

September 2007
Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club



The Scope



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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Now Hear This!!!!

Christmas is coming! (Sooner than you think!)

Wouldn't you and/or your Wife, Husband, Girlfriend, Boyfriend, Significant Other, Friend, Neighbor, Co-Worker, Fellow Ham, Favorite Non-Ham, Person you just met, like to be seen in the latest and greatest clothing articles available for Ham Radio?

Well, Here's Your Chance!

Coming to a CMARC meeting near you on September 7th is B&B Embroidery.

That's right, the one and only local Ham Radio clothing outlet is coming to a location you can all get to without needing directions from Mapquest.

Think of it, one stop shopping for Christmas, no muss, no fuss, no crowds!! How could things get any better or easier? That's right, they can't! Oh, okay, maybe if someone else bought them for you...(laughing)

(Ahem)

Anyway, come one, come all and make someone special happy this holiday season!!

(Dave and Shirley will be eternally grateful as well!!)

See you there!! Your Club President, Roger

Breakfast groups and more.

1. Rod's Breakfast Bunch Each Friday - Starts about 8:00 - 8:30 (Stopped until further notice)
2. QCWA – Last Saturday of every month – at 8:00 AM – Delhi Café on Willoughby Rd.
3. 539er's – Every Saturday – 8:00 AM – Penn Ave Diner on Pennsylvania Rd near Miller.
4. RAD's Coffee Break –Every Saturday from 8:30 pm -?? @Legends On South Cedar St. near I-96 Bridge. Talk in on 145.390

Regular Announcements

CMARC Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club meeting is held the first Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross building 1800 E. Grand River Lansing. Dates may change due to holidays. **Next Meeting September 7th**

Lansing VE testing is held the 2nd Saturday of the odd months at the Red Cross building. Registration begins at 9:30 am and testing starts at 10:00 am. The address is 1800 E. Grand River Lansing. The next date is?

January 13 th	March 10 th	May 12 th
July 14 th	<u>September 8th</u>	November 10 th

Charlotte VE testing is on the 2nd Saturday of even months at the Eaton County Sheriff's Department, Charlotte MI at 12:00 pm. The next Registration date is?

February 10 th	April 14 th	June 9 th
August 11 th	<u>October 13th</u>	December 15 th

The Delta Township Auxiliary Communications Service meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at Fire Station Number One on Saginaw and Canal Rd. at 7:00 pm. The Next meeting is?

January 8 th	February 5 th	March 5 th
April 2 nd	May 7 th	June 4 th
July 2 nd	August 6 th	<u>September 3rd</u>
October 1 st	November 5 th	December 3 rd

The Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association, LCDRA, meeting is held quarterly on the Third Thursday at Fire Station Number 8 on Marshall and Saginaw St in Lansing at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be?

January 18- April 19th July 19th **October 18th** January 17, 2008

ARPSC meets the 3rd Monday of every month @ 7:00 pm. Odd months they meet @ Fire Station 8 on Marshall and Grand River Even months they meet @ Ingham County Sheriff's Department 630 N. Cedar St Mason MI Next dates...

Odd-

January 15th March 19th May 21st July 16th **September 17th** November 19th

Even-

February 19th April 16th June 18th August 20th October 15th December 17th

NETS:

Sunday-147.080 @ 8 pm. PI tone 103.5. Eaton County Amateur Radio net.

Monday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. Traders net.

Tuesday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. Michigan IRLP net.

Wednesday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. Canadian IRLP net.

Friday-443.625 @ 9 pm. PI tone 100. International IRLP net. (New net)

Nets, continued...

- The central Michigan six-meter fun net is held every Sunday evening @ 9 pm on 52.525 MHz.
- The CMARC information and fun net is held every Sunday evening @ 8:30 pm on the 145.390 repeater 100Hz. PL.
- Ionia County net, N8ZMT is held every Monday evening @ 7pm on 145.13 (PL 94.8)
- Tuesday evenings@ 8 pm The Ladies Tea Time Net is held on the 145.390 repeater. Anyone welcomed.
- Tuesday evenings @ 8 pm the QCWA- Quarter Century Wireless Association net is on the 146.700 repeater, 100Hz. PL You do not need to be a member. All check-ins are welcomed.
- Thursday evenings @ 8 pm the CCARA – Clinton County Amateur Radio Association holds their net on the 444.850 (141.3 PL). You can also use 147.480 simplex.

Please support these area nets, their survival depends on you!!!

Birthdays

9/1 James Stoddard KA8TLC
 9/14 Kay Clark KB8BDJ
 9/18 Larry Nordeen N8VEN
 9/20 Jereme Warner KC8TIP
 9/25 John Kreer WA8ZTQ
 9/30 John Hosford KC8QZB
 R E Lindberg WA8ZWR

Anniversaries

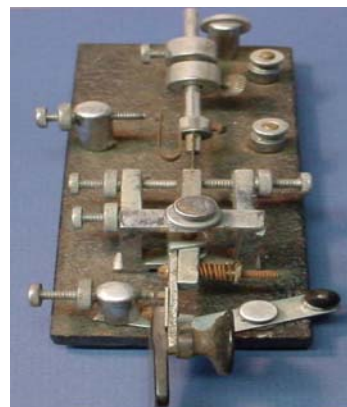
9/7 David Toth KC8ZGZ and wife
 9/12 Robert Strobel KB8DQQ and wife Leota
 9/20 George Newton KC8DVV and wife

Treasurers Report

Assets NuUnion Credit Union	
Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund)	\$353.72
Business Checking Account	\$989.45
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (02-13-08)	<u>\$1,691.08</u>

Net Worth as of July 31, 2007 \$3034.25

Ron Harger WD8BCS 2007 CMARC Treasurer

September Key Of The Month

This months "key of the month" is one made by Les Logan of San Francisco, California. This is a "Speed-X Bug" and was the Speed-X company answer to the Vibroplex Zepher, and Blue Racer. The base was slimmed down to make more room on the operating desk. Manufactured during the 40's this bug did not catch on in popularity like the Famous Les Logan 501 bug, so they are a bit rare. Speed adjustment is a bit more finicky than many other bugs, in that it does not like to be slowed down to below 20WPM. 73, Gregg WB8LZG

2007 Club Officers

President	Roger Barnhill	AB8RX	517- 980-4798
Vice President	John Hosford	KC8QZB	517-699-2540
Secretary	DeAnna Barnhill	KD8BDI	517-505-1983
Treasurer	Ron Harger	WD8BCS	517-204-4897
Director	Jane Hosford	KC8FSK	517-699-2540
Director	Gregg Mulder	WB8LZG	517-646-6257
Membership	John Ingraham	NG8L	517-484-8027
Under 22 Director	Corey Bullock	KD8BOQ	517-930-2372
Scope Editor	DeAnna Barnhill	KD8BDI	517-505-1983
Web Chairman	John Ingraham	NG8L	517-484-8027
Skywarn Chairman	Ben Holcomb	WA8BEN	517-282-5321
Awards Manager	Don De Feyter	KC8CY	517-641-4533
Zieg. Nominations	Joseph Denomme	N8VYS	517-589-5868
VE Team Liaison	Laurence Nordeen	N8VEN	517-676-1799
VE Team Contact	Joseph Denomme	N8VYS	517-589-5868

Plan Ahead For General Class License Training

CMARC will be offering an 8 week class beginning in May 2008 to prepare you to pass your FCC General Class exam. The class will be held on Saturdays and will be taught by Wayne Conklin (W8QG). If you are interested in taking this class be sure to contact the class organizer, Julie Mclain (KB8ZXR), to reserve your spot.

Upcoming Hamfests

Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
8 Sep 2007	+	GRAHamfest 2007 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) http://www.grahamfest.org Talk-In: 147.26- (PL 94.8); 146.52 Contact: Jack Amelar, NY8D PO Box 3282 Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282 Phone: 616-897-6885 Email: grahamfest07@w8dc.org	Lowell, MI Kent County Fairgrounds 225 South Hudson Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan
16 Sep 2007	+	Trunk Sale - Hamfest Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association [SARA] Talk-In: 147.02 MHz Input + 600 kHz (PL 100) Contact: Don Warner, WB8GUS 10008 Lehring Road Byron, MI 48418 Phone: 810-266-4897 Email: wb8gus@arrl.net	Owosso, MI Bennington Township Hall 5849 South M-52 Div: Great Lakes Sect: Michigan

Saturday, September 22, 2007 Opening ceremonies at 11:30am

2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention committee is pleased to announce our Emergency speaker at the event will be Dennis Dura K2DCD!! He is the new ARRL Emergency Preparedness & Response Manager.

Can you please help us spread the word with your club members?

Dennis previously had worked professionally for the New Jersey Emergency Management as Deputy State Emergency Coordinator. He was the Assistant State RACES Radio Officer for New Jersey. As well as Chairman, National Weather Service Mt. Holly Forecast Office, Skywarn Advisory Committee. Dennis is also the Assistant Director of Operations for the VoIP Hurricane Net. He brings great knowledge of ARES, RACES and SKYWARN to the ARRL Family.

The Convention is a great opportunity to get to meet Dennis K2DCD and hear about his goals and where he sees things headed in the future for Amateur Radio and Emergency Communications.

Below is the link to the ARRL website where you can read more about Dennis K2DCD. Also remember to order your tickets to the Convention at www.2007glc.org

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/07/31/101/?nc=1>

A Note From Your Editor...

I have been informed that some birthday's and Anniversaries haven't made it into the scope....If I don't have it in my book then I can't add it to the list...It's hard for me to keep track of all the members coming and going in the club to know whether I have all that info. If I have missed yours I'm sorry!! Next time you see me at the club meeting tell me and I will put it right in my book. In fact, if you would like that added to the scope send me a note...make sure I have it correct.

Thank You, DeAnna

A Letter from the President

Greetings to one and all!!

From time to time I run across an issue or issues that I feel need to be addressed, this is one of those times. This time it's the desire on the part of some to move the club. There are reasons both for and against, I'll start with the "for" side of the issue.

1. As everyone knows, the club station is hard to get to, mostly due to security concerns of the Red Cross. That is not likely to change.

2. The Red Cross's desire is to have those with access to the building/club station be registered as Red Cross volunteers. (That's presently applicable to the club board and the club call sign/station trustees, not to the membership as a whole, but may someday become an issue for others...) That would not be much of an issue were it not for their National Leadership's requirement that volunteers undergo a background check, to include a credit check and a standard of living check, all done by an outside agency that takes it's authority from the Fair Credit Reporting Act, not a Law Enforcement agency. I for one find this to be disturbing, and something that I'm not really in favor of, especially since I've gone through many background checks during the years that I've done Security work, not to mention those done so I could volunteer as an ARES/RACES member, etc. Note: All of the other background checks I've been through were done under or through a Law Enforcement agency's authority, which is as it should be in my opinion. (Yes, I'm a Red Cross volunteer, and as such, have underwent most, if not all, of their required checks, but that doesn't mean I liked it. I did it because I'm a service oriented type of person, and wanted to do something to make a difference in someone's life.)

3. Equipment issues, such as the distance from the antenna(s) to the radios. This becomes an issue based on the length of the coax run and the potential losses in signal and gain caused by long runs.

Now for the "against" side of things:

1. Club station call W8PLP, which was Ralph Ziegenbein's, is assigned to the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the Red Cross. If we leave, we most likely won't take the call with us to our new home/station.

2. We don't have the money to relocate, not only for renting a place for the club/station, let alone buying/building a location. Speaking of money, we couldn't afford the cost of utilities, or insurance, on the new club location for very long based on what is in our credit union account(s).

3. Club station equipment. Most of what we have is old and/or outdated, particularly in the case of the club's computer. There is also the fact that it was put there to support the Red Cross, and should remain there for that purpose if we leave. As in item #2 we don't have the money to buy new equipment. There is a possibility that we may set up a new station at one of the local churches, but that has never been meant to be a replacement for CMARC, rather it was to be an extension of CMARC. There was an offer of equipment made by a club member, however there is already equipment available for the church station should it ever come to fruition.

4. Regarding the church, and moving the station/club there: The current Pastor is largely in favor of having a club/station. However, in the event of a change in Pastor and/or Church leadership that could change. I don't wish to find ourselves become homeless, and doubt that anyone else in the club does either...

There's a committee in place to study the issues above and report back to the membership with its finding(s) and their recommendation(s). I strongly urge the membership to let them do their job, and then we can decide on a course of action that will be in the best interest of the club as a whole based on their input.

(My vote, for what it's worth, is for us to stay put until a viable permanent option becomes available. Something that I don't see at the moment.)

Thank you for your patience as the process unfolds!
73s, Roger Barnhill, ab8rx, CMARC President

"WHAT'S MY SIGN?"
by Julie McLain/KB8ZXR

I was born in Bay City, Michigan in 1949. I didn't know anyone who was a Ham until I met my future husband in 1975. I first became interested in Amateur Radio listening to him tell the most wonderful stories from when he was a Ham as a teenager. When he decided to get back into Amateur Radio, I decided to study for my license so I could talk intelligently about it with him. So, in November 2006 I passed my Tech exam, and then the General the very next month. I even passed the 5 wpm code test (by the skin of my teeth!).

My favorite mode of communication is 2 meters, because I'm still intimidated by the HF and UHF bands. I generally use the Alinco DR-135 portable or the Yaesu FD-60 handheld. Our HF rig in the shack is a Kenwood TS-940S, with our downspout as the DX antenna. We use a mag-mount mobile antenna mounted on a steel patio table for the Alinco.

As far as having a favorite Amateur Radio service, I'm just getting started on everything, but I'm very interested in SKYWARN because I'm a weather geek, as well as actively working on certification for RACES.

I'm a retired Hydrogeologist specializing in Environmental Investigation and Remediation, with Professional Geologist certification. I do some volunteer work reviewing documents for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and also volunteer with the Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue group.

When I first met my future husband, it was love at first sight! We married in April of 1976 and have a son and a daughter. I also have a step-son and step-daughter from my husband's first marriage. Our son recently presented us with our first Grandson, and my step-daughter has given us 2 Grandchildren. Our kids have a condescending attitude towards our interest in the "quaint" hobby of Amateur Radio in this day of Internet and Cell phones!

Along with our Amateur Radio hobby, music is a big part of our lives. My husband plays Saxophone, Hammered Dulcimer, Guitar and some Piano. I play the Autoharp, Bodhran (Celtic drum), Djenbi (hand drum), and we are both learning the Ukulele and Penny Whistle. I love quilting, counted-cross stitch, and sewing in general, and am an avid reader (Sci-fi, fantasy and mystery). We love to travel and go camping and have a special love for Mexico, where we lived for 9 years.

Some of the Clubs I belong to are: the TASYL Net (75 meters, Thursday a.m.), the YL Net (Sarasota Emergency Radio Club), CMARC, the Saginaw Subterranean Strings Folk Music Group, and the Folk Music Society of Midland.

When asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio or life in general, I responded by saying that Amateur Radio is an essential skill for any communities to have available in the inevitable event of an emergency, and CW should be preserved as a means of communication, as well. If nothing else, learning this new "language" of CW keeps our aging brains young! As for general words of wisdom: Try something new -- a food, a friend, a language, or a country. It keeps you open-minded and flexible, and blessed be the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape!

I was also asked for any comments or suggestions for CMARC, or the SCOPE and all I have to say is, what a wonderful, varied, independent, occasionally bull-headed and opinionated, often generous and caring, fun-loving group of people! I'm glad and proud to be associated with all of you!

Okay, now that you and I have gotten better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is KD8EPZ, and my name is Linda Conklin, the wife of Wayne Conklin, W8QG (formerly KD8EKY).

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Meeting (August 3, 2007)

The business meeting was brought to order by club Vice President John Hosford at 7:30 p.m.

Members

18 members were present at the meeting.

Visitors

Jerry Waite KD8GLN

Lynn Allen N8FIQ

New Members

None

Upgrade or New Licenses

None

Cards & Flowers Report

Don Cote

Old Business

Meeting Minutes was read and accepted as written, moved by Don Mclain KB8RAD and seconded by Bernie Gaffney N8PVZ

Treasurer's report was read and accepted as written (subject to annual audit), moved by Don Mclain KB8RAD and seconded by Scott Rowe AB8VN

New Business

- Discussion was brought up about the public being able to get to the CMARC website without having a password. A motion was made by Julie Mclain KB8ZXR to change this information and seconded by Dick McGuire KI8C. an amendment was made, then a new motion made and seconded (but not being at meeting I have no idea who it was from) to removing all personal contact (if you wanted it out) and the treasurer's report also.
- Request that whatever the next month's program be added to the scope along with the date for the next CMARC meeting and also LCDRA information.

Event Announcements

September 9th Run/walk with the MSU girls basketball team at Hawk Island park.

September 16th Hospice Hike at Hawk Island 1:00 pm. If interested in helping talk to Don Tillitson WB8NUS.

The meeting was adjourned at unknown time. Moved by Currin Skutt W8FSZ and seconded by Don Mclain KB8RAD. Program for this evening was by Currin Skutt W8FSZ.

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Please print and complete the form below. Make check or money order payable to CMARC. Mail completed membership form and the membership fee to:

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

NAME: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____ Call: _____ Lic. Class: _____

ARRL Member?	Yes	No	(Circle Answers)
Email Scope?	Yes	No	

Email Address: _____
 Birthday _____ Month: _____ Day: _____
 Wedding Anniversary: _____

Full Membership: \$10.00 / year
 Associate Member: 5.00 / year
 Membership dues are from January to December.

As a licensed Amateur, you can sign up today as a Full member of CMARC. This grants you voting rights and an annual subscription to SCOPE, the club newsletter. An Associate member does not have voting rights but does receive an annual subscription to the SCOPE.

Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Associal

Please print and complete the form below. Make check or money order payable to L.C.D.R.A.. Mail completed membership form and the membership fee to:

L.C.D.R.A.
 PO Box 26281
 Lansing, MI 48909-6281

NAME: _____ Address _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____ Call: _____ Lic Class: _____

_____ Birthday _____ Month: _____ Day: _____

Full Membership: \$15.00 / year
 2nd Membership of same family: \$ 7.50 / year
 Membership dues are from January to December.

E-mail For SCOPE Newsletter _____

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