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And the Winner Is.....FINALLY!

KI8C Takes Ziegenbein



Richard McGuire (KI8C) was honored tonight, as the 2008 recipient of the Ziegenbein Award. The presentation was overdue, because Dick did not make it to this years' Ladies Night event, so the Committee held onto the plaque until tonight's meeting.

Past CMARC President, Roger Barnhill (AB8RX) praised Dick for his tireless work on behalf of CMARC, having served on the Board, as well as in other capacities. But he also talked about his dedication to the Lansing Chapter of the American Red Cross and his work in the Jackson area on the VE Team. As I said, recognition that was long overdue.

McGuire was obviously surprised by his selection and had very little to say, but he did manage to thank the CMARC members who nominated him, as well as the Ziegenbein Committee, who chose

him to receive Our Club's Highest Honor.

"I'm not normally left speechless, as most of you know, but I can't believe this", McGuire said. "Thank you so much".

As is customary with the process, Dick will now join the Ziegenbein Committee and will assist in the process of recipient selection over the next three years. He replaces Don De Feyter (KC8CY).

Following the presentation, Roger (AB8RX) said Dick had been "overlooked" in the past, mostly because the work he does is not done with any fanfare. And he noted that, while this years' selection process was not easy (it never is), there were many nominees deserving of recognition. He added that there were even some nominees in the mix for a second Ziegenbein Award, something we have not seen, thus far.

And so, to Richard McGuire (KI8C), our 2008 Ziegenbein Winner.....we tip our hats, we say "Thank you" and you have every reason to enjoy this honor. You have worked hard and the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club is a better group for having you in its membership.

CONGRATULATIONS, DICK!

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For Your Consideration

I initially wrote portions of this column more than a month ago, because I had a feeling who the recipient of the 2008 Ziegenbein Award would be....and I was wrong. But let me assure you that I am excited beyond belief that Dick McGuire (K18C) was the winner. And frankly, after I was reminded of the many things Dick has done for our Club and Amateur Radio and the American Red Cross, I agreed that it was about time he was recognized.

Allow me to go back in time....oh, say about 11 years, or so (I'm not quite sure of the date), but I remember Dick and his lovely wife Sue coming to our CMARC meeting and then joining that evening, because, "We felt so welcome here". There is no finer testimony to what our Club has accomplished than that statement, my friends. And....some 11 years later....I got to hear something very similar from our own Carl Canfield (K8YHH).

Carl said that we ought to take the time to "extend the right hand of fellowship" to our visitors, but he didn't stop there. He also encouraged fellow CMARC members to take a proactive role in welcoming and mentoring the youth of our Club. Now that, my friends, is a recipe for success if I have ever heard one. But I can tell you that Carl lives what he preaches, because I can still recall my first contact with him on the local repeater, way back in 1994....mere weeks after I had received my Technician Class license.

"Say your callsign slowly", he said. "Fly it like a flag....fly it like you're proud of it, because there is only one callsign like yours". Those words have stuck with me and I pass them on to other young Hams when I get the chance.

For those who wonder and have asked what made CMARC so special in the late 1990's, these core beliefs are what I point to. It is not any one person, it is the overall group that drives us to succeed. When people see the growth and involvement of our once tiny little group....a Club so close to disbanding not that long ago that the memory is still fresh in their minds....it stirs them.

But it takes people like Carl Canfield, Dick McGuire, Don Tillitson, Bill Cote, Ron Harger, Roger Barnhill, Corey Bullock and many, many others too numerous to list here. It takes desire, care, encouragement and a little splash of love to make a Club prosper....and we're doing it. It's no secret, folks. We just happen to be VERY good at it!

73, Erv

Field Day 2009...It's a CMARC Thing!

What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born in Dowagiac, Michigan and grew up in Fenton where I graduated from High School. I went on to attend Ferris State University in Big Rapids and then Mott Community College in Flint. I have one older sister named Dian. My interest in Radio began with CB when I was quite young, and one truly memorable highlight was listening to the sounds of my Dad working numerous states and countries as his CB beams surfed the world. Recently, I discovered that my 12-year old grandson displayed a great interest in electronics and radio so I suggested we try to get our Amateur Radio licenses. He was all for it and after studying, we both passed our Technician exams on June 21, 2008 at Mott Community College in Fenton. About two months later on August 16, we passed our Generals and now we're studying again to get our Extra licenses.

I really enjoy working 2-meters along with HF and after I retire, I want to learn CW. I'm involved with SKYWARN and belong to CMARC and FAARA (Fenton Area Amateur Radio Association). My equipment is the result of being blessed with two great Amateur Radio operators who encouraged and mentored me. Scott (WX1J), my Brother-in-Law, is responsible for setting me up with the ICOM-730 HF, MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II, MFJ 25-Amp power supply and G5RV Inverted V antenna (48 feet above ground). Alan (KI8GB), my cousin by marriage, made me an offer I couldn't refuse by giving me a great price on a Kenwood 570D HF and Cushcraft A3S Beam (installation pending). He even let me "store" his Kenwood 732A 2m/440 fed into a Q-Stick antenna (15' high). I also have a Cushcraft 13B2 (30' above ground).

My sweetheart and I met in General Business class in High School when she was transferred from another school. I was 16, she was 15, and as I gazed across the room at her (obviously paying more attention to her than to my teacher), I was already developing a plan by which I could get enough courage to talk with her. Well, I actually ended up asking her out through the help of a friend and the rest is history. In 1970, three High School Proms later, we were married and this year we'll celebrate our 39th Wedding Anniversary. We have three children and three grandchildren and we enjoy spending as much time with them as possible. I've been employed in the Automotive Fastener Industry for 28 years and for the past 13 years, I've worked for Dexter Fastener Technologies Inc. in Dexter as a Materials Planning Manager. I have many interests including RC aircraft, mountain biking and track and field events.

When asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio I responded by saying, "Whether you're new to Ham Radio or you've had your license for years, most of us will agree that it's a great hobby! It's an interesting way to meet friendly people around the world and a great way to stretch your mind and enter the world that combines radio, satellites, computers and electronics. Also, to say that I belong to a great Ham Radio club would be an understatement. CMARC, without a doubt, has restored my faith in good old family-like friendships. As you will see from the CMARC history page on their website, this is not just another Amateur Radio club. Friendly people are the cornerstone at CMARC. They take great pride welcoming new Hams into the wonderful world of radio communication. From repeater use to HF contests and help with FAQ's, you will find there is something for everyone. Each monthly meeting is full of anticipation because it is filled with good people, good food and generally includes a presentation that highlights some aspect of Amateur Radio or Amateur Radio service.

There, now that we've become a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is KD8IWS and my name is Curt Mosher. My Grandson is Morgan Mosher KD8IWT.

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...First Look

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"Mr. Nelson...I'm afraid you will have to leave the air for a while during this procedure."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

6/1 – Paul Rowe (AB8VN)
6/4 – Marv & June Summer Anniv.
6/6 – Alan Shaw (WB8YOX)
6/8 – Jason Southwell (K8JDS)
6/8 – Robert Strobel (KB8DQQ)
6/10 – Connie Hoyland
6/10 – Vic Jackson (W9NDM)
6/14 – Troy Creed & YL Anniv.
6/15 – Wayne Conklin (W8QG)
6/17 – Jerry Waite (KD8GLN)
6/18 – Mike Perez (N8OUN)
6/22 – Ron & Marybeth Harger Anniv.
6/24 – Keith Colister (K8CWQ)
6/24 – Max Grove (W8BDR)
6/24 – Curt Mosher (KD8IWS)
6/24 – Garry & Marie Watson Anniv.
6/25 – Gregg Mulder (WB8LZG)
6/25 – Keith & Bonnie Coliser Anniv.
6/27 – Ron Harger (WD8BCS)
6/27 – Ron & Sue St. Laurent Anniv.

Memories of Mom Cookbooks on Sale Reduced to Only \$5.00

We still have more than 100 copies of the 'Memories of Mom' cookbook 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, even at the reduced price!

If you are a member of a local Church, or other organization, please consider taking a few and offer them to your friends. With all the good recipes in there, these cookbooks really do sell themselves. If you don't believe me, just start telling someone about Gloria Cote's Peanut Butter Sheetcake and see if you don't sell one...or two....or five!

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 ~ 1987



That tall drink o' water is none other than Don Tillitson (WB8NUS) with John 'Tiny' Hewitt. Don was the 1987 Ziegenbein Award recipient

Field Day Planning Meeting

May Field Day Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 27th, 2009
1900hr at 5625 South Cedar
Street, Lansing

In Attendance:

Ben-WX8BEN, Bill-WD8NYW,
Bob-K8RDN, Corey-KD8BOQ,
Dave-K8QH, Don-WB8PPB,
Erv-W8ERV, Gregg-WB8LZG,
Jerry-KD8GLN, Jim-KA8DDQ,
Jim-W8JRL, John-KC8QZB,
Linda-K8LCC, Ron-WD8BCS,
Sharon-KD8HHK, Wayne-W8QG

Canopy Setup/Teardown:

7 helpers are signed up so far.
More would definitely be appreciated! Setup will be Friday June 26th 5pm-8pm.

GOTA :

Hours will be Sat 1400-2300;
Sun 0600-1400. Corey, Erv and
Ron will have an ant build session prior to Field Day, a multi-band dipole will be assembled.

VE Session:

Saturday 1500-1700. Several
have already signed up for testing. 2 tables and 7 chairs will be required and Jim-W8JRL will bring a tent as well.

Network Logging:

Testing was completed on Sunday May 31st.

Signage:

New CMARC Club and Field Day signs to be unveiled at the June meeting. On Field Day they will

be deployed inside the entrance to Gardner Middle Sch. One additional small sign will be made to go at the south end of the drive at the stop sign.

Two Meter Talkin:

Looking for volunteers familiar with the location to monitor 145.39 to assist with talkin. A sign up sheet will be at the June meeting.

Tables/Chairs:

John will get with Don Cote to confirm availability from the church. Bob K8RDN volunteered his trailer to help move them.

Site Walk Thru:

Approx 4" of rain fell during the meeting, several members did a post meeting walk thru after. High spots were selected for the operating positions and other canopies. Conditions were good considering the deluge.

Station Readiness:

Wayne provided a detailed sheet outlining all equipment and who was responsible for supplying each item. Operator sign up sheets will be at the June meeting.

Food/Picnic:

Linda provided menu details and there will be a potluck signup sheet at the June meeting. Also an application to Meijer for \$100 donation was submitted. At the time the minutes were written the request had been approved! Thank you Linda for making that effort!

Schedule of Events

SATURDAY

8a	Breakfast
9a-2p	Station Setup
Noon	Lunch
2p	Operation Begins
3p-4p	Training Session: Fox Hunt!
3p-5p	VE Testing Session
4p-5p	Club Picnic
5p-5:30p	Picnic Cleanup

SUNDAY

8a	Breakfast
Noon	Lunch
2p	Operating Ceases
2:05p	Seed Spitting Contest
2:30p-5p	Teardown

*submitted by John (KC8QZB) &
Ron (WD8BCS)*



Breaking News from CMARC

CMARC Adopts New Membership Pricing Structure, LIFE Memberships Available with Prepayment thru December 31st and Hams UNDER 18 Join FREE of Charge

The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club is about to take a quantum leap towards revolutionizing Ham Radio Club membership. In a stunning turn of events at the June 5th CMARC meeting, members approved FREE membership for Hams under the age of 18, Prepayment of LIFE Memberships through the end of 2009 and an increase in membership dues, effective January 1, 2010.

Here are the details for each of the new policies...

Effective immediately, ALL newly licensed Amateurs are eligible for one year of FREE membership to the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club. Membership must be requested within 30 days of getting licensed and must be accompanied by a copy of the CSCE.

Effective immediately, ALL licensed Amateur Radio Operators under the age of 18 are eligible for FREE membership to the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club. There was a great deal of discussion and members agreed that if we are to attract younger members of the Hobby, we must do something to get their attention. The idea, put forth by Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) and modified to include free membership, until age 18, by Jim Hannahs (KC8QWH), drew strong support from young and older members alike. Everyone agreed that this was a bold move in the right direction and, while the youth would come in free, it might generate interest in their parents to come aboard, as well.

Effective from now, until December 31, 2009 ALL CMARC members under the age of 65 are being offered an opportunity to purchase LIFE Membership in the Club. This measure was discussed at great length and members decided that the formula will operate as follows: Anyone under 65 can pay the difference between their age and 65, at the rate of \$10 per year. For example, Erv is 44 years old and to meet the requirement, he would need to pay for 21 years' worth of membership at \$10 per year, or \$210 total. For older members who have only been at CMARC a short time, a minimum of 10 years' membership must be satisfied. For example, Carl is 62 years old, but has only been a member of CMARC for 6 years. To satisfy the requirement, Carl would pay \$40, or 4 years' worth of membership dues.

Beginning January 1 2010, CMARC membership dues will be as follows: Under 18 FREE (see above), 18 years and older \$15 and Associate Memberships will continue to be only \$5. All of those in attendance agreed that, since membership dues had not risen in nearly 20 years, some adjustment was in order. They were considerate and cautious not to go too far, however, because we don't want to see anyone leave the Club. The costs of operating the Club itself have risen quite considerably and everyone can understand a small increase like this.

The LIFE memberships being offered will hopefully generate some much needed additional cash, so that other peripheral needs, such as Insurance, etc. can be met, without hitting the general fund to pay it. If you have questions, please email Erv (W8ERV) at w8erv@acd.net and please pass the word.



Welcome aboard, Sean. Sean Fisher (KD8LDM) is CMARC's newest member and the first FREE Under 18 member, following June 5th's dramatic adjustment to CMARC's Membership Dues

Breaking News from CMARC 2

New Banners Arrive At CMARC Just in Time For Field Day



With the 2009 ARRL Field Day just around the corner, CMARC members got their first look at the brand new banners they approved recently. Under 22 Director, Corey Bulock (KD8BOQ) and Under 22 Asst. Director, Morgan Mosher (KD8IWT) unveiled the banners at the June 5th meeting in Lansing to the delight of everyone in attendance.

The larger of the two banners will be used at all CMARC functions, including but not limited to Field Day and of course, the Field Day banner will really be an eye catcher for those heading to the site, or the general public. CMARC Director, Erv Bates (W8ERV) said the banners were selected, based on their longevity, noting that they were rated for outdoor use for a period of two years continuously. "It was a necessary expense", he said. "The banners are both professional-looking and attractive to CMARC members and anyone else who may see them".

Signs by Tomorrow, located at 2824 E. Grand River did the work for us on these banners and Erv suggested anyone getting needing graphics, or banners, consider utilizing them for the work. He added that the Management at Signs by Tomorrow gave CMARC a tremendous deal, cutting over \$125 off the original quote.

Erv said the design idea was a collaborative work between CMARC Treasurer, Ron Harger (WD8BCS) and himself. "We met at A&W in Mason, scribbled some ideas on paper and two hours later, we had a workable proof to hand in. It was a lot of fun and I think these banners really pop!"

We'll get a chance to deploy the new banners on June 27th and 28th, during Field Day at Gardner Middle School. When you come out for the CMARC picnic, give them a look!

**It's Time To Get
Radio Active...**

**Bring a Friend and
Show Them What**

**Amateur Radio
Is All About!**

*Ham Radio...it's not just
for grown-ups anymore!*

Bits N Bytes...Second Look

Sending A QSL Card Direct

Sometimes we find that the QSL bureau or Logbook of The World may not be able to meet our needs when it comes to getting that much sought after QSL card. The radio amateur in the country from which we want a QSL card may not have a QSL bureau, or we may lack the patience to wait for a card as it takes a slow journey through the hands of many volunteer workers in the QSL bureau system. For whatever reason, there are times when we may choose to go the direct route.

When sending a QSL direct you will pay the postage for both directions. Traditionally hams have relied on "green stamps" (US Dollars) or the IRC (International Reply Coupon) to cover the return postage. An IRC is a coupon that a customer can take to the local post office and exchange it for one unit of first class air mail postage. Currently in the United States an IRC will cost \$2.10, but your local post office may not be familiar with this product and may not have them in stock. Not all countries participate in the IRC program. <http://www.upu.int/irc/en/index.shtml>

Unfortunately in some countries mail to radio amateurs is targeted for theft by dishonest postal workers. It has become common knowledge among this crowd that these envelopes may contain currency or other valuable items. Be-

cause currency and IRCs can be stolen and possession of foreign currency in some countries is illegal many hams use foreign postage stamps to cover the return shipping cost.

There are many good reasons to supply foreign postage stamps on an envelope (SASE - stamped self-addressed envelope) when sending QSL cards overseas. Buying foreign postage is often less expensive than the oft-requested two green stamps or a single IRC. The SASE makes it easier for the DX operator because he does not have to exchange currency or use the coupon to purchase a stamp. He simply fills out the QSL card, puts in the envelope that you supplied and sticks it in the mail. Most of us who use this method have a 99.99% rate of return on QSL cards. (There will always be that one in a thousand who does not return a card no matter how easy you make it for them.)

Unlike currency or IRCs, a self addressed envelope stamped with postage of the recipient's country can only be used to send a card to you.

Acquiring foreign postage stamps is easy. There are several stamp dealers who specialize in foreign postage stamps. You may have a local dealer, but if not, here are two dealers with good track records. These folks are familiar with the needs of the DXing radio amateur and can

supply mailer and nesting envelopes and other supplies.

Everyone Can Use An Elmer

When we hear the term Elmer used in Amateur radio circles most of us will conjure up a scene reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting where a grandfatherly character patiently offers guidance to a youngster at a workbench.

Chances are that if your club has a membership who came from the era when we dipped the plate and monitored grid current then chances are that there are many opportunities for Elmering when it comes to the digital aspects of modern Amateur Radio.

No longer are radio controls right out in front. Extensive menus and multi-function controls are used to access the multitude of features and enhancements of modern transceivers. Other standard features in the ham shack today include computer software for logging, awards tracking, rig control and, of course, Logbook of The World. All are areas in which many of us could use a tutorial to enhance the enjoyment of an already great hobby.

Perhaps at your next club meeting the emphasis can be on mentoring the not-so-new ham as well as the newer folks. Demonstrate popular software programs used in ham shacks

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today by using a laptop computer and a projector. If you are fortunate enough to have an internet connection at your meeting hall then you can have a live demonstration of ARRL's Logbook of The World. The next best thing to a live LoTW demo is to use the PowerPoint slideshow "LoTW Overview" which is available free along with many other programs from the ARRL Multimedia Library www.arrl.org/multimedia

ARRL FIELD DAY TIPS AND TECHNIQUES THAT EVERYONE CAN USE

Many amateurs treat ARRL Field Day (June 27-28) as a contest, even though it isn't one <http://www.arrl.org/fieldday>. But if your idea of Field Day fun is to go for the highest score possible, ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, offered the following suggestions at the ARRL Field Day Forum at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention.

1) You will get many more stations in your log by calling CQ than by tuning the dial and answering CQs; however, if you're calling CQ and not getting any replies, keep calling. Most major contesters call CQ for several minutes at a time before giving up. Giving up after three or four CQs is giving up too soon.

2) Keep your CQs short and to the point: "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, Field Day." Wait about 5 seconds between CQs -- this

gives stations enough time to answer you.

3) Use standard phonetics. "Cute" phonetics don't always get through and they can confuse newer operators.

4) When working a station, you should give your exchange information only once and keep it simple. "Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, copy three Foxtrot Connecticut, QSL?" If they didn't get all of the exchange, they will ask for a repeat.

5) If you are running a pileup: Once you have pulled a call out of the pileup, give your exchange information first. Here's an example: "Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, copy 3F Connecticut, QSL?" Don't ask for the calling station's information first -- this will reduce any sense of rhythm and timing in the pileup.

6) If you get a pileup of stations and can't make out an entire call, listen for one letter and ask for it specifically: "The station with Delta only, go ahead."

7) When you get the other station's information, keep your acknowledgment simple. "QSL, thanks, QRZ Field Day from Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey."

8) Find a comfortable pace for you and maintain that pace. You will tire quickly if you are screaming into the microphone or trying to work stations too quickly. This leads to inefficiency.

9) Use a headset with a boom microphone and a foot switch -- this frees up your hands to log QSOs. Writing or typing with a mike in your hand slows you down.

10) Go for as many bonus points as you possibly can. Numerous opportunities exist, from copying the Field Day message to sending traffic to using natural power for QSOs.

These tips should help maximize your score on Field Day. Remember: No matter how you choose to enjoy Field Day, maximize your fun, however you define it.

With thanks and credit to the ARRL Letter, as well as the ARRL Club Letter for these timely tips and tricks. We will feature items like these as space permits.

For Sale

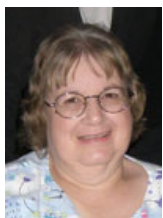
I have a Hygain 2m, 14 element yagi for sale. Hit those repeaters you've been missing with this powerful antenna.

Only \$40.00

Please call Gregg
(WB8LZG)

646-6257

Ladies of CMARC News



Tea Time Luncheon Wrap-Up

by Julie McLain, KB8ZXR

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We had a lot of fun on Saturday, May 16th as eight of us Ladies gathered together at the Texas Roadhouse in Lansing. Not only did we enjoy a delicious meal, but we also had our usual good time of sharing in conversation and laughter. The only thing missing from the occasion was YOU! Ladies.

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, June 20th on your calendar! That's the date of our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon, and this time we're going to DeLuca's Restaurant on 2006 W. Willow St. in Lansing. 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 any Ladies Tea Time Luncheon be sure to check out the "SCOPE" or the CMARC Website: www.centralmiarc.com.

~Julie McLain, KB8ZXR

Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Coordinator



JUNE'S LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON

Please Join Us Saturday, June 20th at 12:30 P.M. For Our Next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon. We Will Be Meeting at DeLuca's Restaurant

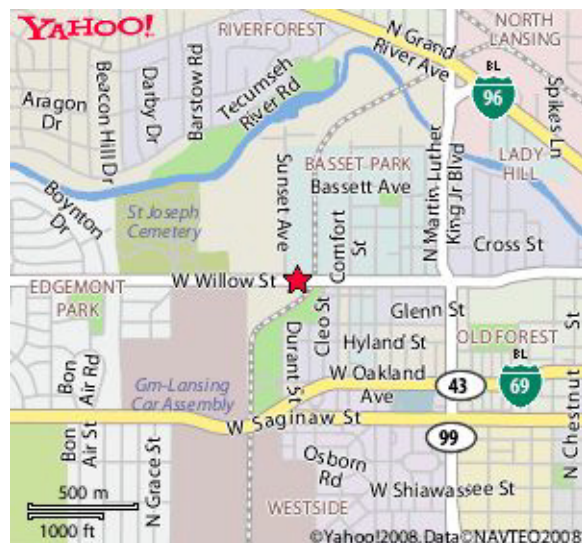
Located at 2006 W. Willow St. in Lansing.

Remember Ladies, You Don't Need a Ham License To Take Part in Our Get-togethers. You Only Need to Enjoy Food, Fun and Fellowship! To Guarantee Seating, Please RSVP by Friday, June 19th

By Calling Julie McLain at: (517) 694-0812 or E-Mail Me at KB8ZXR@AOL.COM

~Julie McLain, KB8ZXR

Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Coordinator



Teen Talk

by Corey Bullock, KD8BOQ
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The great part about having incredibly kind people in this hobby that they can help you when you need it. That's exactly what I have requested of EVERY HAM IN MICHIGAN.

In this Teen Talk, I have added a copy of the flyer that I recently sent out to all the club contacts throughout the state. With a request that they send this MRAY flyer out to their club members. This new marketing idea for the MRAY Network will hopefully stir interest and help pass the word out to the young hams across the state and their parents as well. I know this Network can succeed if it only grows first. Just like I have requested the help of other clubs, I also need the help of Hams here in Lansing. If every ham forwarded this flyer to just ONE other ham they know, the word could eventually reach hundreds of young hams in the state. I don't think many could disagree that it would be amazing to hear 50 to 100 young hams on the net each week. Please help me out by forwarding this on and getting the young hams you know on the net, or even your kids out the third party. It helps more than you know!



MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEUR YOUTH NET

<http://tinyurl.com/mraynetwork>



The MRAY Net can be found on the 2-meter W8HVG Link Repeater System (<http://www.w8hvg.org/>) every Thursday night at 7 PM with Net Control Corey KD8BOQ.



All licensed Amateur check-ins under the age of 22 are welcome!! Even interested non-Ham Youth are encouraged to join us by way of Third-Party Participation, with the help of a licensed Parent or other Ham. If you have young people in your Club, family, or even neighborhood, please help secure the future of Amateur Radio by getting these kids out on the air. In this way, you can do your part in making sure that Amateur Radio will be there to pass on to the next generation. Whether they are licensed or not, you can promote Ham Radio and guarantee it's survival by encouraging the young people in your life to check into the MRAY Net every Thursday night at 7 PM.

Please help them have fun enjoying the good, clean Hobby that you've had the privilege to be a part of. Remember—the Youth are the FUTURE of Ham Radio.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!
Contact: Corey J. Bullock KD8BOQ
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kd8boq@gmail.com

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This call of help to my helpful hams here in Lansing is a request that I know will be met. There are a lot of great people in the hobby, but we have some of the best right here at CMARC! Thanks for ev-

73, Corey

Local & Special Interest News

CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund) \$ 354.95
Business Checking \$ 196.18
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/12/09) \$1797.98

Net Worth as of 4/30/09 \$2497.11
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 4/30/09) \$ 148.00

**separate from CMARC Funds*

Submitted,
Ron Harger, WD8BCS
CMARC Treasurer



Upcoming Events

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

The SCOPE is published by the CENTRAL MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB in association with the LANSING CIVIL DEFENSE REPEATER ASSOCIATION.

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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.
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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. This NET has been cancelled until Fall, per Carl (K8YHH). Enjoy the Summer, guys and gals!

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 July 11, 2009

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

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!

Sunday Slow Scan Net Cancelled Until Fall 2009

Carl Canfield contacted me recently to inform me that, effective immediately, the Sunday evening Slow Scan Net has been put in mothballs, until Fall. Carl has had this Net since April of last year and he's decided that the Summer months should be enjoyed, so he has made this decision.

Frankly, I think he wants to ride his motorcycle, but who am I? 73, Carl and see you on the air-back at post in the Fall.

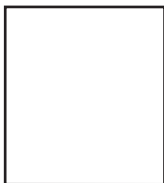
Lansing VE Session #2

Tuesday June 2nd - 7pm
Lansing Police Dept., South Precinct,
3400 S. Cedar St., Lansing
Downstairs, Sm. Conf. Room
(Lansing VE Team)
Contact: Don McLain (KB8RAD)
phone: (517) 694-0812

Eaton County VE Session

Saturday June 13th - 12pm
Eaton Co. Sheriif Dept.-EOC,
1025 Independence Blvd.,
Charlotte 48813
(Eaton Co. ARC)
Contact: Mark Korroch (WB8TGY)
phone: (517) 645-2378





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