



# November 2007

## Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club



# The Scope

## Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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### **From Tom Shaver,**

FYI... The October Lansing/Ingham ARPSC Meeting Minutes are now available on-line. They can be read & downloaded at: <http://www.lansingarpsc.com/mm101507.html>.

Also, please take a moment to look over all the updates that Ben WA8BEN (our webmaster) has added to our site. Lots of recent pictures and information from the tornado in Williamston. (Nice Job Ben)

For all of you that gave of your time & efforts during that 24 hour period with either weather spotting in the evening, to offering your time (and sleep) all night to assist emergency communications in Ingham County, to working damage assessment all day long, and last but not least to those of you that coordinated all Ingham County EOC Communications CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

73s Thomas A. Shaver KC8NJK  
Amateur Radio Public Service Corp.  
City of Lansing / Ingham County  
517-648-1550 [www.lansingarpsc.com](http://www.lansingarpsc.com)

PS Don't forget to mark your calendar for our upcoming meetings and training!

#### **October 27th (10:30am)** MEPIN Work Day

(Let's help Dennis & Jeff put the finishing touches on our new MEPIN system)

#### **November 3rd (1pm)** NCS Net Control Training

#### **November 10th (1pm)** - NTS Message Handling Class

**November 13th (Time TBA)** - NOAA Winter Weather Awareness Training (Mike Heathfield from the National Weather Service)

**November 19th (7pm)** - Next Lansing/Ingham ARPSC Meeting (City of Lansing EOC)

**December 12th (6pm)** - Next AEC Strategic Planning Team Meeting (City of Lansing EOC)

**Breakfast groups**

Rod's Breakfast Bunch Each Friday – meets @ 8:00 AM location: Bob Evans Restaurant - DeWitt – 13101 S. US 27 145.390 Talk in.  
 QCWA – Last Saturday of every month – at 8:00 AM – Delhi Café on Willoughby Rd.  
 539er's – Every Saturday – 8:00 AM – Penn Ave Diner on Pennsylvania Rd near Miller.  
 RAD's Coffee Break –Every Saturday from 7:30 pm -?? @ Denny's on Saginaw St. Talk in on 145.390

**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 November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Regular Announcements**

Lansing VE testing is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>November 10<sup>th</sup></b>

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

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

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

January 8 <sup>th</sup>	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
July (No Meeting)	August (No Meeting)	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>

**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 <sup>th</sup>	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>January 17, 2008</b>
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**ARPSC** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15 <sup>th</sup>	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	July 16 <sup>th</sup>	September 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>
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**Even-**

February 19 <sup>th</sup>	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	December 17 <sup>th</sup>
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**NETS:**

Sunday-147.080 @ 8 pm. PI 103.5 tone. 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.
- The Eaton County, ECARC net is held every Sunday evening @ 8 pm on the 147.080 repeater.
- Ionia County net, N8ZMT is held every Monday evening @ 7pm on 145.13 (PL 94.8)
- 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.
- Tuesday evenings@ 8 pm The Ladies Tea Time Net is held on the 145.390 repeater. Anyone welcomed.
- Thursday evenings @ 8 pm the CCARA – Clinton County Amateur Radio Association holds their net on the 444.850 (141.3 PL) and 146.86 (107.2 PL). You can also use 147.480 simplex.

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

**November Birthdays**

11/01 Doug Goodrich N8ECL  
 11/08 Bill Mathews KB8TTS  
 11/10 Deborah Frank KC8YQH  
 Ron Meddaugh KB8MUN  
 11/15 Randy Stortz KC8IHV  
 Bill Wing W2PMH  
 11/17 Jeremy Servey KC8EIA  
 11/18 Roger Barnhill AB8RX  
 Marv SommerWB8OIP  
 11/19 AC Stoddard W8KLN  
 11/20 Arnold McCardell KI8AJ  
 11/24 Don Tillitson WB8NUS  
 Bernie Gaffney N8PVZ  
 11/25 Vera Gould

**November Anniversaries**

11/23 Gregg Mulder WB8LZG and Wife  
 11/30 AC Stoddard W8KLN and Wife

**November 2007 CMARC Treasurers Report**

Assets NuUnion Credit Union  
 Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund) \$353.93  
 Business Checking Account \$1041.95  
 NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (02-13-08) \$1705.04  
 Net Worth as of September 30, 2007 \$3100.92  
 Ron Harger - WD8BCS  
 2007 CMARC Treasurer

**NEW CLASS:**

INGHAM/LANSING ARPSC NCS AND NET OPERATIONS CLASS NOV 3, 2007 1300-1600 LOCATION: EOC (STATION 8) SIGN UP ONLINE OR AT THE OCT ARPSC @ THE ICSD. QUESTIONS CONTACT: ROCKY K8DRB ON THE 146.70 REPEATER OR E-MAIL WD8SBO@ATT.NET

**2007 Club Officers**

<b>President</b>	<b>Roger Barnhill</b>	<b>AB8RX</b>	<b>517- 980-4798</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>John Hosford</b>	<b>KC8QZB</b>	<b>517-699-2540</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>DeAnna Barnhill</b>	<b>KD8BDI</b>	<b>517-505-1983</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ron Harger</b>	<b>WD8BCS</b>	<b>517-204-4897</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Jane Hosford</b>	<b>KC8FSK</b>	<b>517-699-2540</b>
<b>Director</b>	<b>Gregg Mulder</b>	<b>WB8LZG</b>	<b>517-646-6257</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>John Ingraham</b>	<b>NG8L</b>	<b>517-230-9445</b>
<b>Under 22 Director</b>	<b>Corey Bulock</b>	<b>KD8BOQ</b>	<b>517-930-2372</b>
<b>Scope Editor</b>	<b>DeAnna Barnhill</b>	<b>KD8BDI</b>	<b>517-505-1983</b>
<b>Web Chairman</b>	<b>John Ingraham</b>	<b>NG8L</b>	<b>517-230-9445</b>
<b>Skywarn Chairmen</b>	<b>Ben Holcomb</b>	<b>WA8BEN</b>	<b>517-282-5321</b>
<b>Awards Manager</b>	<b>Don De Feyter</b>	<b>KC8CY</b>	<b>517-641-4533</b>
<b>Zieg. Nominations</b>	<b>Joseph Denomme</b>	<b>N8VYS</b>	<b>517-589-5868</b>
<b>VE Team Liaison</b>	<b>Laurence Nordeen</b>	<b>N8VEN</b>	<b>517-676-1799</b>
<b>VE Team Contact</b>	<b>Joseph Denomme</b>	<b>N8VYS</b>	<b>517-589-5868</b>

**Information Corner**

Skywarn training is March 29. Details haven't been ironed out yet but when they are they will be on [www.lansingarpsc.com](http://www.lansingarpsc.com).

Keep an eye open for more details to come.

**For Sale**

G5RV antenna with the balun they specify. Bought from DX new, never been up. Still time for antenna work. Would like \$35.00  
 Contact Currin Skutt W8FSZ at 517-485-0623

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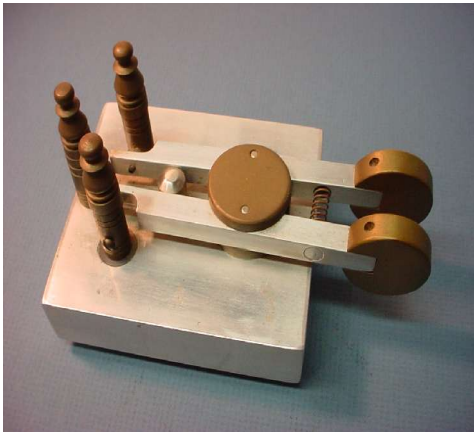
**Help Needed**

Lynn Allen N8FIQ is asking for some help. He is in a wheelchair and needs some antenna and radio work...if anyone is interested please contact DeAnna Barnhill.

**ATTENTION EVERYONE!!!**

**RAD's Coffee Break has MOVED to a NEW LOCATION!! Starting this Saturday, October 13 (at our NEW TIME of 7:30 PM!) we will be meeting every Saturday night at Denny's Restaurant on the West side of Lansing. The address is 7330 W. Saginaw, 1/2 mile East of I-96 exit 93 and West of the Lansing Mall (by Horrocks Farm Market). So please update your calendars and come out and join us!**

**Remember: If You're A HAM, Related To A HAM, Want To Be A HAM, Or Just Like To Eat HAM...Everyone's Welcome At RAD's Coffee Break!!!**

**November Key of the Month**

This month's "Key of the Month" is a homebrew beauty that comes to us from W8FSZ, Currin Scutt. It was crafted in a machine shop in Montegue, Mich. This is one of several keys made. I happened to meet up with the artist at a swap in Lowell where he showed me the "straight key" version he had also made. This one is a dual lever paddle made with an aluminum base, brass finger pieces and brass knobs for the wire connections. Very ingenious design and looks very impressive. I put it to the QSO test, but couldn't quite get used to the "feel". Still it is a fine example of what can be homebrewed, for those on a limited budget, who may not be able to afford a new "Begali".  
 73, Gregg WB8LZG

**Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club**  
**Minutes of the Meeting (October 5, 2007)**

The Club meeting was brought to order by club vice president John Hosford at 7:30 p.m.

**Members**

Unknown

**Visitors**

Joshua and Michelle Bates (Erv's Children)

Rest Unknown

**Cards and Flowers**

N/A

**Upgrades and New Licenses**

Beth Stein KD8GYN

**Old Business**

Treasurer's report has been accepted as read, subject to annual audit by Dan Harger W8BCI and seconded by Erv Bates W8ERV

**New Business**

Erv brought up the idea of getting an Icom Rig and selling raffle tickets to make a little money and bring in new people to the club. He will write up a proposal and present it to the board.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

- Antenna Party @ Kay Clark's Oct 6<sup>th</sup>
- SET – Simulated Emergency Test Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Kalamazoo Hamfest Oct 16<sup>th</sup>
- Holland Hamfest Oct 21<sup>st</sup>
- November Sweepstakes

50/50 tickets were sold and a total amount of \$31.00 collected. The winning recipient of \$15.50 went to Rocky Beckner K8DRB

Meeting adjournment was moved by Erv Bates W8ERV and seconded by (Unknown). Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**A Very Big Thank You To All.....**

I would like to thank all of the people who came out to help dismantle Forest Clark's (SK) antenna farm on October 6th 2007. Together we took down 6 full sized towers and many other antennas in one afternoon, with out any injuries or incidents. Everything went smoothly, mainly due to the fact that we had more people than needed to do the job and all the necessary equipment to do it safely. Kay Clark provided cold drinks and pizza for all, and the weather co-operated too. Even though everyone worked very hard, I think we all had a good time and maybe even learned a few things. I know Kay really appreciated the turnout to help with this enormous job. All I can say is "Well Done" crew!

73 Gregg WB8LZG

I received this in Email...thought you all would enjoy the laugh. DeAnna

## For Sale:

Handyman's Special! Bid on this slightly used, in need of repair piece of US History! Once thought to be the handprint of Paul Bunyan, this unique state has many resources to offer!

Many of the resources need to be overhauled, but with the right plan, you'll be blown away! tourism, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals are just a few of the industries we offer!

You may have to do a complete wipe out of management, but I'm sure you will find more than enough qualified people in the general masses to do the job! Plenty of beautiful beaches and recreation to be had - hunting, fishing, camping, and we even have 2 Nascar races each year!

Michigan needs to be bought by someone who cares about the direction we are taking - so, if you can't be a real leader, and make the decisions that may even hurt you, then please don't bother to bid. Serious inquiries only!!



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### Article Sent by Currin Skutt...

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, announced his retirement this week, effective Thursday, January 3, 2008.

While his successor has not been named, Hollingsworth was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue. Hollingsworth told the ARRL: "After about a year of thinking about the 'if not now, when?' question, I decided to retire January 3. I love working for the FCC and I've always had great jobs, but this one involving the Amateur Radio Service has been the most fun and I have enjoyed every day of it."

He continues, "For nine years I've worked with the best group of licensees on earth, enjoyed your support and tremendous FCC support and looked forward every day to coming to work. The Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue without missing a beat, and after retirement I look forward to being involved with Amateur Radio every way I can. I thank all of you for being so dedicated and conscientious, and for the encouragement you give us every day."

**"What's My Sign?"**  
by Julie McLain/KB8ZXR

I was born in Bay City, Michigan on April 9, 1965. When I was a boy, I was in the Big Brothers program, and my Big Brother was Del Wood, who was in his mid 70's. I credit him for my love of the outdoors, camping, and nature watching.

My wife, Laurie and I met in 1986 taking care of a gentleman who was a quadriplegic due to a motorcycle accident. One thing led to another and we were married in November of that year. We have three children—Amanda 18, Josh 5 and Michelle 9. Josh and Michelle have checked into the “Ladies Tea Time Net” several times and really enjoy talking “3rd party”. My Mother, Beth (KD8GYN) became a Tech on September 8th and what a great feeling it is to have my Mom on the air with me! We nearly lost her to liver disease in 2004, but thank God she's still here to enjoy the Hobby and her family!

Years before I even thought about getting my Ham license, I was introduced to CB on my Grandfather's rig during the '70's and, thereafter, got involved in REACT and the Red Cross. I knew my uncle, Harold "Smokey" Chambers (KA8ONX-SK) was a Ham for many years, but rarely saw him operate, so I didn't get the “bug” then. However, when I moved to the Lansing area in the late '80's, I was invited to Field Day in Howell and it sparked my interest. After meeting Bill (KB8TTS), I was introduced to Don and Julie (KB8RAD/KB8ZXR) and fell in love with the Hobby after operating “3rd party” on Don's HT. My first HF contact was with the country's oldest living Ham, (Tex, W5BQU-SK) whom I worked 3rd party via Carl Canfield (K8YHH).

I got my Tech license in July '94 after testing in Corunna, and was among the last required to receive their license in the mail before operating. Years later, after several upgrades, I finally attained my 20 wpm in CW (it took SEVEN tries!), and reached Extra Class in 1999. Afterwards, I received VE accreditation and have served in my "home" VE Testing site of Corunna and in Lansing, as well. I call Corunna my "home", because those guys went out in a blinding snowstorm to find a third Extra Class VE so I could take my 20 wpm code test. Unfortunately, I missed it by one, then retested and missed it again. (I will never again abbreviate the word 'schedule!').

After being so intimidated by the Code, I learned it and now LOVE a good CW rag chew. One item of interest is how I learned the Code. My Elmer, Ellis (W8YB) set up private classes at his shop in Lansing and he began to tell me a story about TOM EISH (look up the Code for that name) and that was the beginning! Ellis started the class by assuring me that we weren't there to "learn" anything! HA! I hope Ellis knows how grateful I am to him for all his help—he is my hero and good friend! As far as contesting is concerned, it isn't all that interesting to me right now, but I do love paper chasing.

In my shack I'm primarily running VHF/UHF right now. I have two Yaesu FT 2800's, a Yaesu FT 60R and an Icom IC-208H. My HF rig was recently purchased from the estate of Forrest Clark (N8PWD-SK) and I can't wait to get on the air with his rig—boy, do I miss him! My antennas include a TRAM 1481 dual-band vertical and soon to be added Cushcraft A3S and coaxial dipole for 10-80M. Plans for the coaxial are compliments of Bill (W8EB).

Amateur Radio has so many different areas of service to get involved with, and for me SKYWARN is my poison....my chocolate. I really get a thrill from storm chasing! Along with this and other opportunities for service, there are also a wide assortment of Amateur Radio Clubs you can join in this Hobby. A few that I really like and support are: CMARC, which is very special to me and my primary Club, along with the Second Class Operators and Flying Pigs QRP Club.

As far as my personal life, I drive truck for ACC, formerly GM Transportation. K8YHH was kind enough to get me an interview and the rest is history. As far as retirement, I can't wait to get there so I can spend more time on the radio and do my video stuff, which is my passion! I really love shooting Weddings, Family Reunions, etc. I've found it to be a creative outlet for me and if I ever get my business off the ground, I would like to do it full time.

When asked for any words of wisdom my response was, "Don't be afraid to get involved!" I spent three years as President of CMARC and don't regret a single moment. If you get involved, you won't regret it either. However, if you just sit on the sidelines and complain, you're not part of the solution—you're part of the problem! The older Hams have done their "time", so it's up to us to take up the mantle and move CMARC forward. We have just come out of a dark period in CMARC's history and have lost many members, but we can rebuild the Club, and a lot has already been accomplished!

CMARC is a fantastic Club with a rich history. We've been known as a very friendly Club and the SCOPE was among the best in Amateur Radio! We ALL have ideas and dreams, so get involved and make a difference. Let's see what we can all accomplish in 2008!

Okay, now that you've gotten to know me a little better, "What's My Sign?" My call sign is W8ERV and my name is Erv Bates.

### Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club



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



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

### Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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.**