CMARC meetings; 10 were returned.

John Ingraham (NG8L) reported 84 paid members (including life members) out of 209 in the database.

Dale Williams (WA8EFK, Section



Manager) presented an award to Evelyn Sitterson (KC8YMN) for The Scope winning second prize in the State of Michigan. The attending group gave Evelyn an ovation.

Unfinished Business

Evelyn is getting e-mails delivering The Scope returned for lack of valid address.

Gregg Mulder requested nominations for Ziegenbein Award. The deadline is April 9.

New Business

Don Tillitson announced receiving a plaque on behalf of the club for March of Dimes communications and passed the plaque around for members to view.



Rocky passed around pictures of a past Dayton Hamvention for those who had never been there. He also passed around pictures of the Shelby Hamfest.

**Central Michigan
Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Meeting
(March 5, 2004)**

Announcements

VE testing will be on the 13th.
Marshall Hamfest will be on the 20th.
CERTS training will be on the 13th
and the 27th.

Michigan QSO Party will be April
17th.

Dayton Hamvention is the weekend
after Ladies' Night.

Michigan State Police has training in
Grand Rapids on May 5th, 6th, and
7th. (Info at next meeting.)

Skywarn training will be April 3rd at
LCC Auditorium.

Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG) then pre-
sented a program on refurbishing
old keys.

Betty Bell won \$15.00 at the 50/50
drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.
Moved by Clint Hannahs (KC8EHR)
and seconded by Evelyn Sitterson
(KC8YMN).

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**CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
March 26, 2004**

Account Balances
As of March 26, 2004

ASSETS:

Cash & Bank Accounts	
Mich. Nat'l Bank Checking	\$ 1,293.30
Mark & Marilyn Humphreys' Fund	\$ 316.00
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 1,609.30

Other Assets:

Comerica Bank \$1,000.00 CD	\$ 1,532.98
Interest due CMARC	\$ 1.42
Total worth to date	\$ 1,534.40
Act. Rec. Scope Prnt/ Send-LCDRA	\$ 81.34
Act. Rec. Sci-Fair Tables LCDRA	\$ 22.50
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 1,638.24

LIABILITIES: \$ 0.00

TOTAL NET WORTH: \$ 3,247.54

Income & Expenses
February 24, 04 to March 26, 2004

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 55.00
Directory sales:	\$ 0.00
50/50 Drawing proceeds	\$ 24.50
(Above collected: Jan. and Mar.)	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 79.50

EXPENSES:

Scope Cost for Print. & Mail. / 2 Mo.	\$ 99.77
Annual Post Office Box Rent	\$ 48.00
Bank Checking, Service Charge	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 157.77

TOTAL NET PROFIT/LOSS \$ 78.27

Respectfully Submitted by:
Randall Stortz, K8VY
Treasurer, CMARC

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