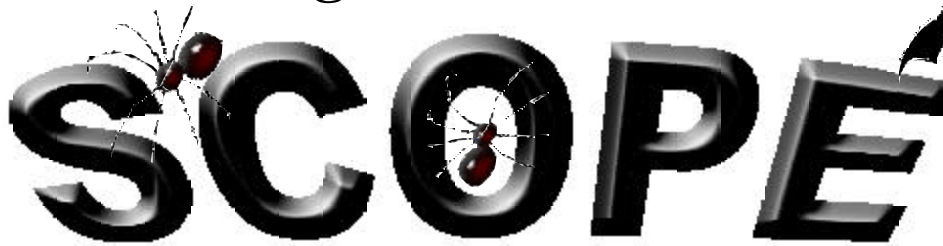


# Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club



## Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

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It is with great sadness that I report the passing of a longtime CMARC Life member, former president (and other board position holder), Historian and among the last of our earliest members. Currin Skutt (W8FSZ) passed away on September 10, 2008 "peacefully and unexpectedly" at his home in Lansing. He was 91. Currin married Eleanor Wells on May 27, 1950 and she survives him.

A licensed Amateur for 58 years, Currin was a great source of CMARC Club History, offering his take on life in the early years of our Club. In fact, when we were recently rebuilding the new CMARC website, I spent a considerable amount of time on the phone with him and you will find many of Currin's anecdotes and tidbits buried within the Club History page. He knew Ralph Ziegenbein personally, as did other members of that which made him a strong source of those details. Currin was also a member of the QCWA, Chapter 10 and served as secretary three times, as well as a member of the American RadioRelay League.

Fellow CMARC member, Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) remembered Skutt as "A man you wouldn't want to cross...he didn't mince words. But he was a marvelous person", said Tillitson "and we visited his cottage for picnics and stuff".

Amateur Radio was one of his biggest hobbies, but he enjoyed many others. Among them, the cottage he built and lived in for 54 years at Holland Lake. He also served on the association board in many capacities. Currin loved flying (something I wish I had knownearlier) and enjoyed a glider ride to celebrate his 80th birthday. Currin was a loving and personable person, who loved telling stories to anyone who would care to hear them.

As any past CMARC president can attest, attending funerals and visiting hospitals is among the duties least enjoyed. Not because we do not care for those we visit and pay respects to, but because it highlights the passing of time. Some years ago, I wrote a piece in the Scope entitled, "Time Marches On" and it spoke of the passing of Rowena Elrod (KA8OBS). The sentiments now are the same as then....it is never easy to say goodbye to our friends, because CMARC is, in many ways, a Family unto itself. We make friends in the beginning, but we also share joys and sorrows and it brings us closer. It's not a bad proposition, really.

I had a great deal of respect for Currin Skutt, primarily because I felt he earned and deserved it. He'd been here since 1948 and he had paid his dues, so to speak. But more than that, Currin had seen some of the greatest days CMARC has had. The ARRL Great Lakes Convention at the Jack Tarr Hotel comes to mind as one example. "The Glory Days" of our past keep hope alive for the future, don't they? I guess maybe another reason I respected Skutt so much is the fact that I lost my Grandfather (age 93) back in 2005 and folks over the age of 90 hold a special place in my heart now.

I have to tell you... that generation REALLY was our Greatest! They could make anything they needed with very little. Need an antenna for your HF rig? Load up the screen door! What? A capacitor blew?

Build a new one! Maybe they really DID know something we didn't. After all, they had to drive to Detroit and sit before an FCC examiner....sort of like being in a courtroom all alone with the judge. And then you wouldn't know IF you passed until a letter, or your license arrived in the mail many weeks later.

***Currin Skutt will long be remembered in Lansing as a maverick, or sorts, but also as an outspoken proponent for the best interests of our Club. We are, indeed, a better Club for having him here and we will miss him.***



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## SEPTEMBER LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON WRAP-UP

The Ladies Thought it Would be Fun to Try Something Different For Our September Luncheon. So, Instead of Meeting at Someone's Home As We've Done From the Beginning We Went To Applebee's on S. Cedar Street in Lansing.

The Luncheon Turned Out Really Nice And We Didn't Even Have to Cook!

There Were Six Ladies That Attended the Get-Together And we Stayed From 12:30 - 3:30 pm. The Food Was Delicious And the Conversation Was so Enjoyable That We Couldn't Believe the Time Had Passed So Quickly. We all Hated To Leave Each Other, But Knew That in Just a Few Short Hours We Would All Be Together Again at RAD's Coffee Break. We Had so Much Fun Meeting at a Restaurant For a Change, That We've Decided To Meet at The W. Saginaw Cheddar's in October.

There will be No Luncheon in November Because We Will All Be Busy Preparing for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

You Don't Have to Be a Ham to join us For These Luncheons, Ladies.

You Just Need to Enjoy Food, Fellowship and Fun!! If You're Not On

Our Mailing List And Would Like to Be, Please Contact

Julie McLain KB8ZXR at (517) 694-0812 or by e-mail at KB8ZXR@aol.com.

Be sure to check out the SCOPE or CMARC Website at

[centralm.iarc.com](http://centralm.iarc.com) for more info.



Julie McLain, KB8ZXR



## Wrapping-Up The Cookbook

I'm so excited about our venture. Sharon.W., and Sandy.T., and I counted and sorted out all the recipes for the book. I know that we have chosen a good book cover etc. Now Erv, W8ERV, and myself, KD8GYN, are entering the recipes on their website. Morris Press has a huge selection of material.

I got their names from Julie KB8ZXR. Thank you Julie. This will be a big shot in the arm for our club, and a great Christmas present for someone.

We are keeping costs low. \$10.00 a book. I will order 300 cookbooks. Many people gave that suggestion. I felt it would be to the clubs advantage to do so. We are trying to meet the date of Oct. 10th. to get all the recipes in and it completed. It then should be back by Thanksgiving. We will need people to offer to take books to sell... At work, at school, at other groups.

Just let me know if you can help.

73 Elizabeth KD8GYN



# Operating Class and Call Sign Statistics

Over the past year the Technician class has increased at an average rate of 38/day.

The Tech Plus class has decreased at an average rate of 31/day.

The Novice class has decreased at an average rate of 9/day.

The General class has increased at an average rate of 4/day.

The Advanced class has decreased at an average rate of 12/day.

The Extra class has increased at an average rate of 10/day.

Club Stations have increased at an average rate of 1/day.



National	Extra	Advanced	General	Tech	Novice	Total
2008 May 113,805	63,561	143,279	318,251	19,376	658,272	

Rank	State	Percent	Total	Extra	Adv.	Gen.	Plus	Tech	Novice
1	California (CA)	13.99	101120	12908	8814	18515	3991	51676	3548
2	Texas (TX)	6.68	48311	8073	4845	9822	1545	22217	1163
3	Florida (FL)	5.81	41993	7250	5393	11105	1508	14522	1692
4	New York (NY)	4.22	30539	5099	3186	6924	1142	12047	1668
5	Ohio (OH)	4.20	30395	5069	2901	6754	1225	12799	1198
6	Washington (WA)	3.91	28265	4078	2461	6117	969	1353	4782
7	Pennsylvania (PA)	3.50	25291	4635	2740	5775	921	9774	1057
8	Illinois (IL)	3.12	22546	3921	2362	5239	843	8888	954
9	Michigan (MI)	3.10	22409	3788	2149	5050	777	9571	748
10	North Carolina (NC)	2.74	19793	3471	2006	4343	707	8283	723

## Call sign Statistics by Region

### R - Callsigns

### States

- 0 - 80432 Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.
- 1 - 54770 Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.
- 2 - 73193 New Jersey and New York.
- 3 - 54161 Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.
- 4 - 171694 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.
- 5 - 109343 Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 6 - 152570 California.
- 7 - 107795 Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.
- 8 - 83191 Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.
- 9 - 71043 Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.
- 10\* - 4678 Alaska.
- 11\* - 9112 Caribbean Insular areas.
- 12\* - 6598 Hawaii and Pacific Insular areas.
- T - 978580 Total number of assigned callsigns for all regions

\* Regions 10, 11 and 12 are VEC regions, not callsign digits.

## Statistics for Region 8

- 83191 - Total callsigns assigned
- 63066 - Active callsigns
- 7175 - Cancelled callsigns
- 12940 - Expired callsigns
- 10 - Terminated callsigns



- 13099 - Amateur Extra Class
- 8244 - Advanced Class
- 17888 - General Class
- 5496 - Technician Plus Class
- 31734 - Technician Class
- 4942 - Novice Class

# What's My Sign?



I was born on March 3, 1968 in the old General Hospital in Lansing. When I was 5 years old, my family moved from Lansing to Lake Odessa.

Shortly after moving, I decided one day to ride my bike on the road and was **hit** by a truck! Being just five at the time, I was very lucky because I didn't have any major injuries and ended up with only minor bumps and bruises.

Having survived that potentially disastrous situation, I continued to live in Lake Odessa where I grew up and went on to graduate from High School.

We talked every night on the Internet and on the phone as well. Although he lived in Georgia at the time, he wanted to meet me so he sent me money for a bus ticket. Therefore, in September, I went to visit him and stayed for about a month. While down there, I ended up in the hospital with a Gallbladder attack. They had to keep me overnight and although he could easily have gone back to his place for the night to sleep, he didn't! Instead, he stayed with me and the only place he had to sleep was on the cold hard floor next to my bed — using his coat for a pillow.

I knew if he could do that for me after knowing me for such a short time, he was very special and someone I wanted and needed in my life. When the time came for me to head back home, I didn't want to leave and he didn't want me to either. So, at the last minute he decided that since there was nothing keeping him down there, he would rent a U-haul, pack his belongings and drive home with me to Michigan. He proposed to me that Christmas in 1999 and on May 6, 2000, I married my sweetheart and the love of my life.

My interest in Amateur Radio began by watching my husband operate and because it sounded like such a great hobby, on March 4, 2005 I got my Technician license. My first HT was a gift from Don Cote KD8BD and I have another HT from Forrest Clark N8PWD's estate. I love working on 2 meters and am very interested in learning about ATV someday. I am an active member of CMARC, and thoroughly enjoy being able to volunteer my communications skills with SKYWARN, Walk-a-thons, Field Day, and RACES—anything that helps the community. I never knew of any Hams in our family until one day when I was talking to my Father, he told me about his great Uncles Bryce Hill W8IBQ (SK) and Carl Schopp W8SDB (SK), and that my Mom's Great Uncle Gordon Main W8OCK (SK) was the first Ziegenbein winner. Then there was my sister-in-law's grandfather, Russ Decess KA8NPB (SK), who I had known before she ever became my sister-in-law.

As far as my personal life goes, I belong to several other groups besides CMARC including United Methodist Women and Outreach. I also love to do crafts, cook and work on the computer. In addition, I enjoy being a homemaker and babysitting, and sit for a 1-year-old boy and his new baby sister.

When I was asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio or life in general to pass on, I responded by saying, "Give all you have, even if it goes unnoticed—at least YOU will know you've done your best, gave it all you had and that you learned from it". I would also like to pass along a word to all the older members:

"I hope I can learn and become the person you all have become.... a rare and priceless gem!"



There, now that we are a little better acquainted  
"What's My Sign?"

My Callsign is KD8BDI  
and my name is DeAnna Barnhill.  
My husband is Roger AB8RX



# Weekly Nets in the Greater Lansing Area

## **SUNDAY • 7pm • CMARC Slow Scan TV Net**

Hosted by Carl (K8YHH). Whether you're new to Slow Scan TV, or a Pro, you are welcome to join them on the 146.94 (- Offset, 100Hz PL) LCDRA Repeater.

## **SUNDAY • 8:30pm • CMARC Information Net**

Tune in on the 145.39 LCDRA Repeater every Monday Night to participate with your Net Control, 'Rocky' Beckner (K8DRB)-(Note: For the time being, Don McLain (KB8RAD) is filling in as Net Control). The Net does not take place on the third Monday of the month which is when we hold the monthly ARPSC meeting. The purpose of the Net is to pass traffic, provide training for ARPSC members, exchange information for ARPSC members regarding activities and requirements and to be heard amongst HAM's and non-HAM's alike in the multi-county foot print of the repeater.

## **MONDAY • 7pm • The Lansing ARPSC Net**

Find them on the 145.39 (- Offset, 100Hz PL) LCDRA Repeater. Your host, Bob Berger (K8RDN) is at Net Control and welcomes all comers. Stop in, chat and tell us what's new and exciting in your world.

## **TUESDAY • 8pm • Quarter Century Wireless Association Net**

Net Control Operator, Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) is your host on the 146.70 LCDRA Repeater (- Offset, 100Hz PL) . All licensed Amateurs are invited regardless of whether your quarter century milestone is in your past, present, or future.

## **TUESDAY • 7pm • Ladies Tea Time Net**

The first is the *Ladies Tea Time Net*, held each Tuesday evening at 8pm on the 145.39 LCDRA Repeater. Your Net Control Operator, Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) welcomes one and all to this Net, which is primarily geared to the ladies out there. If you are a lady without a license, talk to your OM and get him to stand by while you check in 3rd party. Yes, the guys are welcome too. Grab a nice, hot cup of tea and get in on the fun.

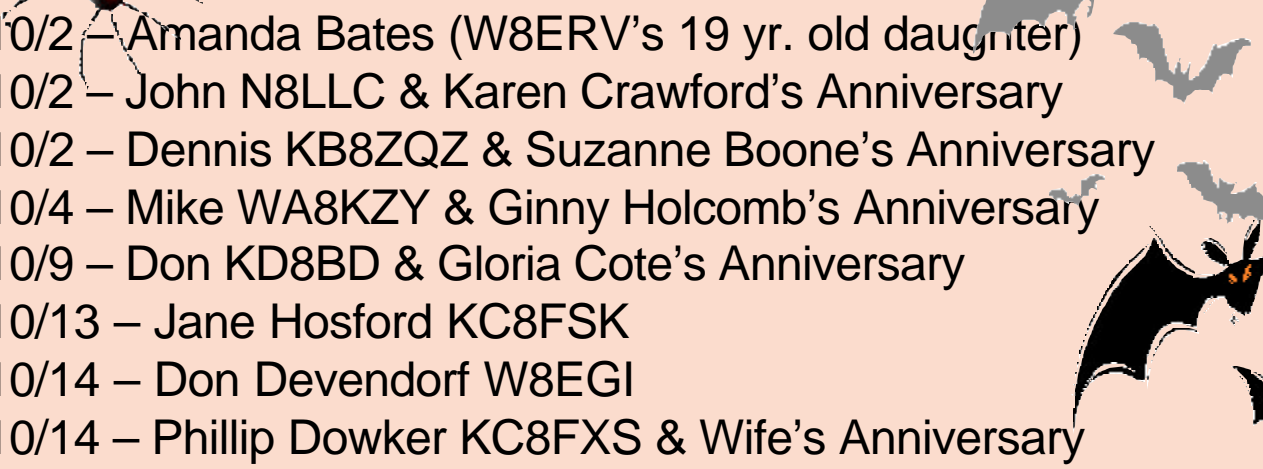


## **THURSDAY • 8pm • CMARC's Youth Net**

Licensed hams of all ages are invited to join Corey (KD8BOQ) on the 145.39 LCDRA Repeater. The next generation of Hams are taking the Amateur Radio world by storm. Get a look at Amateur Radio through the eyes of our youth and see what Corey and the gang have in store for us.

**Let's remember & give thanks to all who maintain our local area repeaters from the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association (LCDRA) who give of their time & money to keep up the, 145.39, 146.94, 146.70, 145.47, 224.98 repeaters. Without which we would not be able to have the wonderful Nets we enjoy!**

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



10/2 – Amanda Bates (W8ERV's 19 yr. old daughter)  
10/2 – John N8LLC & Karen Crawford's Anniversary  
10/2 – Dennis KB8ZQZ & Suzanne Boone's Anniversary  
10/4 – Mike WA8KZY & Ginny Holcomb's Anniversary  
10/9 – Don KD8BD & Gloria Cote's Anniversary  
10/13 – Jane Hosford KC8FSK  
10/14 – Don Devendorf W8EGI  
10/14 – Phillip Dowker KC8FXS & Wife's Anniversary  
10/14 – Robert Mann WD8OEV  
10/18 – Michelle Bates (W8ERV's 10 yr. old daughter)  
10/20 – Keith Watson KD8ICJ  
10/25 – Joe N8VYS & Pam KB8PSF Denomme's Anniversary

## AMATEUR RADIO

**For More Local Ham News and Information Visit:**  
**centralmiarc.com**                      **lansingarpssc.com**  
**lcdra.com**                                      **aarl.org**

### **A few of my (KC8ODL's) fun, random, ham related links for you to try..... '73**

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Phonetic Alphabets; Historic, English & Others. - <http://www.nor.com.au/community/sarc/phonetic.htm>

Irving Vermilya—America's #1 Amateur Radio Operator - <http://www.bostonradio.org/essays/vermilya.html>

Answers to Common Contesting Questions - <http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=8532>

Conversions- Frequencies, Power, lbs on mars - <http://www.onlineconversion.com/>

What About Current Sun Spot Activity ? - <http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/sunspots/>

National Lightning Safety Institute - [http://www.lightningsafety.com/nlsi\\_lhm.html](http://www.lightningsafety.com/nlsi_lhm.html)

Amateur Radio RF Safety Calculator Link - <http://n5xu.ece.utexas.edu/rfsafety/>

United States Early Radio History - <http://earlyradiohistory.us/>

Hall of Fame - <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/hof.html>





# VE Testing Sites & Dates

for additional info including  
updated area listings and dates  
visit [www.centralmiarc.com](http://www.centralmiarc.com)

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## (HOWELL)

Livingston County EOC, 300 S Highlander Way, Howell, 48843.

Contact Person: George Bruce Van Dam (N8GVD), Phone (313) 999-5547. (Livingston ARC)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Tuesday, October 14th, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 7:00pm Registration

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## (JACKSON)

Jackson District Library, 244 West Michigan, Downstairs Auditorium, Jackson 49204.

Contact Person: Richard McGuire, (K18C), Phone (517) 782-1430. (Cascades ARS)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Saturday, October 18th, 2008 • W5YI VE Session 10:00am Registration

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## (CORUNNA)



American Red Cross, 712 Corunna Ave., Corunna, 48817.

Contact Person: Thomas E. Carpenter (K18AS), Phone (517) 579-0599. (Corunna VE Team)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Thursday, October 23rd, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 6:30pm Registration

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## (BATTLE CREEK)

Maple United Methodist Church, 342 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, 49015.

Contact Person: Gary P. Hurt (KC8H), Phone (269) 762-0048. (Southern Michigan ARS)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Thursday, October 23rd, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 7:00pm Registration

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## (LANSING)

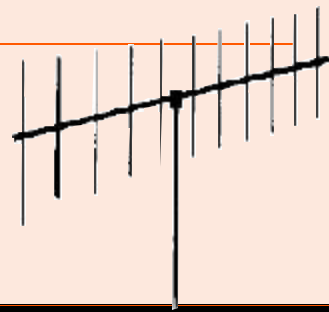
American Red Cross, Lansing Chapter, 1800 E. Grand River, Lansing 48912.

Testing in Kropschott Room.

Contact Person: Don McLain (KB8RAD), Phone (517) 694-0812. (Lansing VE)

WALK-INS WELCOME

Saturday, November 8th, 2008 • ARRL VE Session 9:30am Registration



**NOTE: PLEASE CALL THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE  
TO VERIFY TESTING SESSION AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU MAY BE REQUIRED  
TO BRING TO SESSION  
(ID, PROOF OF AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE, ETC.).**



# MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2008

## CMARC BOARD

President Erv W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: DeAnna KD8BDI, Ron WD8BCS, Corey KD8BOQ, Julie KB8ZXR, Bob K8RDN and Gregg WB8LZG. Also sitting in on the meeting was LCDRA's President Dan W8BCI.

Erv talked about the "Extra Mile Awards" that he has passed out a couple of times this year and said he had decided to honor the memory of Jeanie Serviss (much like we did with Rowena Elrod KA8OBS when she passed away) by naming the award "The Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO Memorial Extra Mile Award". He also told us that John Ingraham's 92 year old mother, Catherine, passed away today; gave information on the upcoming Walk-a-thons from Jeremiah KC8EIA; and mentioned he had to leave early as his brother-in-law's Mother passed away and he was going to Cleveland Ohio tonight for the Funeral in the morning.

Ron WD8BCS told how he had sent out an email to the CMARC list server asking for suggestions on where to hold Field Day for 2009. Erv said a copy of the email will be printed in the SCOPE. He asked that suggestions be concise and well thought out such as: is the location feasible (i.e. visible for the public), does it allow for a variety of antennas to be used, and is the location free from RF noise that would interfere with operations? Questions like these are vital if we want to insure that Field Day 2009 is successful. Other FD discussion points were: (1.) Having the Club Picnic at FD so we could get more people out to the FD events, with the idea that this might encourage those with absolutely no interest in FD to come out, see what it's all about and maybe even decide to operate a station. (2.) Making the GOTA station more visible and closer to the public. Ron asked Corey KD8BOQ if he would Chair the GOTA station and Corey said "Yeah, I'd be interested in it". (3.) Having the tents more open (sides up, etc.) so that more people than just those operating can get in there and watch what's going on. Besides, with all the equipment and the weather it can get really hot in there. Next year, we will take Scott W8ATT up on his offer to borrow his 20 X 20 canopy. (4.) The need for newer and bigger signs for all the stations and for the entrance. We want people to know what is going on and where. Ron WD8BCS made a motion that we seek out one or two volunteers who would be responsible for soliciting financial support so we could have signs made that can be used for CMARC/Field Day events. A suggestion was made to check into Fulton Radio Supply and maybe Leightronics for donations in exchange for advertisement. Ron's motion was seconded by Gregg WB8LZG and unanimously approved.

Erv talked about Mason's Jewett Airport "Aviation Days" that take place every year around the middle of August and how they bring in vintage and experimental aircraft for the public to view, give plane rides and even serve breakfast. They fed breakfast to 500 people this year at \$6 a person. Because Erv knows the President of the Club there, he talked with him about the possibility of CMARC joining them next year by bringing in vintage radio equipment and setting up a Special Event Station to demonstrate and promote Amateur Radio. The Board thought it was a good idea and discussed a few things we could do: we would need about 20 Hams to volunteer their time for this event; parchment certificates would be given out for operating the station; we need to pass out tri-folds and informational CMARC flyers and explain Amateur Radio to the public; we would use the signs we have for Field Day; and maybe Bob K8RDN could take and pass messages from the public to their families. The airport's biggest concern with us being there and operating is that they can't have our frequencies interfering with their walkie-talkie frequencies.

Ken Kruger W8AAX talked with Erv prior to the Board meeting and expressed his concern that Check-ins to the Ladies Tea Time Net and the Central Michigan Youth Net were being too free in sharing their vacation plans, etc. on the air. He said this is an open invitation for scanner listeners to come and rob you and that they're not stupid – they can put our Callsign into QRZ.com and easily find out where we live. We need to protect each other and ourselves in this day and age when it's so easy to find information. Ron said it applies not just to the Nets, but we all should be careful how much we tell about our personal business. In addition, the adult Hams should be watching out for the younger Hams that are now getting their licenses and are out on the air.

With all the business being completed Ron WD8BCS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DeAnna KD8BDI and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.



Julie McLain KB8ZXR – Secretary







# MINUTES CONT'd • CMARC • September 5, 2008



President Erv W8ERV called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed, along with our members, those visiting with us at tonight's meeting. We had a moment of silence in memory of Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO and John Ingraham's mother, Catherine, who passed away today.

**ATTENDANCE:** There were 39 members and 10 visitors in attendance. Our guests were: Dale Williams WA8EFK (ARRL's Michigan Section Manager and our guest speaker); Michelle and Amanda Bates (W8ERV's daughters); Mary Lou Tillitson; Imogene Davis (Marie KC8NOI's Mom from Indiana); Kurt Niemeyer KC8QYV; Morgan Mosher KD8IWT and his Grandpa Curt Mosher KD8IWS from Fenton; Ed Hartwick KC8NQM and Luke Sandel N8CLS.

**NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS:** Curt KD8IWS and Morgan KD8IWT just recently got their Technician licenses and have already upgraded to General! We want to welcome Curt and Morgan to a wonderful hobby and then CONGRATULATE them on upgrading!

**CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT:** Marie KC8NOI reported that flowers had been sent for Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO's funeral and a Get-Well card was sent to Jan Bradfield KC8BFK while he was in the hospital.

**INTERESTING DX CONTACTS:** Ben WX8BEN said he had talked to someone south of Texas on 20 meters and Roger AB8RX reported that he had talked to Madeira Island.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** On Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. is the run with the MSU Basketball Girls at Hawk Island Park and then on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. is the Hospice Walk at Hawk Island Park. In addition, on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. is the Angel House Walk at the Mason High School.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Because the August SCOPE had not been printed in time for the members to read before the August meeting, the acceptance of the July Secretary's and Treasurer's reports was deferred until the September meeting. Therefore, a motion to now accept the July Secretary's Report as printed in the August SCOPE was made by Jim Hannahs KC8QWH, seconded by Jane KC8HJQ and approved. A motion to accept the July Treasurer's report as printed in the August SCOPE was made by Bernie N8PVZ, seconded by Dave Hayhurst K8QH and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Erv W8ERV talked about the "Extra Mile Awards" that have been given out this year and said in honor of Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO, for the remainder of the year the award has been renamed "The Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO Memorial Extra Mile Award". He then presented awards to the following people for their service and for going above and beyond the call of duty. They were: Bill Serviss KD8HHN; Kurt Niemeyer KC8QYV; Linda Conklin K8LCC; Wayne Conklin W8QG; John Hosford KC8QZB; Ron Harger WD8BCS; Bob Berger K8RDN; Gregg Mulder WB8LZG; Jerry Waite KD8GLN; Elizabeth Stein KD8GYN; Donna Cote (Bill WD8NYW's wife); Corey Bulock KD8BOQ; Dick McGuire K18C; and Dale Williams WA8EFK, our guest speaker from the ARRL.

Erv told the membership about his idea to have a Special Event Station at Mason's Jewitt Airport "Aviation Days" next year and to bring in vintage Amateur Radio equipment. The membership expressed interest in participating. [See more details in Board Minutes].

Gregg WB8LZG gave us an update on the Technician classes taking place every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Engineering Building at MSU.

**BREAK:** We always have great treats and tonight's were no exception! Jane KC8FSK brought in two different kinds of punch, Linda K8LCC made her "decadent" Fudge Brownies again, along with some delicious Banana Bread, and Jane KC8HJQ brought in donuts. Julie KB8ZXR brought in some Fudge-striped cookies and made a Devil's Food cake with Chocolate Fudge frosting (50% less Sugar in both) for our Diabetic and weight conscience members. We also had Sugar Free Fruit Punch, bananas and coffee.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Marie Watson KC8NOI won \$21 in tonight's drawing.

**UNDER 22 DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Corey KD8BOQ thanked those checking into last night's Central Michigan Youth Net and reported that there were 25 check-ins, and even though it wasn't quite the record of 46, it was definitely a good Net for nearing the close of summer. Corey also said he has been in contact with the Principal of Holt High School and he sounds favorable to a Ham Club at the school. Corey is looking forward to getting the Club started as well as getting more kids licensed and involved with that Club.

**MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER:** Dale Williams WA8EFK, the ARRL Great Lakes Division Section Manager for Michigan, was our guest speaker for the evening. Dale talked to us about the 1st Annual Michigan Youth Conference up in Gaylord on April 12<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the questionnaire that those attending had filled out, along with a compilation of their answers. Because the youth are the future of Amateur Radio, their answers were quite revealing with regards to what they are looking for in the Hobby and what we as a Club can do to make the Hobby and our Club more relevant for today's technically-minded youth. Julie McLain KB8ZXR – Secretary





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## **Attention Lansing & Ingham County ARPSC/RACES Members**

Dave Harper, Chief of Training for Meridian Township Fire Department, needs volunteers to assist in the monthly verification of the Ingham County warning sirens performed the first Saturday of each month at 1pm.

### **If you are interested please reply with the following information:**

Name/Call Sign, Home Address, Contact Info, Skywarn Trained (Y/N), availability on the following dates (Y/N)

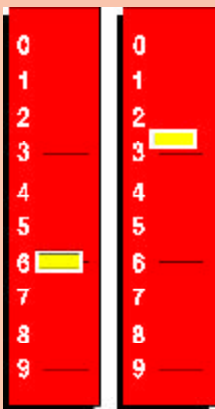


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## **“License Manual Lending Library”**

It was recently brought to my attention (by a prospective Ham), that not everyone who wishes to acquire a License Manual for the purpose of becoming a Ham can afford to purchase one, and are deterred from their aspirations simply by unfortunate circumstances. As the “New Ham Ambassador” for CMARC, the thought of our Club or Hobby being diminished by even one future Ham because of a few dollars didn’t set well with me. So, after giving it some thought, I’ve decided to remedy the situation by starting a sort of “License Manual Lending Library”, which will be stocked with donated Technician books or ones that are just “on loan” from their owners.



I will serve as “Librarian” in charge of lending the books out and keeping track of them so they can be successfully retrieved for future use. I already have requests for two Manuals and have promises from generous fellow Hams to fill those needs. However, as word of this enterprise is disseminated, I anticipate an increase in requests and the



accompanying need for more books. If you have a *CURRENT* Technician License Manual you wish to donate to this endeavor, or even one you’re willing to “loan out”, please contact me at: (517) 694-0812 or KB8RAD@ARRL.net. Thank you for taking an active role in preserving our Hobby and ensuring its future growth.

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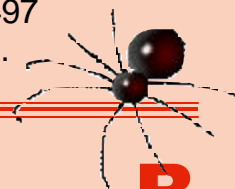


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## August 2008 CMARC Treasurers Report

*Assets NuUnion Credit Union*

Primary Share Account (Humphries Fund)

\$354.71

Business Checking Account

\$367.94

NuUnion Certificate of Deposit 4.15% (02-12-09)

\$1765.12

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