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Dues to Increase to \$30 According to Treasurer



In a move not seen in more than a decade, yet another CMORK Treasurer has plans to raise dues for membership to the Lansing Club. Citing many personal needs, ranging from a new Van, to new radio equipment and a pool to play in, CMORK Treasurer, Ron Charger unveiled

his plan to quietly raise dues, effective July of this year. But CMORK's crack reporter, Jerv Banks uncovered the nasty scheme last last week and told Charger the gig was up. But Charger, undaunted by the discovery, stood firm.

"Let's be clear", said Charger, "I work hard in my position and I deserve some perks. Times are hard everywhere, so I am getting mine while I can!"

However, the cries of 'foul' are coming from all corners of the CMORK family and Charger could be in for some stiff resistance. Even CMORK president, Sharin' Wheat stands opposed.

"Look, if I am not getting a cut, NOBODY is getting a dime. In fact," she said, "I may just make my own motion that the presidency is a paid position!"

CMORK Historian, 'Wild' Bill Goatee' told SCRAP

reporters that he has never seen anything like it in all of his years with the Club. "Has the world gone topsy turvy", Goatee' mused?

But Charger is not swayed by the banter. He stated that he plans to use the "I thought of it first" defense for this plan and he hopes to push the measure through at the next CMORK meeting. Stay tuned!

Trouble in Paradise for Under 22 Director

As they say, 'The hits just keep on comin...' and CMORK Under 22 Director, Corky Bullhorn, has come under close scrutiny for an attempted coup of the IRA Link Repeater System. IRA's point man, Abe Abracadabra is preparing for an all out battle with the youthful upstart from Holt.

"We are not taking any risks, when it comes to that little pipsqueak" Abracadabra said. "We are saddened that Corky has become so power hungry, because he seemed like a good lad".

The trouble started when Bullhorn was conducting his weekly net on the IRA system. Witnesses reported that Corky became combative and would not relinquish control of the repeater. Even the calls of his parents went unanswered.

"We just don't understand what went wrong", Papa Bullhorn lamented. "He was such a good boy until we remodeled his bedroom last year."

Returnable Cans/Bottles Wanted!

As we've been doing, 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 nearly \$150! Thanks!

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April 2009...Happy April Fools' Day and WELCOME TO SPRING! Ahhhhh...

For Your Consideration

The Crossroads Swap at Marshall was fantastic! If you missed the chance to come, you really missed out, because of the 1500 tickets they had printed, nearly ALL were sold. I think we've made our case to keep the swap going, but rumor has it we might see a new venue in 2010. All I can say is stay tuned and we will certainly keep you posted. In any event, a hearty CONGRATULATIONS to all involved in the show. We loved it....AND we sold 10 cookbooks down there, too!

I'm going down a little different path in this month's comments, because we are heading into another Severe Weather Season. In fact, from the 29th of March to the 4th of April we are recognizing "Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week". So please, take some time to look over your SKYWARN jump kit, check your batteries, etc. and get ready for the warm weather and unstable air masses. But would you do one more thing?

Each year, we have several SKYWARN Nets and most are much ado about nothing. We sign in, we drive around (maybe) and we sign out at the conclusion of the event. It's tedious, at times, but it is VERY necessary. And as we learned over the last two seasons, they are NOT 'just another Net'. We've seen considerable tornadic activity (one involving the death of two, near Haslett, as well as some straight-line wind events and flooding. Let me assure you, our Nets are anything but 'just another Net'.

It serves us well to be prepared, to coordinate our efforts with Net Control Stations and keep our collective eyes on the skies of the Greater Lansing Area. Conditions can (and have) deteriorated rapidly, so know your surroundings. Try to plan your escape ahead of the need and don't take chances. I know, I know....I'm preaching to the choir, but we are friends here at CMARC and it would absolutely devastate us to lose someone, due to any mishap.

Our SKYWARN program this year was top notch, once again. We are honestly one of the most 'spoiled' groups in the State of Michigan, because we have the benefit of calling on people like Rob Dale (N8GSK) and Kaz Fujita to help teach at SKYWARN. But this year, the entire day felt like it flew by, simply because those teaching us were engaging us regularly. It was quite possibly the best SKYWARN class I have been affiliated with, thus far.

And so, my friends, be safe.

73, Erv



Storm Chaser for Life

What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born on September 28, 1961 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Michigan. I grew up and went to school in Okemos until my Junior year in High School and then attended Interlochen Arts Academy (just south of Traverse City) for the violin.

My first exposure to Amateur Radio was as a Sophomore at Okemos High School when I met Ron Harger/WD8BCS. He sparked my interest in radio, and electronics in general. After I left High School, I served in the Army as an M1 tank Crewman/Commander from 1981 – 1984 and was a Sergeant E5. My company (C Company, 3/64 Battalion, 3rd Mechanized Infantry division) was selected to represent the US in the 1983 Canadian Army Tank Competition (CATC). Our 3 platoons scored 2nd, 3rd, and 5th overall making our company the high scorer. Radio was obviously a key component in our operations and our command tanks employed DES encryption for audio communication.

After I got out of the Army, my interest in communications grew as I began listening to Short Wave radio quite a bit. I enjoyed trying to find “numbers stations” and Air Force command aircraft (like the “Looking Glass”) transmitting on HF. In addition to the Short Wave, I also spent a lot of time with my ears glued to a “scanner”, but soon became bored with the Police frequencies and found myself listening more and more to the Amateur Radio bands. I particularly enjoyed listening to the 10-meter repeaters. I finally decided it was time for me to do more than just monitor the Amateur Radio frequencies—I wanted to join in on the conversations and FUN! So, in August of 2007 (at a Volunteer Examiner session given by the Genesee County Radio Club in Flint), I got my ticket. I took all three exams, one after the other, and walked out the door as an Amateur Extra! There are no other Hams in my family and I have the feeling that they all think I’m nuts for being one myself!! My best friend Ubu, who also happens to be my dog, doesn’t have a callsign (other than “come here, fur-fer-brains”), but he’s a “ham” just the same.

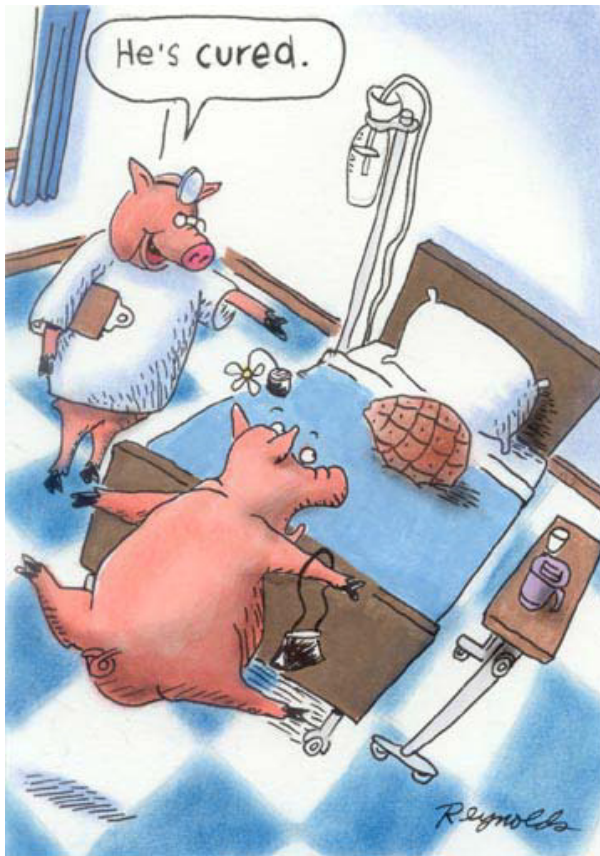
My radio equipment includes an Icom IC-7000 and an Icom AH-4 auto-tuner. I use this combination with a home built 1/4-wave ground plane for VHF/UHF, and an end-fed long wire (about 150 feet) for HF at home. When mobile, I use a Diamond dual-band for VHF/UHF and a 102” whip with the AH-4 for HF. I like just about every Band and/or Mode of Amateur Radio, but I currently seem to spend most of my time with Digital SSTV (Slow-scan TV), both on HF and VHF. I really enjoy SKYWARN and it is my favorite Amateur Radio service. I’m a member of both the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association, and serve as the Liaison for the Lansing Volunteer Examiner Team. When I’m not having fun with Ham Radio, you can find me enjoying my other hobbies of R/C aircraft, boating, and fishing. As far as work goes, I’m an IT technician. I currently work for the Fish and Wildlife department at MSU, as well.

When being interviewed for this article, I was asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio (or life in general) that I’d like to pass along to all of you readers. I responded by saying that I’m not one to have much wisdom, but a favorite quote of mine is: “Never argue with stupidity. It will drag you down to its level and beat you by experience.”

There, now that we’re a little better acquainted, “What’s My Sign?” My Callsign is AB8ZL and my name is Chris Reusch.

If you know of someone who would make a good What’s My Sign Candidate, contact Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) at 517-694-0812 or email kb8zxr@aol.com

Bits N Bytes



Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/2 – Jeff Oberg (KB8SXX)
4/7 – Ken Kruger (W8AAX)
4/7 – Dick McGuire (K18C)
4/7 – David & Roberta Held Anniv.
4/8 – Troy Creed (W8TCC)
4/9 – J. Ervin Bates (W8ERV)
4/9 – Scott & Sandy Tickner Anniv.
4/10 - Bob Berger (K8RDN)
4/11 - Linda Conklin (K8LCC)
4/18 - Ron St. Laurent (ND5S)
4/22 - Ken Hull (WR8S)
4/22 - Dan Fuller (W8VVR)
4/22 - Beverley Stoner (K8ZJU)
4/24 - Wayne & Linda Conklin Ann.
4/29 - Donald Cote (KD8BD)

Memories of Mom Cookbooks on Sale...Can You Sell Some?

The Memories of Mom cookbook sold good at Marshall. We sold 10 more copies, but we still have more, so we're looking for members to sell some to their friends.

We still have more than 100 copies to sell, and we are asking for your help. If we all chip in to sell them, the money raised will benefit CMARC for the next couple years...so it really is worth the effort.

We'll see YOU at Marshall and be sure to stop by to say hi. Our table is located inside the gymnasium

For more information, contact Erv at 517-202-6229, or email him at w8erv@acd.net. If copies need to be mailed, please add \$4.95 to cover postage and handling.

Ziegenbein Flashback ~ 1966



Benjamin Hassell (W8VPC) and wife, Erna, at Ladies' Night in 1967. Ben was the recipient for 1966. (Photo courtesy of Ron & Dan Harger)

Field Day Planning Meeting

Field Day Meeting

Tuesday March 10th 7:00 pm

Present were:

Bill-WD8NYW, Bob-K8RDN
Don-WB8NUS, Gregg-WB8LZG
Jerry-KD8GLN, John-KC8QZB
Kurt-KC8QYV, Ron-WD8BCS

Location: Contact was made by phone with Lansing School District, they have confirmed we have the site at no charge for Field Day weekend if desired. Also the Dimondale/Windsor Township Emergency Services facility and park idea was re-visited. They too are available at no charge for 2009, but as previously mentioned by Gregg-WB8LZG at the board meeting, the pavilion is not available on Saturday after all.

In the light of two sites available at no charge, the committee members present voted unanimously to go with the Gardner site. It was suggested that the committee members personally visit the Dimondale site on their own time over the next week or so, and communicate their opinions via email. If the results are good, Gregg can procure the site for FD-2010 at no charge. Their site includes: Pavilion, Running Water, Bathrooms and Picnic Tables.

Contact will be made with Holt Schools to decline their offer.

Schedule of Events: The rough draft of the schedule is as follows. It is expected that several club members will be staying overnight Friday including Wayne-W8QG and Linda-K8LCC who will be bringing their camper, John-KC8QZB mentioned he may be staying over as well. Ron-WD8BCS would too depending on how hot it is!

Friday June 26th

5pm-8pm Canopy setup; Antenna and tent setup as desired by station chairpersons.

Saturday June 27th

8am-9am "Continental" breakfast for participants/helpers. 9am-12pm Station and antenna assemblies.

12pm-1pm Lunch for participants/helpers. 1pm-2pm Final push to assemble stations and antennas

2pm: Field Day 2009 Operations

Begin! 3pm-330pm Hands On Training session/point bonus activity-(tba)
4pm-5pm CMARC Annual Club Picnic
5pm-530pm Picnic cleanup 530pm
- 12midnite Operate

Sunday June 28th

12midnite - 8am Operate 8am-9am
"Continental" breakfast for participants/helpers. 9am-12pm Operate
12pm-1pm Lunch for participants/helpers. 1pm-2pm Final Operating Push!
2pm Operating Activities End
2:02pm-2:30pm First (in awhile) Annual Seed Spitting Contest
230pm Site teardown begins
5pm Teardown completed
5:01pm: Planning for Field Day 2010 begins! (Ron-WD8BCS resets his countdown clock)

Head count for food activities: To be discussed at future club board and business meetings.

Food Budget: \$100 was settled on as it was pointed out that the picnic will be a pot luck affair and should not significantly impact the amount of food to purchase.

Signage: Erv-W8ERV was unable to attend this meeting, but is was agreed that new larger banners are needed, and ideas briefly discussed for attracting attention to the signs with battery/solar power lighting, flashing LED lamps. Ron-WD8BCS will follow up with Erv on the sign estimates.

Generators/Lighting: Dave-K8QH spoke with Ron on the phone prior to the meeting and advised he will be bringing some "significant" lights to illuminate the areas behind the tents. There is already ample on site lighting in the parking lot area, but more is needed in other areas and will be addressed by Dave.

Repeater Message for Field Day location: Dan-W8BCI, LCDRA President (not present at the meeting) had previously stated we can put a message on the repeaters prior to Field Day. June 8th was decided by the committee. Ron will get with Dan to work out the details. Suggestions circulated on who's voice should be on the message so as to attract as much attention as possible.

ARRL Field Day Training Bonus:
The rules for this year's bonus were

read and discussed. It was then suggested that we have a couple CW test sets assembled so that the participant can learn a few characters, and actually send their name across to a recipient at the other end of the Field Day site.

Network Logging Software: Ron-WD8BCS purchased a copy of N3FJP's software package for himself and we'll be using the FD network logger for at least the two HF stations. Other stations can still log as they see fit, although the Field Day Chairperson in charge of submitting the log entries greatly appreciates electronic logging.

Media Attention: 2008's lack of media attention was discussed, Bill-WD8NYW attributes this mostly to what is happening around our area at the time Field Day is going on. Last year there was a rally that the media determined to be more newsworthy and give the state of their budgets, made a decision to run with that instead. This year Bill is planning on getting a head start on making contact with the media, and maintaining contact leading up to our event.

Items not on the "official" agenda:
Jerry-KD8GLN stated that the CERT team members will have their event tent "manned" for approx 6 hours. Jerry will let Ron know what the times are for this so the schedule of events can be updated.

Contact needs to be made with Don-W8EGI to see if he'll be available to copy the official ARRL message, as well as originating an official Field Day message to our Section Manager. Both of these items are bonus point activities.

Don-WB8NUS advised us that Paul Wey WD8A has become a silent key.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

-Submitted by Ron Harger (WD8BCS) and John Hosford (KC8QZB)

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CMARC BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2009

President Sharon Waite/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Vice President Bob Berger/K8RDN, Secretary John Hosford/KC8QZB, Treasure Ron Harger/WD8BCS, Under 22 Director Corey Bullock/KD8BOQ, Director Don McLain/KB8RAD and Director Erv Bates/W8ERV. Also present were Morgan/KD8IWT, Greg Mulder/WB8LZG, and Dan Harger/W8BCI.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the scope was made by ERV/W8ERV and seconded by Corey/KD8BOQ and approved. A motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed in the scope was made by Corey/KD8BOQ and seconded by Morgan/KD8IWT and approved.

Julie/KB8ZXR gave Sharon/KD8HHK a flyer that Shannon had sent and Julie/KB8ZXR had printed it out for her. Shannon had asked how much could be spent on cake flowers and entertainment. 300.00 dollars is the amount for Ladies Night which includes the following, 45.00+- for a plaque, 55.00+- for flowers, 20.00+- for a cake, 175+- for entertainment probably a little more this year. Erv/W8ERV made a motion that we set a budget of 300.00 for Ladies Night. Seconded by Ron/WD8BCS, and approved.

Greg/WB8LZG has checked into Diamondale park (there is a

E.O.C is at one end of the park) for field day was discussed. If we use the park in Diamondale although we cannot interfere with activities on Sunday. Ron/WD8BCS there will be a field day meeting on Tuesday to make a decision on the field day location. Ron/WD8BCS is also looking into Gardener Middle School.

Erv/W8ERV brought in 549 mailing labels that he got from the ARRL for hams in the greater Lansing area. He is planning on sending out about 100 letters a month, labels for CMARC members and silent keys will not be mailed out.

With all business concluded, Erv/W8ERV made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron/WD8BCS and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:31 p.m.

John Hosford/KC8QZXB
– Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2009

President Sharon Waite/KD8HHK called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed both our members and those visiting with us tonight. We had a moment of silence in memory of our "Silent Keys".

ATTENDANCE: There were 53 people in attendance (45 members and 8 visitors). Our guests were: Mary Tillotson Tony Jones/N8TSP, Chris Ranes/KC8CAJ, Sharron Ranes, Tim Acker/WB8NXG, Jean Devendorf, Jean Devendorf, Ed

Hartwick/KC8NQM, and Luke Sandel/N8CLS.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: Greg Mulder/WB8LZG made two DX contacts and Don Defeyter/KC8CY made several contacts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion to accept the February Secretary's Report as printed in the March SCOPE was made by Gerry/KD8GLN seconded by Erv/W8ERV and approved. A motion to accept the February Treasurer's report as printed in the March SCOPE was made by Jim/KC8QWH, seconded by Dave/K8QH and approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Ladies Night will be at Delhi Cafe from 6pm to 9pm. Bob/K8RDN reported that there is a new certificate from the ARRL that can be earned. The Michigan QSO party(hf) will be on April 18 2009. Marshall Hamfest will be on March 14 2009, Skywarn is tomorrow March 7, 2009, Jane and George said thank you for the cards and flowers when Jane was in the hospital.

UNDER 22 REPORT: Corey Bullock/KD9BOQ reported that the first MRAY net took place 3 weeks ago on the Grand Rapids link system, he had a check in from Sault Ste Marie.

50/50 DRAWING: Erv/W8ERV won \$10.00 in tonight's drawing.

BREAK [Sec. Note: Thank you to all who helped with the goodies—your contributions are always GREATLY appreci-

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ated!]

MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER: Erv/W8ERV was our speaker for the evening. He put on an interesting program on internet webpages. With all business being concluded, we adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

John Hosford/KC8QZXB
– Secretary

ARPSC Meeting Minutes February 16, 2009

Call to Order

- * Meeting called to order at 19:06 hrs by Dennis Boone (KB8ZQZK)
- * 15 members in attendance, 2 visitors

Old Business

1. No update on D-Star. Discussion followed on the deployment of D-Star within Michigan and several persons noted D-Star equipment is now appearing on eBay.

2. No activity on MEPIN due to lack of time.

3. Two sirens in Meridian were tested this month but the Delhi sirens remain off-line. Dave (KD8JBB) advised they are changing the signaling format to resolve the interference that was activating the sirens. March's siren test will occur during the Skywarn training so there may be a limited number of persons available for monitoring.

4. No update on printing the Lansing ID cards. We're still being told the printer is broken.

New Business

1. Ben (WX8BEN) has been

identifying StormSpotter locations in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton Co. but has not completed the list.

2. Tom (KC8NJK) and Dennis (KB8ZQZ) submitted a "wish list" to Trent Atkins. Initial observation would indicate the funds may no longer be available but we will wait for feedback from Trent.

3. The Monday ARPSC nets continue to go well. 3/23 and 3/30 are still open. Contact Don (KB8RAD) to schedule a NCS or training session.

4. a) Jim (KC8QWH) and Kurt (KC8QYV) attended an abbreviated "Damage Assessment" class taught by MSP EMD. A training manual was passed around for all to review.

5. 5 persons volunteered to bring wireless laptops to the Skywarn training for registration similar to last year. Dennis (KB8ZQZ) to contact Ben (WX8BEN) regarding final preparations. Over 165 persons have registered for the training session. The class capacity is set at 200.

AEC Business

1. Jim (KC8QWH) reported Tom is under pressure to revoke the RACES cards of members who've not completed the required training.

2. Jeremiah (KC8EIA) will send out a list of upcoming Public Service events. Please watch your e-mail box and the LARPSC web site.

3. Bill (WD8NYW) discussed the news release he's written for the Skywarn training. After discussion in the room, it was decided to not distribute the news release. The number of open chairs for the training is few and word was received that Rob Dale will probably make a comment on his weather cast regarding the class which will probably produce more interested persons than

available class seats.

4. Troy (W8TCC) discussed splitting the APRS and Packet duties to avoid APRS being minimized while he continues to work on getting Packet up and stable. No one offered to take over the APRS activity at this time. Troy is working to keep the Packet station in service at the Clinton Co. Sheriff Dept. The equipment belongs to QMN. He is working on a way to transfer it from one 501C organization to another organization.

Adjournment: 1945

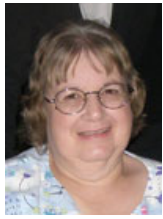
Training

Bob (K8RDN) gave a report on the State EOC amateur radio station and facilities. He noted there are several state nets for the purpose of moving traffic around the state. During the last Michigan QSO party he manned the CW station while someone else ran HF. With only 5 hours of contesting, they placed 3rd in the state using the EOC station! John (WB8RCR), ARRL Michigan Section Emergency Coordinator continues to work on improving the capabilities of the station.

NEXT MEETING: Monday March 16th, 2009 at the Lansing E.O.C.

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Ladies of CMARC News



Tea Time Luncheon Wrap-Up

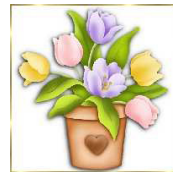
by Julie McLain, KB8ZXR

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Seven Ladies attended the Ladies Tea Time Luncheon held on Saturday, March 28th, at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store in Lansing. We had lots of fun visiting together while we enjoyed our meals and after we were done eating, we took delight in browsing through the Old Country Store together!

If you have been reading about all the fun we have and would like to join us for one of our luncheons, please be sure to circle Saturday, April 25th on your calendar! That's the date of our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon, and this time we're going to Applebee's Restaurant located at 6270 S. Cedar Street in Lansing (12:30 p.m.). Remember Ladies, you don't have to be a Ham to join us for these monthly Luncheons. . . you just need to enjoy food, fellowship and fun!! If you're not on our mailing list and would like to be, just contact Julie McLain, KB8ZXR at (517) 694-0812 or at KB8ZXR@aol.com. For more info on the Ladies Tea Time Luncheons, you can check out the "SCOPE" or the CMARC Website at www.centralmiarc.com.



*Please be sure to join us on Saturday, April 25th
At 12:30 p.m. for our Ladies Tea Time Luncheon.*

*We will be meeting at Applebee's Restaurant,
Located at 6270 South Cedar Street in Lansing.
Remember, we're just a group of Ladies who love
To get together. Some of us have our Ham Licenses
And some of us don't, but all that really matters is
That we like to visit with each other and have FUN!
For reservations, please contact Julie McLain/KB8ZXR
By Friday (April 24th) at 694-0812 or KB8ZXR@aol.com*



Teen Talk

by Corey Bullock, KD8BQ

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Here's the struggle. You often have to lose one thing in order to gain another. That's the stage that we seem to be going through right now and quite honestly, I'm okay with that. Since going state-wide with the Central Michigan Youth Net, and creating the MRAY Net (Michigan Radio Amateur Youth Net) we have seen lower numbers. Of course, I'm used to getting higher numbers above twenty almost every week. So this is a strange transition for me as Net Coordinator. It's hard trying to start over and build up attention towards the net again, but everybody has to start small. It's just going to take the hard work of every Ham throughout the state to mention the net to as many other Hams as possible. We need them to tell any young hams they know and get their unlicensed youth out there as well. Until word spreads, we're having a blast with the amount of people we talk to every week and are coming up with some interesting topics.

The first week I took the MRAY Net was on the air it was an incredible awesome night. We had a fair amount of check ins and it was obviously an exciting night for me. I did struggle with some radio problems and have since had THREE different radios freak out on me. OH WELL. Fixing whatever problem there is will happen and I don't think it is a problem with each individual radio, probably the power supply. Aside from that there were a few comments made after the net that would probably have gotten any other Net Coordinator fired up. But not me.

I don't mean to sound rude in saying this, but I honestly don't care if someone thinks that our net is too long, or that I'm "long winded", because the fact is I am long winded and the net is long. But instead of complaining about it or seeing it as a negative aspect, I'm using it as a positive attribute to help us out. I spend a few minutes with each check in, talking back and forth with them. I create a relationship with them, a friendship that makes them more comfortable on the air. It brings people back each week and they are more comfortable talking State-Wide each week. Now, if that success means people calling me long winded or stating that the net lasts too long, I say fine by me. I'm not there to please everyone, and I didn't start up the "Michigan Adult Complaint Net". I am there every week for the youth and that's what I will continue to do.

I appreciate everyone who has been so helpful checking in each week and I am truly excited with where we are going with this. Please spread the word and let people know we are there EVERY Thursday at 7:00 pm on the W8HVG Link Repeater system (locally in Lansing the repeater is 145.47) and let's get some more youth out there! There are exciting things to come from the MRAY Network and I want everyone to stay up to date with it. The website is still in the works and more and more is being added to it all the time. Please check back often and you will learn more. Visit us at: <http://tinyurl.com/mraynetwork> and find out what is going on. Also, please give me feedback about anything and everything we are doing. Feel free to contact me anytime. Thanks very much, and we'll see what happens in April!

73,

Corey

Corey's almost
set for summer!



Local & Special Interest News

CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 354.92
Business Checking	\$ 715.86
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/12/09)	\$1790.76

Net Worth as of 2/28/09	\$2861.54
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 3/23/09)	\$ 148.00

*separate from CMARC Funds

Submitted,
Ron Harger, WD8BCS
CMARC Treasurer



Upcoming Events

March of Dimes Walk April 25, 2009 8am at Riverfront Park, Lansing 146.940 Repeater

MS Walk May 3, 2009 8am at Potter Park Zoo, Lansing 146.940 Repeater

Cystic Fibrosis Walk June 7, 2009 12 Noon at DeWitt Park (Repeater to be Announced)

MS 150 Bike-A-Thon July 11, 12, 2009 (time to be determined) Across Mid-Michigan on Multiple Repeaters

The 2009 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

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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 7:00pm - Central Michigan Slow scan Net. Join Carl (K8YHH) for this weekly gathering on the 146.700 repeater. All are welcome to attend.

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 7:00pm - ARPSC Net. Don (KB8RAD) 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. (NO NET ON MEETING NIGHT)

Tuesday 7:00pm - 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 7:00pm - Michigan Radio Amateur Youth (MRAY) Net, with Corey (KD8BOQ). If you are Under 22, drop in to the 145.470 (-) (100hz PL) repeater and say hi. Corey promises LOTS of information and fun for the young people of Michigan. Sounds like a good Net to visit!

As with all Nets, 3rd party checkins must have Control Operator present at checkin time.

VE Testing & Special Announcements

Lansing V.E. Testing Session #1

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 9, 2009

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



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SKYWARN Training At LCC A Huge Success

Many hours of preparation has paid off for the Lansing ARPSC Group and Ben Holcomb (WX8BEN). The joint effort between Lansing's Emergency Management, the Lansing CERT Team and our ARPSC group packed out the room at LCC's West Campus on March 7th. Hat's off to EVERYONE at LCC for their hospitality again this year! Especially John Imeson (N8JI).

The 2009 training program gave us all a chance to welcome NOAA (Grand Rapids) new Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Jamie Bielinski. Jamie replaces Mike Heathfield and her presentation was stellar, as she mixed solid information with fun and some humor.

Our second half of the training came from former WLNS-TV6 Meteorologist, Rob Dale (N8GSK). Rob has taken the reins at Eaton County's Office of Emergency Management, at its Regional Planner and we wish him the very best in his new position.

Thanks to EVERYONE that made this class a complete success...Ben Holcomb, Tom Shaver, John Imeson, LCC, Trent Atkins, and everyone behind the scenes!

Lansing VE Session #2

Tuesday April 7th - 7pm

Lansing Police Dept., South Precinct,
3400 S. Cedar St., Lansing
Downstairs, Sm. Conf. Room
(Lansing VE Team)

Contact: Don McLain (KB8RAD)
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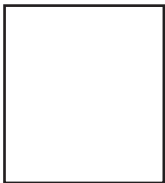
Eaton County VE Session

Saturday April 11th - 12pm

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

Contact: Mark Korroch (WB8TGY)
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