



Last Call for General License Class

If you're interested in upgrading from Technician to General and would like some help, you're in luck!! General License Upgrade Classes will be taught by Wayne Conklin W8QG starting Saturday, May 3rd. They will be held every Saturday in May and June and will run from 9 a.m. to Noon at Fire Station #8 on the corner of Marshall and E. Grand River in Lansing.

There is quite a lot to learn so classes will start promptly at 9 a.m. and if you miss a class you will have to catch up on your own! (Dates: May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and June 7th, 14th, 21st, and the 28th.)

Please contact Julie McLain KB8ZXR at ph. 694-0812 or e-mail KB8ZXR@AOL.com for class reservations. You must bring your General Manual with you when you attend the classes and should have ordered and in your possession at least 2 weeks before classes begin, as Wayne may have some homework for us in preparation for the first class.

You can order the General License Manual from Amazon.com at a nice discount and they will ship any order over \$25 for free, so if a few of you go in together you can avoid the shipping fee. It usually takes about 5 days to get your orders from Amazon.

CLASS ROSTER as of March 18, 2008:

1. Julie McLain KB8ZXR
2. Beth Stein KD8GYN
3. Jane Hosford KC8FSK
4. Sharon Waite KD8HHK
5. Jerry Waite KD8GLN
6. DeAnna Barnhill KD8BDI
7. Jane Newton KC8HJQ
8. George Newton KC8DVV
9. Jolyon Vincent KD8HZY



Under 22 Director, Corey (KD8BOQ) practices his Bucket Hollerin' recently at Rad's Coffee Break. VP, Bob (K8RDN) does the 'honors' For pics, see Rad's page on the Club website

April CMARC Meeting

April 4th - Spring has finally arrived in Michigan and we welcome Kaz Fujita for a great presentation on Mid-Michigan Earthquakes. Come early for a good seat and let's do some planning for Field Day, too.

Returnable Cans/Bottles Wanted!

Beginning this month, we are asking one and all to bring their returnable cans and bottles to the CMARC meeting for our Under 22 members.

The bottles and cans will be turned into cash and the money will be used for Youth activities during this year. All we ask is that they be clean and bagged, so we can take them to Meijer. Your support for CMARC Youth is appreciated and we've already raised over \$50! Thanks!

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For Your Consideration

Spring is here....finally! I, for one, was beginning to wonder if we were headed into another ice age. The long, bitter months of winter are behind us at last, the Marshall Hamfest is now a memory and it's time to turn our thoughts to Dayton, Field Day and Summertime fun. And not a moment too soon!

At the March meeting, I brought a letter from Currin Skutt (W8FSZ), which was read into the minutes. In this letter, Currin proposed a change to the Ziegenbein Guidelines and there was much discussion about it. After talking to several members following the meeting and based on members' input during the meeting, I've decided to withdraw the proposal. This should in NO way reflect poorly upon Currin, who was one of those who drew up the original Ziegenbein Guidelines. I requested that he draw a proposal up and submit it for the consideration of the Club members and it was my decision to bring this to you all-and mine alone. I just felt that, based on the overall consensus, we needed to move past this and I am confident that the Committee will give each nominee a fair and open review. I ask that you all support them as I do and my apologies to Currin, because some felt it looked like it was completely his idea-and it was not.

Make no mistake, this job is STILL a learning experience for me. There are times I may not do things just the right way, or say the perfect thing, but I will ALWAYS do my best to do what is right for the Club. I can't offer any more than that, but isn't it good to know we are still human?

So let's look forward to April, and beyond. CMARC is going to have more fantastic programs, which will keep you coming back. Field Day is shaping up to be the BEST we've ever seen and John will have information on that at the meeting. We have a cookbook in the works, thanks to the Ladies of CMARC and this promises to be a solid fundraiser. The Under 22 Group is on a roll, with plans for a Near Space Balloon Launch this Summer. What more could anyone ask for? And the best news is that we are just getting started.

73, ERV

Breakfasts and Gatherings About in Lansing

If you are looking for something new and exciting to do during the week, or the weekends, please consider coming out to join us for one (or all) of our many get togethers each week.

The fun begins on Friday mornings, as Rod's Breakfast Bunch meets at 8am. You'll find them in DeWitt at Bob Evan's, 13101 S. Hwy. 127 and they always chat on the .539 as they head that way. **(CANCELED FOR NOW)**

On Saturday mornings at 8am the .539'ers get together for a weekly breakfast at Penn Ave. Diner, near Miller. On the 4th Saturday, the group heads over to Delhi Cafe for the monthly QCWA breakfast. All are invited to attend.

On Saturday evenings, beginning at 7:30pm, join us for RAD's Coffee Break. We meet up at Denny's Restaurant, 7330 W. Saginaw Hwy. Good food, good friends and all that's missing is YOU! Join us this week...

What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born in 1943 in Midland, MI where I grew up and graduated from high school. I built my first crystal set in the 4th grade and found out I could operate mobile with a simple antenna perched on the rear of my bicycle. I'm sure I made a strange sight pedaling down the street listening to our local AM station on my headphones. I was always building things and was fascinated with electronics. I even mowed lawns to earn enough to buy an old radio that I could tune to the short wave bands.

In the 10th grade, a couple of classmates who were licensed invited me to sit in when they operated their rigs, and took me with them to local Ham events. It wasn't long before I caught the "bug", so during the summer of 1959 I studied for my Amateur license, learned Morse Code and passed my Novice exams! Living on a "no income" high school student budget at that time, my philosophy was "build it yourself"—and so I did! As soon as I got my callsign, KN8WGW, I found an old Hallicrafters All-Band Receiver which needed a lot of repair. I then acquired a transmitter, which was a discarded ARC-5 military radio that I modified for 80 meters (its power supply was made from parts from a discarded TV). My antenna was a 100-ft. piece of wire fed directly to the tuning coil of the transmitter, and I used an electrical wall switch to alternate between transmit and receive! After putting it all together it actually worked, and it only cost me about \$30.

Within a year, I upgraded to General and spent the majority of my time working the 160 m. band. The transmitter remained the same, but I added a plate modulator and more discarded TV parts to get onto AM phone. I also improved my antenna by putting up a 260-ft. Windom in the trees. I let my license expire while I was in college, but just two years ago, my renewed interest in Amateur Radio led me to retest. I passed my Technician, General and Extra exams and obtained my current callsign.

As in the beginning with my first rig, I continue to home-brew, building my own transmitters. I currently live in a condo complex which prohibits external antennas, so I'm always looking for the optimum stealth antenna arrangement. I began my quest for the "perfect" antenna by using the condo's 45-foot-high rain downspout, successfully loading it on 160 through 40 m. We won't talk too much about the "midnight missions" to lay down radials under the sod in back of the condo.

Currently, I have a Kenwood TS-940 SAT transceiver which feeds a Hustler 5-BTV vertical antenna with 60 radials. This antenna is hidden in the trees 75 ft. behind the condo and is barely visible. With this set up, I have in the last 6 months confirmed 46 states and 36 countries. I enjoy rag chewing with my local friends on Lansing's 2 m. repeaters, but spend the majority of my time working the HF bands. My favorites are 20 m. for DX and 75 m. for rag chews.

After Ham Radio, my secondary hobby is playing music, and I had my own "Big Band" style dance band from the 9th grade through college. Before moving from Midland, I also played in a 21-piece Big Band. Today, I enjoy playing folk music with my wife and belong to 3 different string bands. Speaking of my wife, we met 35 yrs. ago at our place of employment. She promised me on our wedding day that things would never be dull, and she's kept her promise! We're always getting in over our heads and have a great time bailing ourselves out.

After 30 yrs. with the Dow Chemical Company, I retired in 1999 from their Computer Systems and Programming Department. Soon after, we sold our belongings and moved to a quaint little village just south of Guadalajara, Mexico. With the announcement of our 1st grandson, we knew it was time to return to the US and Lansing became our home.

My wife and I are active in the Lansing ARPSC, and in the winter months we're active with the Sarasota Emergency Radio Club in Florida. We also belong to the Emergency Services organization serving Sarasota and Western Florida, where we were recently authorized for deployment as emergency responders. We believe Amateur Radio operators have a duty to give back to their community and we're putting a lot of effort into being prepared to respond effectively during an emergency, including training for emergency services and SKYWARN, as well as taking part in local events whenever possible.

When asked if I had any comments or words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio, I responded by saying that it is a wonderful hobby. The technology is changing so rapidly that it's nearly impossible to keep up with the advancements, and the merge of the analog and digital worlds brings almost limitless possibilities to our fingertips. Even antenna technology is advancing, and achievements unheard of just a few years ago are right on the horizon.

Also, I've recently heard remarks that the Hobby is dying—NOT TRUE! It's very much alive and growing, and all you have to do is not be stuck in the "old way" of thinking and be willing to try a new approach. Just imagine the thrill of making that first contact using digital voice on your homebuilt software-defined radio, and you can easily see how exciting the "new" Ham Radio can be! That's why I'm so impressed with CMARC and its progressive leadership. The Club is truly alive and poised for growth beyond our dreams, and I'm proud to be a part of it!

There, now that we're a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My callsign is W8QG and my name is Wayne Conklin (formerly KD8EKY), and my wife is Linda, K8LCC (formerly KD8EPZ).

National Ham News

Kosovo Added to CQ DX Awards Country List Effective 2/17/08

(Hicksville, NY) March 21, 2008 -- Kosovo is being added to the list of countries and territories recognized for CQ DX awards, effective immediately, CQ DX Awards Manager Billy Williams, N4UF, announced today.

Verifications for contacts made on or after February 17, 2008 are acceptable for CQ DX Award credit. CQ DX Honor Roll members with 335 or more credits should update by May 31st for highest placement in Honor Roll listings.

The new 339 entity maximum will appear on CQ DX Honor Rolls to be prepared in early June. CQ DX Honor Roll listings prepared in early April will be based on a 338 maximum count.

All Kosovo contacts will count for field KN on applications for the CQ DX Field Award.

Kosovo's status has been the subject of some controversy in the amateur radio community as well as the world community, as the ARRL declared that special operations from there on February 17 will count as Serbia, not Kosovo, in terms of DXCC credit. The United States and many European countries immediately recognized Kosovo's independence. However, Russia and China are opposed to it and Russia has threatened to veto any U.N. action to recognize Kosovo as an independent nation.

"We are aware that the ARRL has not yet added Kosovo to the DXCC list," explained CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. "The League says it is waiting for Kosovo to become a

member state of the United Nations or be issued a callsign block by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), a U.N. agency. However, because of geopolitical issues far beyond the realm of amateur radio, it is unlikely that the United Nations or the ITU will act on Kosovo in the near future, even though the United States and many other countries have granted it recognition."

"Because it is CQ's policy to grant credit for contacts with 'new' entities as of the date that their status changes," Moseson continued, "we have decided not to wait for U.N. action, but to follow the lead of the United States and other countries that have recognized Kosovo's independence, and to grant credit for contacts made with stations in Kosovo as of its independence day, February 17, 2008."

(NOTE: This action does not affect the country list for the CQ WW DX Contest. CQWW rules state that its country list is composed of those entities on the DXCC list and the WAE (Worked All Europe) award list. If the WAE Committee decides to add Kosovo to its list, it will automatically be added to the CQWW list.)

-submitted by Don (KC8CY)

HAMS ON HAND AS TORNADOS SWEEP THROUGH GEORGIA, DOWNTOWN ATLANTA

When tornados swept through Georgia this past weekend, Amateur Radio operators were on hand to assist where needed. On Friday, March 14, an EF-2 tornado touched down in downtown Atlanta at 9:38 PM (local time).

The National Weather Service said

the twister was 6 miles long and 200 yards wide. Downtown Atlanta was a busy place that evening; not only was there a professional basketball game, college basketball fans were in town for the Southeast Conference tournament at the Georgia Dome. Due to the tornados, the final college game of the day was postponed until the next day. According to reports, the tornado blew off portions of the roof of the Georgia Dome.

An EF-2 tornado has wind speeds from 111-135 MPH. In such a tornado, roofs are torn off well-constructed houses, foundations of frame homes are shifted, mobile homes can be completely destroyed, large trees are snapped or uprooted, light-object missiles are generated and cars can be lifted off the ground.

ARRL Georgia Section Manager Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, said "William Chandler, KG4JTK, went from house to house in the wind and the rain checking for any injuries in the homes that had sustained damage by falling trees and debris. At the same time, he issued reports via radio to Barry Kanne, W4TGA, the Emergency Coordinator for neighboring DeKalb County, regarding fallen trees, billboards, power lines and other threats to public safety. Barry relayed this information to the Atlanta 911 center and to the Grady Hospital Emergency Operations Center." DeKalb County is directly to the east of Fulton County; Atlanta is the county seat of Fulton County.

The City of Atlanta Web site report-

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ed that “[e]xtensive damage has been reported to a number of landmark buildings in downtown, including the Omni Hotel, Georgia World Congress Center, CNN Building, the Georgia Dome and Phillips Arena and homes and businesses in nearby neighborhoods.” The Red Cross opened a shelter at Central Recreation Center. There was “no external damage” to Hartsfield International Airport.

Eyewitness accounts said that “huge hunks of metal and broken glass were everywhere [in Atlanta], as well as overturned cars and benches in the road. Olympic Centennial Park is a mess.” The high winds caused major damage to several other landmarks including the Georgia World Congress Center. Many hotels and office buildings had their windows blown out.

Grady Memorial Hospital, the major trauma center for the Atlanta metro area, had its 100 foot tall communications tower blown off the hospital roof, disabling communications with emergency medical personnel.

ARRL Georgia Section Traffic Manager Charles Pennington, K4GK, served as Net Manager during the storms: “After several hours of recovery and damage assessment, it became obvious that while Atlanta had received major damage to downtown area, there were no fatalities reported and amazingly only 21 persons were treated for injuries.” Two fatalities were reported in northwest Georgia.

In Effingham County, near Savannah on Georgia’s coastline, Swiderski said a tornado “took down six power towers during the annual St Patrick’s Day celebrations,” thrusting the community into “total blackout conditions.”

“A local 2 meter SKYWARN net,

with Greg Tillman, N4VAD, serving as NCS, provided a vital link with the staff at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah. Dr Ra Meguiar, N4RVM, a physician and senior hospital administrator, later sent a letter of appreciation in recognition of the local hams ‘for staying with us through the weather and the power outage.’ He said that this was his first experience in participating in a severe weather net and the ‘support was invaluable,’” Swiderski said.

According to Swiderski, reports came mostly through the linked repeater system, “usually from a liaison from one of the many local nets that were going on in county after county, but there were also reports from stand-alone hams who had the misfortune of being in an affected area. There were reports of wall clouds, funnel clouds and hailstones -- large hailstones, sometimes as large as baseballs.”

Tillman said that two mobile homes were completely destroyed and one was “tossed like a rag doll, rolling over numerous times 100 feet from its foundation where the anchors were pulled up from the ground.” Nearly a dozen other homes and automobiles were damaged; five people from Effingham were transported to the local hospital for treatment and evaluation, he said.

“In some of the counties, this event was a true ‘baptism under fire’ for brand new Emergency Coordinators,” Swiderski said. “I’m pleased to say that they all conducted themselves and all of the challenges admirably.”

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Hams Come to the Rescue in Utah

(Mar 31, 2008) -- Eldon Kearl, K7OGM, of Fish Haven, Idaho, was driving in the Logan Canyon, Utah area when he came upon a driver who lost control of her truck in the snow.

Her truck fell more than 100 feet over a cliff, and two of the three passengers were thrown from the truck. Witnesses tried to call for help on their cell phones, but the closest cell coverage was more than a 30 minute drive away.

Kearl, however, had a radio in his car and was able to get a hold of another ham, Roger Ellis, KE7HTE, of Logan, Utah. Kearl relayed to Ellis information about the accident scene and Ellis called 911.

First responders were on the scene within half an hour. Although the driver and passengers in the truck suffered only minor injuries, a spokesman for the Utah Highway Patrol said that if Kearl and Ellis had not responded in getting help so quickly, the injuries could have been much worse.

As Kearl said, “It all worked out pretty good.” Kearl and Ellis have never met, but live relatively close to each other; they plan on meeting each other in person soon. -- *Information provided by KSL-TV, Salt Lake City, Utah*

CMARC/LCDRA/ARPSC Minutes

CMARC Meeting Friday March 7, 2008

Introduction:

- I. Meeting Called To Order at:
 - A. Moment of silence to Recognize Silent Keys
 - B. 12 Visitors recognized and Introduced, including Jim (WB8AZP) and Van (N8GVD), who were visiting from the Howell Club to sell some Raffle Tickets.
 - C. New Licensees recognized and Introduced
 - D. Interesting DX Contacts none noted

- II. Entertain motion to accept Secretary's Report as printed in the SCOPE
 - A. Motion Made By Don (KB8RAD)
 - B. Seconded Bernie (N8PVZ)
 - C. Vote taken: Passed ____ Yes

- III. OLD BUSINESS: None

- IV. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion concerning the Ziegenbien Award followed Jim (W8ERV) presentation. Proposal to change Ziegenbein Guidelines to be printed in Scope and vote considered at April meeting. Moved by Bill (WD8NYW), Second by Don (KD8DJH)
 - A. Youth Report: None
 - B. ARPSC Liaison Report: None
 - C. 50/50 Drawing results: Total \$44 Won by Van (N8GVD)
 - D. Membership dues are due at this time.12 minute break

- VI. Main Program promptly after break
There was a wonderful presentation on the Tornadoes of this past summer and general weather discussion by Rob Dale.

CONCLUSION TIME: 9:00 pm Moved by Bernie (N8PVZ) second by ALL

LANSING ARPSC MEETING March 17, 2008

Call to Order

- * Tom - KC8NJK at 19:03
- * Trent Atkins (KD8HQB), Lansing EMD attending
- * 24 people in attendance
- * Tom reminded us the purpose of these meetings is a celebration of our activities.

Old Business

1. FEMA certification spreadsheet was passed around for all to review. If you are missing certifications, please call Tom (KC8NJK) and let him know of your plans to complete the missing courses.
2. A logo for our group was selected by group vote at the last meeting and was passed around for all to see. Guy (KC8SLJ) designed the logo. It is now being created into a vector file for use by different graphics programs.
3. The Lansing/Ingham ARPSC

net meets each Monday evening at 8:00 on the 145.39 repeater. Please check in when possible. We are working to shorten the length of the net when possible.

4. The PROX card readers are being installed in the ICSD building. Once the readers are working, 7 or 8 LARPSC RACES members close to the building will be issued cards for staffing the EOC.

5. Dennis (KB8ZQZ) has been in contact with Jeff Kludy, City of Lansing Radio Lab regarding a loca-

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tion for the repeater. The equipment has been moved to the Livingston group for programming. Dennis is applying for a new, unique FCC call sign for the repeater as required by the D-Star architecture. MEPIN continues to be a higher priority than the D-Star system.

6. No updated from EAS/Warning Alert Policy Group. The radar data provided by WLNS will no longer be available due to budget cutbacks. Lansing EMD has purchased 2 GR-Level3 licenses for retrieving data from the NWS radars. Anyone can purchase the GRLevel3 program for \$79 and run it on your own home computer. Look at the LARPSA web site for the link. Ben demonstrated the GRLevel3 program using his laptop and the room's video projectors. Due to our distance from the Grand Rapids radar, the NWS radar will not display any activity below approximately 3000' in the Lansing area.

7. Another work session by Dennis (KB8ZQZ) and Dave (K8QH) at the MEPIN site. Duplexer mounted and cabinets prepared for the grounding system.

8. Tom (KC8NJK) led a Saturday morning work session cleaning and organizing the Lansing EOC. There is still a lot to do but the shelves were organized and some old, broken computer equipment, boxes and miscellaneous papers sent to the trash.

New Business

1. Pictures for City of Lansing ID cards were taken at the meeting.

2. The Skywarn class at LCC west is full. We currently have 162 signed

up. There is room for up to 200. Typically 5-10% sign up but don't show up for the class. LCC will provide lunch for 150-160. Walk-ins will be accepted. Please check the Skywarn Training page. Thanks LCC!

3. The presentation by Rob Dale, WLNS meteorologist was very informative at the March CMARC meeting. Kaz Fujita will give a presentation on Mid-Michigan earthquakes at the April meeting.

4. Work continues on the LARPSA database. Ben (WX8BEN) is the primary designer of the database with Dennis (KB8ZQZ) providing support.

5. The new ATV equipment continues to arrive. When assembled, this will provide 5 ATV kits. Please review the LARPSA web site for upcoming activities that use ATV. MEPIN continues to be the higher priority in completion of projects.

6. Curt (KC8QYV) has volunteered to lead the ARRL Field Day display of our ARPSA skills and talents. Please contact Curt with ideas and offer to help him with the demonstrations. Ben (WX8BEN) is coordinating the WLNS Storm Tracker van at the site and will set up a computer with demonstration software.

7. The next AEC planning meeting will be on March 26 at 18:00 hrs. We will continue to develop goals and policies for our group. Contact any AEC with comments or suggestions.

8. The City of Lansing EMD will purchase a new 10x10 canopy tent for use by our group. It will be labeled with the group name and be used to help keep staff out of the el-

ements when we have a deployment.

9. Mike (N8OBU) has installed another remote link at the David St. tower that interfaces to the Central Michigan Amateur Network (CMAN). This linked repeater system has multiple features and functions. Visit the CMAN web site at www.n8obu.com for more details.

AEC Business (Acting Emergency Coordinator)

1. EC ASSISTANTS (Those who will take charge if Tom Shaver - KC8NJK is unavailable

1. Clint Hannahs - KC8EHR

2. Dennis Boone - KB8ZQZ

3. Jim Hannahs - KC8QWH

4. Dave Hayhurst - K8QH

2. SKYWARN: Ben Holcomb - WX8BEN

3. PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS COORDINATOR: Jeremiah Sevrey - KC8EIA

4. EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY: Dennis KB8ZQZ & Jeff KC8PUN

5. WEB-MASTER: Ben Holcomb - WX8BEN

6. NET CONTROL: Dennis "Rocky" Beckner - K8DRB

7. TRAINING: Tom Shaver - KC8NJK

8. MEDIA: Bill Cote - WD8NYW

Adjournment: 2052 hrs

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 21ST, Ingham County Sheriffs Department

Submitted by Dave Hayhurst (K8QH)

Ladies of CMARC News

CMARC Cookbook More Recipes Needed Now

Thanks to everyone who has submitted recipes, but we are **still in need of many more.**

The name for our cookbook is "Memories of Mom", which was submitted by Jeff Oberg (KB8SXX).

When you submit recipes, please e-mail them to me, or type them up. My e-mail address is sassiladi@gmail.com

Also, if anyone has a great, special memory of Mom or Dad in the kitchen, or how they made something different, please feel free to submit those as well. We will have pages set aside for these memories in the cookbook.

I'm hoping that by October, or November, we can get the cookbook completed to give as presents at Christmas, as well as for sale.



Ladies' Tea Time Wrap-Up

by Jane Newton, KC8HJQ

Our latest Luncheon was held at Grovenburg United Methodist Church, with Marlene Hosting. Attending were Marie, Ericka, Leota, Jeannie, Sharon, Marlene and I. Leota taught us a new craft and we painted on Christmas ornaments, making designs on them and enjoyed a 'healthy diet' lunch.

We had a great time, as usual and we look forward to the April gathering, where we plan to play Bingo and each of us are bringing a \$5 gift to use as Bingo prizes. All Ladies are welcome, so please make plans to join us.
73, Jane Newton (KC8HJQ)



LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON

*Saturday, April 19, 2008
From 12:00 P.M. - 4 P.M.*

*At the home of Marie Watson (KC8NOI)
2031 West Jolly Road
Lansing, MI 48910*

Meatball and Turkey sub sandwiches will be provided!

*Please bring a dish to pass and a
\$5 wrapped gift
for the BINGO Party following lunch*

*RSVP by Friday, April 18, 2008
By calling Marie
(517) 394-6120*





Teen Talk

by Corey Bullock, KD8BOQ

CMARC youth is pumped up and ready to do something about it! March was a great month for CMARC youth, and contributing to this was the March meeting. This club seems to be heading in a new direction that will be crucial to success in the youth program. The attitude of putting others down, and scaring people out of this club is out the door, and new welcoming hands are leading the way. In order for the youth program to work in this club, welcoming support and help are needed and CMARC is now in the position to aid in taking on this task.

With a supportive club backing up the youth program, we have lots planned for the rest of 2008. The idea of a balloon launch has been given, which is a great way to bond our growing club. We hope to launch this balloon this summer! Think about it, a balloon high enough up to view Michigan's famous mitten outline! This project has a lot to offer for public knowledge of Amateur Radio and CMARC among young and old community members. The potential of the club is high and with a project like this, all that we need is support, hard work, and a "Can Do" attitude to guide us through. We will need help in this project, and ideas and questions are welcomed! Interested in seeing this balloon launched this year? Please contact us with any questions, or help that you can provide. Thanks!

The meeting that Tyler KD8BOP and I had with the superintendent of Holt Public Schools last month about starting a club in the schools was a success! With the full support of the superintendent behind us, we are now working to find a supervisor at one of the schools and get this youth club up and running. It should not come as a shock to see a wave of new young hams out on the air by this time next year. Tyler and I plan to attract the attention of seventh through twelfth grade students in three different building through Holt Public Schools. That's around 4,000-5,000 students!!! We hope to grab the attention of many of these students and see them get licensed and out there on our local repeaters. How great would it be to hear young hams out there all the time! This is an incredible opportunity for our ham community and the hobby that we aren't going to pass up. We have the later hopes of a club station and more! This dream is becoming a reality incredibly fast and excitement is high, hopes are high, and this project has just begun. 2008 holds the introduction to Amateur Radio in the schools and we are going to take this opportunity and run with it. We appreciate all support, comments and questions and are incredibly please to have a supportive club backing us up.

With all this excitement and opportunity, the only thing holding us back is funding. Luckily, we have events and fundraiser in minds that are going to help us reach our goals. One of these is already going on! At club meetings, we will be accepting recyclable cans and bottles. The return money received from this with go directly to the youth program. All support for our efforts are greatly appreciated, and this is just as important as any other support. We appreciate the support we received from cans recycled in March, and hope to receive the same support this month at the club meeting on April 4th.

Once again, I appreciate the support and helping efforts that CMARC is providing. I'm thankful for this clubs hard work, enthusiasm, and welcoming attitude, which is hard to find anymore. I know that I will continue to receive it in everything that we try to do. Thanks so much to everyone who's helping in this success, we can't do it alone. Let's see what we can do together for this club and Hobby in April. I hope to see many familiar faces at the CMARC meeting next month! I can be reached before that, or any other time at 517-930-2372 or by email at cjamesbullock@gmail.com.

Thanks and 73,
Corey J. Bullock KD8BOQ

Local & Special Interest News

CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 354.40
Business Checking	\$1134.86
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/13/08)	\$1739.73
Net Worth as of 02/29/08	\$3228.99

Submitted,
Ron Harger, WD8BCS
CMARC Treasurer



If you want to buy, sell, or trade something, why not list it here in the Scope? There is no charge and you might be surprised to find that the item you are looking for, or selling, is right here in the area! Contact Gretchen (KC8ODL) for info.

The 2008 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

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Club Contact: Donald McLain-KB8RAD	ph: (517) 694-0812

Meetings: 1st. Friday of every month at the Red Cross, Lansing Chapter, 1800 E. Grand River at 7:30pm. Board Meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Club Calls: W8MAA & W8PLP

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The 2008 LCDRA Board

Our LCDRA Officers:

Pres: Daniel Harger-W8BCI	ph: (517) 882-8784
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Repeater Trustee: Dennis Boone-KB8ZQZ email: drb@msu.edu
LCDRA Call: WB8CQM

Meetings: Quarterly on the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at Fire Station #8, corner of Marshall and Grand River, in Lansing, MI.

Weekly Nets in the Greater Lansing Area

Nets are a great way to learn organized communication, as well as to meet and get to know your fellow Hams. The Lansing area offers many Nets and they are listed below. Please feel free to check into one, or ALL of them...and everyone is welcome!

Sunday 8:30pm - Central Michigan Information Net. Join Bob (K8RDN) for this weekly gathering on the 145.390 repeater. All are welcome to attend.

Monday 8:00pm - ARPSC Net. Rocky (K8DRB) welcomes one and all for this weekly Net on the 145.390 repeater. The purpose of the Net is to learn proper etiquette for a controlled Net.

Tuesday 8:00pm - Ladies' Tea Time Net. Julie (KB8ZXR) is your hostess and all Lady Hams and Lady Non-Hams are encouraged to drop in. Of course, for the Lady Non-Hams, a licensed operator would need to check in with you, but it's lots of fun. Guys are welcome, too and we are on the 145.390 repeater. See you there!

Tuesday 8:00pm - QCWA Net. Your Net Control is Don (WB8NUS) and all licensed Amateurs are welcome to stop in to the 146.700 repeater and say hi.

Thursday 8:00pm (beginning 2/7/08) CMARC Youth Net, with Corey (KD8BOQ). If you are Under 22, or just young at heart, drop in to the 145.390 repeater and say hi to our newest Net Control Operator. Corey promises LOTS of information and fun for the young people of the Lansing area. Sounds like a good Net to visit!

VE Testing & Special Announcements

Lansing V.E. Test Dates

Testing is held at the Lansing America Red Cross, in the Kropschot Room
at 1800 E. Grand River; Lansing, MI 48909

Pre-registration starts at 9:30am and testing starts at 10:00am for the following date:
Saturday May 10, 2008

Our VE Team's local contact is Donald McLain-KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812

Mark Your Calendars!

It's that time of year again and Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) has released a full slate of dates for this year's upcoming walk-a-thons and bike-a-thons. As we get full confirmation on the dates for some of them, they will be noted below:

Saturday April 26, 2008 **March of Dimes Walk**

Sunday May 4, 2008 **MS Walk**

Saturday June 21, 2008 **Angel House Walk**

Sat-Sun June 28-29, 2008 **FIELD DAY**

Sat-Sun July 12-13, 2008 **MS 150 Bike-a-Thon**

Saturday Sept. 7, 2008 **Run with the MSU
Girls BBall Team**

Sunday Sept 28, 2008 (t) **Hospice Walk**

(t) denotes tentative date, as yet unconfirmed

To volunteer for work on the walks or bike-a-thons, contact Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) at 517-321-2004. As part of the ARPSC qualification process, members must participate in three activities in at least two different categories. These are classified as Public Service activities.

Eaton Co. VE Testing

Saturday April 12 - 12pm

Eaton Co. Sheriif Dept.-EOC,
1025 Independence Blvd.,
Charlotte 48813
(Eaton Co. ARC)

Contact: Mark Korroch (NY8Q)
phone: (517) 645-2378

Livingston Co. VE Testing

Tuesday April 8 - 7pm

Livingston County EOC,
300 S. Highlander Way,
Howell, MI

(Livingston ARC)-W5YI VE
Contact: George VanDam (N8GVD)
phone: (313) 999-5547

Shiawassee Co. VE Testing

Thursday April 24 - 6:30pm

Shiawassee Co. Red Cross
702 W. Corunna Ave.
Corunna, MI

(Shiawassee ARRL VEC Team)
Contact: Tom Carpenter (KI8AS)
phone: (517) 579-0599



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