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Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association
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The Scope

June 2004



Local SKYWARN Procedures and Information

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Hamfests for June

June 19
Midland ARC
Midland, MI
<http://www.qsl.net/w8kea/>

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Midland, MI 48640-9167
Phone: 989-835-5562
Fax: 989-835-3205
Email: ab8jf@arrl.net

June 20
Monroe Co Radio Communications Assn.
Monroe, MI
<http://mcrca.org/hamfest.htm>

Contact: Fred VanDaele, KA8EBI
4 Carl Drive
Monroe, MI 48162
Phone: 734-242-9487 (after 5 PM)
Email: ka8ebi@arrl.net

With the rash of bad weather recently, this would be a good time to review SKYWARN procedures that have been established to help maintain a quality and efficient net that will best serve the National Weather Service, other agencies, and our local communities. Spotters are encouraged to follow the following net operating guidelines:

- 1) **Direct all traffic to the Net Control Operator.** The Net Control Operator directs the Net's activities, coordinates spotters, forwards reports, and announces National Weather Service statements.
- 2) **Be aware of the situation.** Always listen to the reports of other spotters. If what you are experiencing is of less priority than what is occurring in another area, then please yield the frequency to the spotters with the most urgent reports.
- 3) **Keep transmissions as brief as possible.** This keeps the frequency open for others to use. As always, reports with the most priority should have the most use of the frequency.
- 4) **Do Not report general phenomenon** that is always associated with thunderstorms, such as rainfall, lightning, thunder, etc. Such reports are unnecessary and take up time on the air, possibly preventing more important reports from being passed.
- 5) **Only report severe weather related observations** that are described in training and supplemental materials. These reports are essential to the National Weather Ser-

vice during severe weather events.

- 6) **Be as accurate as possible.** Use proper measurements such as 1/4 inch or pea size, 3/4 inch or dime size, one inch or size of a quarter, golf ball size, etc. When estimating wind speeds, use the following tips from the National Weather Service's Spotter's Guide:
 - a) 25-31 mph: Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telephone wires
 - b) 32-38 mph: Whole trees in motion; inconvenience felt walking against wind
 - c) 39-54 mph: Twigs break off trees; wind generally impedes progress
 - d) 55-72 mph: Damage to chimneys and TV antenna; pushes over shallow rooted trees
 - e) 73-112 mph: Peels surface off roofs; windows broken; light trailer houses pushed or overturned; moving automobiles pushed off roads
- 7) **Be sure to check out if away from your radio.** This is important as Net Control counts on you being where you say you are. If something is happening in your area and you have not checked out, Net Control has no idea if something may have happened to you due to the weather.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

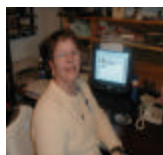
- * The first sign of a tornado may not be a funnel at the cloud base. Your first clue may be debris or dust at the surface, so (cont'd on page 5)

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Letter from the Editor:

My first words this month come in the form of a huge apology to one of our long time members, Currin Skutt, W8FSZ. Mr. Skutt sent me an email awhile back with some items he had for sale that were to be put in the SCOPE. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the message (along with others) has disappeared. Mr. Skutt, I deeply regret that your items did not make it into the SCOPE and hope you will forgive my error and if you will resend me the items, I guarantee you they will be in the next issue of the SCOPE following receipt of your email.

As most of you know, I have been doing the SCOPE for the last year and a half. Up until recently, I have found great pleasure in doing so. I say recently because lately it seems that instead of being a club newsletter, it has become a 'well, let's see what I can throw in there this month; newsletter. As you can see, there isn't much to this month's edition.

When I agreed to take this project on, it was with the understanding that I would get a lot of articles from members of the club, especially since I knew virtually nothing about ham radio (and still don't know much more than I did then).

Unfortunately, out of our total membership, I have only been able to rely on a handful of people to help fill this newsletter. This is YOUR newsletter. I don't know what

you want to see or read about each month. It needs YOUR input.

A good example would be Hamvention, which by the way, for someone who has never been before, it was a pretty overwhelming experience!!! But, to make my point, I ran across four members there, heard about two or three others that were there, yet noone has sent anything in to the SCOPE about what they did or saw!

I can tell you from my experience that it was quite an experience. Who knew there could be so much ham equipment and accessories under one roof! I was amazed and awed at the amount of people who came through that building each day. And it was good to see there are some younger people out there who seem to be getting into being amateurs as well.

Doug and I did miss out on the dinner on Friday due to lack of directions but it didn't detract from the experience. As avid campers, we found a really nice campground south of Dayton. The people who owned it were very helpful when we got there and realized we had a busted water hose. They got us to the right people and we had it fixed in no time.

I highly recommend to anyone who has never been to the Dayton Hamvention to make plans to attend next year. It's worth the experience!!!

Your editor,
Evelyn Sitterson, KC8YMN

Presidents' Corner

We have had an active spring so far. The Dayton Hamvention is over for another year, with many change from past years. Many for the better with much work to do. Ladies Night is also past and this was a fabulous event. I thank everyone on the Zeigenbein Awards Committee, and especially Pam Denomme and all the Ladies that helped make the evening so very special.

We now need to work on Field Day and HamFair. The June meeting will cover antennas. If you have any antenna projects that you are interested in, share it with the rest of us. We can possibly use some of these on Field Day. Field Day is to see if we can setup in a location and operate for 24 hours. We need to check different operating configurations and see which ones work the best. We shall follow the ARRL's rule and only have one station each of voice and cw (digital) per band. The operating stations will be defined by the Field Day Committee.

HamFair is coming along slowly. I have distributed nearly 2500 flyers at Marshall and Dayton. We need to have a presence at as many ham-fests as possible between now and October. This is a make or break year for HamFair, and the trend is for smaller and smaller crowds and many hamfests are gone. If we are to survive we must have something to offer. I would like to see some forums at our HamFair, and would like everyone's input.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the June 4th meeting. So everyone have a safe holiday weekend. If you are traveling, drive safely and come back alive.

73's
Rocky K8DRB

2003 Ziegenbien Award Winner



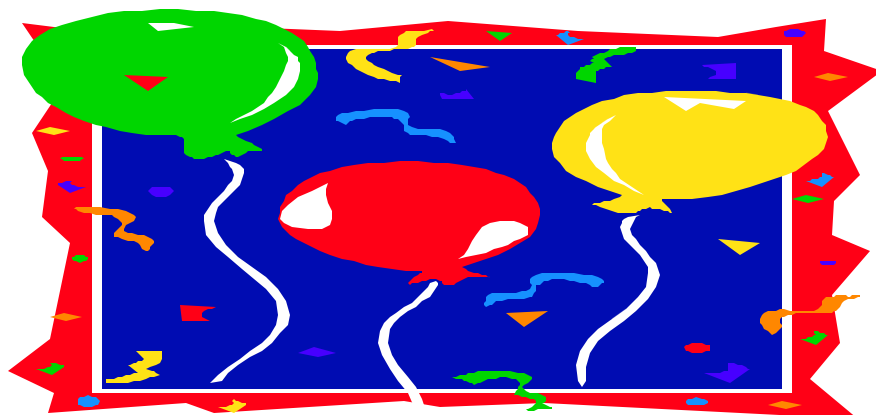
The recipient of the 2003 Ziegenbien Award went to a very deserving person in our club. Gregg Mulder received the Ziegenbien Award at this year's annual Ladies' Night Banquet on May 7, 2004.

Each year, CMARC honors one of their own to receive the Ziegenbien Award, named for "Mr. Radio" himself, *Ralph Ziegenbien*. The recognition

takes the form of a plaque which is presented at the annual Ladies' Night Banquet held each spring.

The Ziegenbien Committee, which consists of the previous three year winners, select the nominee to receive the award. Gregg joins an incredible list of people

2003	Gregg Mulder	WB8LZG	1981	Harold Mahlke	W8OG
2002	Mark Humphreys	N8DEF	1980	Beverly Stoner	K8ZJU
2001	Jaymes Kenyon	KC8DJH	1979	Lee Hamilton	K8CDM
2000	J. Ervin Bates	W8ERV	1978	Dale Moore	K8YRD
1999	Pam Denomme	KB8PSF	1977	Larry Alman	WA8QCV
1998	Julie McLain	KB8ZXR	1976	Lloyd Brox	K8ZKM
1997	Roy Uchigashima	N8GAO	1975	George Croze	K8VKX
1996	Pete Elrod	N8EST	1974	Carl Hunsaker	K8ILF
1995	Don Cote	KD8BD	1973	Lyle Brooks	W8TIJ
1994	Dick Pennington	W8SFA	1972	John Sheldon	WA8MVH
1993	Dick Thomas	W8VJC	1971	Mert Henry	K8ETU
1992	Ken Kruger	W8AAX	1970	Wally Beck	W8QQL
1991	Bill Chapman	W8TJQ	1969	Harold Bell	WA8LAY
1990	Don Devendorf	W8EGI	1968	Duane Cross	K9ATU
1989	Inez Pearson	Ky8V	1967	Dick Kelly	K8BZV
1988	George Wood	K8GHX	1966	Ben Hassell	W8VPC
1987	Don Tillitson	WB8NUS	1965	Dan Harger	W8BCI
1986	Marion Stoner	W8VWY	1964	Don Rickerd	W8BQD
1985	John Hewitt	K8DHN	1963	Pete Gossett	W8CKK
1984	Rowena Elrod	KA8OBS	1962	Curran Skutt	W8FSZ
1983	Linda Haigh	KA8HHA	1961	Gorden Main	W8OCK
1982	Jere Haigh	WA8BAP			



LCC Clean Out

Lansing Community College is cleaning out lots of electronic gear from their labs. Now may be a good time to pick up some great bargains on some very nice test equipment such as:

Heath frequency counters	\$10
Heath Cantenna dummy loads	\$10
Heatg AC voltmeters	\$10
B&K Oscopes	\$30

Plus a wide variety of other useful test equipment for the shack, all at very reasonable prices. Items are available at the LCC Administration Building on Grand Avenue on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Now is the time to outfit your test bench cheap!

73s
Gregg Mulder, WB8LZG

Merton Thurston, KB8MUM, sends the following message:

It is with a sad heart to tell you that my beautiful wife, Elaine, passed on on September 10, 2003.

For those of you that know Merton or Elaine and would like to drop him a card or letter, here is his address:

Merton Thurston, KB8MUM
9934 Pineaire Drive
Sun City, AZ 85351-1258

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

July 10-11, 2004	MS 150 Bike-a-thon
July 24, 2004	Women on Wheels
Sept. 12, 2004	Run with MSU Girls Hawk Island Park
Sept. 25, 2004	Hospice Walk Riverfront Park

For Sale!

Desktop PC, XP Home, AMD Athalon XP 2100+(1.73 GHz) CPU, lgb 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)

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

**SKYWARN Procedures
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be alert to events at ground level, as well as in the clouds.

- * At night, lightning flashes can aid in identifying the Rain Free Base, Wall Cloud, and Precipitation Area. Although a loud roar is frequently associated with a tornado, strong straight-line winds can also produce such a sound.
- * If you spot from a fixed location, use a map to determine distances and directions to known landmarks such as water towers, TV towers, etc. This will help you estimate distance and direction in your reports. Mobile spotters should always have up-to-date maps and be familiar with the area in which they are operating.
- * When available, use binoculars to look for rotation and other cloud features. Once you spot a funnel, tornado, or wall cloud, be alert for the formation of others in the area.
- * If you find yourself in large hail, remember you are in or near the area where tornado formation is most likely in a tornadic thunderstorm.
- * Always follow the basic safety rules. In open country, a spotter may be able to use his knowledge of the tornado's motion and available escape routes to drive away from the tornado safely. In urban areas this is usually not possible because of traffic congestion. Make certain your family knows what to do in tornado emergencies as you may not be available to assist or direct them.

When severe weather is occurring and a SKYWARN Net is in operation, please reserve the frequency for the use of TRAINED spotters (unless there is an outside emergency). This assures the accuracy of the reports. Trained spotters in the field provide a valuable service to the National Weather Service.

LOCAL SKYWARN NET FREQUENCIES

Primary

145.390 (-) MHz (100Hz tone input) repeater

Secondary

146.700 (-) MHz repeater

Secondary Backup

146.94 (-) MHz (100Hz tone input) repeater

Simplex backup (if all repeaters fail)

146.580 MHz simplex

Account Balances
As of May 26, 2004

ASSETS:

Cash & Bank Accounts

Mich. Nat'l Bank Checking	\$ 1,139.04
Mark & Marilyn Humphreys' Fund	\$ 316.00
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 1,455.04

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	\$ 122.37
Act. Rec. Sci-Fair Tables LCDRA	\$ 22.50
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS:	\$ 1,679.27

LIABILITIES: \$ 0.00

TOTAL NET WORTH: \$ 3,134.31

Income & Expenses
April 26, 2004 to May 26, 2004

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 20.00
Directory sales:	\$ 0.00
Ladies Night Reservations	\$ 464.00
Permit Closure	\$ 70.32
INCOME:	\$ 554.32

EXPENSES:

Scope Cost for Print. & Mail.	\$ 82.05
Service Charge for March (Banking)	\$ 10.00
Ziegenbein Award	\$ 52.95
Ladies Night/Coral Gables	\$ 546.31
Ladies Night Flowers & Cake	\$ 78.77
Ladies Night Entertainment /J. Kelly	\$ 125.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 895.08

TOTAL NET PROFIT/LOSS \$ 340.76

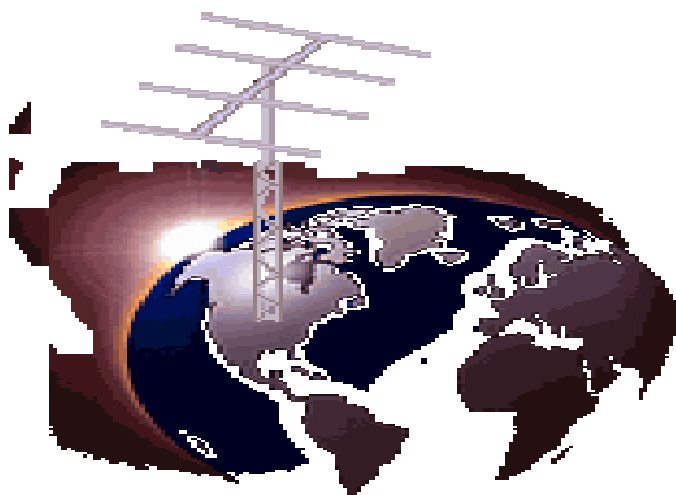
Respectfully Submitted by:
Randall Stortz, K8VY
Treasurer, CMARC

June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Special Items of Interest

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



June Schedule of Events

- June 4 CMARC Meeting
Red Cross Building
7:30 pm
- June 5 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- June 7 DTACS Meeting
7:00 p.m., Delta Tnshp Fire Sta
- June 9 OOTC (Old Old Timers Club),
Flap Jack, 1601 N Waverly Rd
1:00 pm
- June 12 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- June 19 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- June 21 Lansing ARES/RACES
ICSD, Mason
7:00 pm
- June 26 .39ers meet at Nic's
3812 S MLK Blvd
8:00 am
- June 26 QWCA, Korner Kitchen
Mt Hope & Pennsylvania
8:00 am

June Birthdays

- June 7 Al Sevrey, KC8ODW
June 24 Keith Colister, K8CWQ
June 25 Gregg Mulder, WB8LZG
June 26 Roxana Hannahs, KC8GAK
June 27 Jordan Mulder, KC8QYU

April Anniversaries

- June 9 John Kreer
June 14 Russell Fitzgerald
June 20 Benjamin Hassell
June 25 Keith Colister

Address or Email change?

Please make corrections on address label and mail to:

John Ingraham/NG8L, Membership Chairman
2807 Greenbriar Avenue
Lansing, MI 48912

Or email changes to: NG8L@arrl.net

www.qsl.net/cmarc
80 Years of Service to Our Community!
www.qsl.net/lcdra

Thank You For Your Help!

MS Walk—April 18, 2004

Roger Barnhill	AB8RX
Paul Carpenter, III	KB8YQW
Forrest Clark	N8PWD
Jessica Joslin	KC8VEL
Ron Harger	WD8BLS
John Hosford	KC8QZB
Jermie Severy	KC8EIA
Don Tillitson	WB8NUS
Roy Uchigashima	N8GAQ
William Wing	W2PMH

Walk America—April 24, 2004

Roger Barnhill	AB8RX
Dennis Boone	KB8ZQZ
Paul Carpenter, III	KB8YQW
Forrest Clark	N8PWD
William Cote	WD8NYW
Clint Hannahs	KC8EHR
Jessica Joslin	KC8VEL
Jermie Severy	KC8EIA
Don Tillitson	WB8NUS
William Wing	W2PMH

Mason Parade for Masonic Lodge #70—May 8, 2004

Rodney Ball	KC8HGF
Roger Barnhill	AB8RX
Dennis Boone	KB8ZQZ
Paul Carpenter, III	KB8YQW
Clint Hannahs	KC8EHR
Don Tillitson	WB8NUS
William Wing	W2PMH

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TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 1,815.80

Other Assets:

Comerica Bank \$1,000.00 CD	\$ 1,532.98
Interest due CMARC	\$ <u>1.42</u>
CD 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:

\$3,454.04

Income & Expenses

March 26, 2004 to April 26, 2004

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 10.00
Directory sales:	\$ 0.00
50/50 Drawing proceeds collected	\$ 15.00
Ladies Reservations	\$ <u>112.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 137.00

EXPENSES:

Scope Cost for Print. & Mail.	\$ 00.00
Service Charge for March (Banking)	\$ 10.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ <u>00.00</u>

TOTAL NET PROFIT/LOSS

\$ 127.00

Respectfully Submitted by:
Randall Stortz, K8VY
Treasurer, CMARC

A \$9 PL TONE ENCODER

By Paul Towne, N1ZYB

With many of the 2-meter FM repeaters in the state going to the same PL tone (100.0 Hz), there may be some older transceivers that could be given a new life with the addition of an inexpensive PL tone generator. Figure-1 illustrates an easy circuit that can be constructed with mostly Radio Shack parts for less than \$10.

The heart of the circuit is the NE567 tone and frequency decoder chip that provides a highly stable precision oscillator. The output on pin 6 is an exponential triangle of 1 volt peak-to-peak. The only rigid requirement is that capacitor C1 be stable over a wide temperature range. Use only Mylar, polyester or metal film for capacitor C1. The frequency is determined by the following formula:

$$F=1/R1C1$$

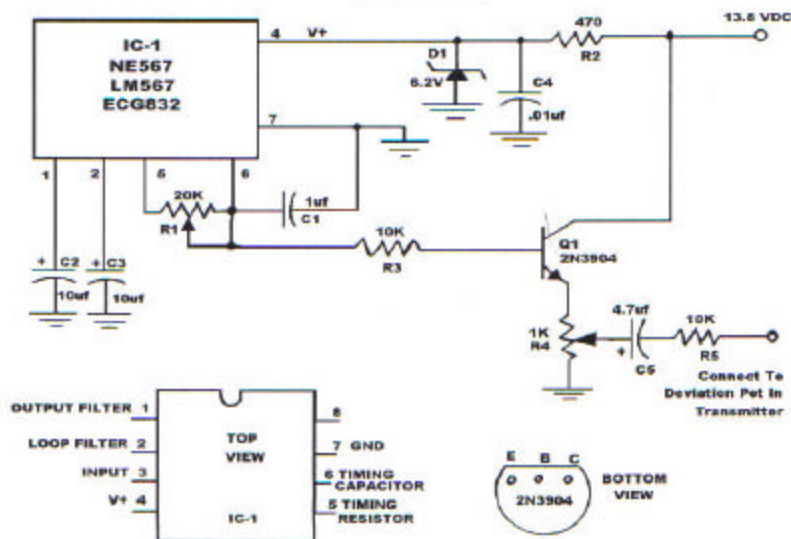
The specified values should allow any tone between 50 to 300 Hz.

The NE567 (ECG832) is available from JDR Micro Devices (1-800-538-5000) or Ocean State Electronics (1-800-866-6626).

The output of this PL tone generator should be connected to the deviation potentiometer in the transmitter circuit and not the microphone input. (Check schematic diagram of transceiver.)

To align the frequency of the tone generator, use another transceiver with CTCSS decode capability for the desired PL tone frequency. Attach a dummy load to the transmitter and key down the transmitter while turning potentiometer R1 slowly. As soon as the correct PL frequency is obtained, the squelch will open on the transceiver with CTCSS decode. Now adjust R4 for a tone level just high enough for the other receiver to decode the tone and not loud enough for others to hear it. R5 is used to prevent the tone generator from reducing the transmitter audio. Use a value in the range of 1K to 10K depending on what yields the best results.

(FIGURE-1)



PARTS LIST

R1 20K 15 turn trimmer pot (RSU 10524205)
 R2 470 ohm ¼ watt
 R3 10K ohm ¼ watt
 R4 1K ohm trimmer pot (271-280)
 R5 10K ohm ¼ watt
 C1 1uF Mylar, polyester or metal film capacitor (272-1055)

C2, C3 10uF electrolytic capacitor (272-1025)
 C4 .01uF ceramic capacitor (272-131)
 C5 4.7uF electrolytic capacitor (272-1024)
 D1 1N4735 6.2 volt zener diode (276-561)
 Q1 2N3904 transistor (276-2016)
 BD General purpose IC PC board (276-159B)
 IC-1 LM567 (RSU 11391968)

Remember America's Heroes



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CMARC— Full membership: \$10 per year.
Associate membership: \$5 per year.

Please make check or money order payable to CMARC and mail to: John Ingraham/NG8L, Membership Chairman, 2807 Greenbriar Avenue, Lansing MI 48912.

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ License Class: _____

ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email SCOPE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Wedding Anniversary: _____

As a licensed Amateur, you can sign up today as a FULL member of CMARC. You will have voting rights as well as an annual subscription to the SCOPE. As an ASSOCIATE, you have an annual subscription to the SCOPE, but no voting rights.

LCDRA— Membership: \$15 per year (January to January)
Additional family members: \$7.50 per person

Send check or money order payable to:
L.C.D.R.A., PO Box 80106, Lansing MI 48908

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ License Class: _____

ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email SCOPE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____ Anniversary: _____

Use of the repeater does not REQUIRE membership, but your support is GREATLY appreciated.

HAMFEST 2003

☐ Swap/Trunk Sales \$4.00
☐ Table \$8.00

Send payment along with this form to the address above.