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## Happy 100th-Inez Comes of Age



It's an event that only occurs once in a lifetime, IF you are fortunate enough to make it and on Sunday, July 5th, Inez Pearson (KY8V) celebrated her 100th birthday at an Open House held in her honor. The weather could not have been more perfect, with temperatures in the mid to upper 70's for the event. White puffy clouds made their way across the Lansing skyline and there was just enough sun to be enjoyable.

Among those attending the Open House were Inez's two brothers, Leon (age 89) and Gerard (age 96). But that was just the beginning. Cousins, Neices, Nephews, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Great-Great Grandchildren (four of them!), Neighbors and Friends filled Inez's backyard for the two hour event.

Members of CMARC and TASYLS also came out in good numbers and we all enjoyed some good food, great fellowship and an opportunity to have our photo taken with the area's newest Centenarian. It certainly was a day to remember.

For those of you who do not know Inez very well, we are working to get a PDF copy of an article, written by Art Wainwright (Lansing Magazine) 14 years ago. It's a fantastic read and let me assure you, Inez is an interesting lady.

Take, for example, the fact that Inez did not even enter Amateur Radio until the age of Seventy Seven, at the urging of one of her brothers. I spelled that out, because I couldn't believe it myself. But this is only one fact that caught my attention.

Inez also worked the line at General Motors for 35 years, even helping to build B-29 components during World War 2. She admitted to Wainwright, "I have a great curiosity and a very inquiring mind."

It was a great thing to see so many come out and celebrate an event of this magnitude, but the one thing that caught my attention was the diversity of those in attendance. Young and old, neighbor, family and friend (her doctor even called to wish her a happy birthday on Sunday afternoon!)

On behalf of all of us at CMARC, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Inez! We wish you many more and good health. 73! (More photos coming on our website)

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# For Your Consideration

Another Field Day has come and gone, but this one was something special. At last count, nearly 100 came out, with quite a few of them being visitors and there was plenty to see. But what struck me most about our annual event was the comment by 'Wild Bill' Cote' (WD8NYW).

'Best Field Day ever', he said. High praise for something we've had for so many years. And deservedly so.

Ron Harger (WD8BCS) and John Hosford (KC8QZB) worked tirelessly to get this year's event on its way. Through countless planning meetings, walk-throughs and email messages, you knew that they were serious about making this successful. Add to that the hard work of too many people to begin naming here and this event could not help but be a success!

Dave Harper (KD8JBB), of Meridian Fire, brought out the Mobile Medical CBRNE Support Unit and that drew rave reviews. This unit is something you would normally only see at a major catastrophic event, but Dave wanted those in attendance to see this trailer, so we could appreciate the strides we have made with some of our served agencies. But Dave wasn't just marking time, he even got involved in our Fox Hunt....and found the Fox! He and daughter, Meredith (KD8JBC) took directions from John Kelly (AA8LF), then set about the task of finding the little transmitter.

Hats off to the Ladies and many others for providing a fantastic array of good things to eat, too. There's nothing like a good meal and some cold beverages (not to mention Gloria Cote's famous peanut butter sheet cake) to make Field Day worth attending. Linda (K8LCC) commented that she was overwhelmed with support for serving and cleanup this year, making her duties less hectic.

And how about that generator, gang? Dave (K8QH) and The State of Michigan provided 70kw of raw power for our operating and other needs and it made a real difference. We even had a couple of lights to help at night, when you usually find yourself tripping along in the dark. And you could barely hear it! Nice addition.

The signage was a hit, CERT was on hand (again) to share their information, the Lansing VE Team came and tested (adding two new licensees and one upgrade to the local Amateur Radio mix) and everyone truly enjoyed the CMARC picnic at Field Day. That has my vote to continue, because it seemed to draw more folks to the event....a win win if you ask me.

And so, Ron can begin countdown to the 2010 Field Day. Where it will be held is (for now) anyone's guess, but we sure enjoyed this year. Can't wait to see what they do to top it!!! The bar has been raised.

73, Erv

# What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana where my family and I lived for a while before eventually moving on. As I grew up, I lived at times in Shawnee Mission, KS, Palatine, IL, Cherry Hill, NJ and Fort Wayne, IN. I graduated from High School in New Haven, IN and went on to attend Purdue University in Fort Wayne. One summer, our church in Illinois sent 4 students (including my older brother) to a missionary base in Peru for a Summer Missions Program. Each week a church member (W9CJS) would make contact with his friend (OA8B) at the missionary base in Peru, using 15 meters. My parents would talk with my brother by phone-patch or we'd go to his house to talk on the radio. That's when my interest in Amateur Radio was sparked as a young 4th grader, watching them talk to my brother on the "other side of the world".

A couple of years later, W9CJS became the Sixth Grade Boy's Sunday School teacher and taught a group of us 5 wpm code and technical theory. After passing the code test, he sent our applications to the FCC and 3 weeks later our written exams finally arrived. We took the written test (complete with us drawing oscillator circuits) while sitting outside around his picnic table, and in 1966 I got my Novice license! Later, while living in Fort Wayne, I upgraded from Technician to Advanced class. Our exams were conducted at the Post Office using the old headphones, tape code machine and straight key for sending. We sat in old wooden one-arm school chairs and my hand and arm were shaking so bad while I was copying the 13 wpm code that I had to use my left hand to hold my right arm down on the desk! In spite of being nervous and having read quickly through the technical questions the night before (after realizing I hadn't even looked at them) I still passed on my first try! I am now an Extra. [Julie's note: I asked if this person was a scanner monitor before being licensed and you may find the answer interesting. The response was that scanners hadn't been invented yet, but their dad's friend did go on to invent the "Bearcat Scanner" in the 70's.]

My Ham equipment consists of a Ten Tec Orion II for my home HF station, with dipoles and a (noisy) vertical. It's a great radio and makes copying CW easy. I never cared for CW until I got my new rig with the DSP and found it actually a lot of fun when you could filter out the other stations. There's a Motorola VHF and GE UHF radio in the shack for the repeaters. I also have a portable FT-817ND QRP rig to listen to CW while sitting on the deck on a warm summer evening as I watch the golfers on the course. I currently enjoy listening to CW the most. I've built VHF and UHF repeaters, operated through the early Oscar satellites, built RTTY modems and ran the noisy old machines on HF. I also want to eventually work some PSK-31. As a service to my community, I enjoy volunteering my time and talents working for the Lansing Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. Field Day is always a highlight of the year for me and let's not forget Sweepstakes in November! I currently belong to CMARC, ARPSC and APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials).

Concerning my personal life, when a good friend of mine finally realized I wasn't going to date her younger sister, she introduced me to her roommate's younger sister who had come to Fort Wayne for Nursing School. Well, we hit it off and two years later, we were married. This December, Phyllis and I will celebrate our 35th Wedding Anniversary. We have 4 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws, a granddaughter and a grandson. In 1998, I retired from the City of Fort Wayne Communications Dept. and then, because my 2 oldest sons were in college and I wanted to help pay their tuition, I immediately went to work for the Michigan State Police. I work as the Infrastructure Services Manager of the nation's largest APCO 25 Public Safety Trunking radio system, which is owned by the State of Michigan. As far as some of my other interests go, I've been playing Bass guitar since a Sophomore in high school and I've been a weekly bass player in church for over 20 yrs. I play some electric and acoustic guitar, but bass is still my main axe.

When asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio I responded by saying, "Amateur radio is a lifelong friendship with people in your community and around the world. You can immerse yourself as deeply in its opportunities as you want to, or take a breather when life keeps you busy in other ways. Use it or we'll lose it! Also, don't back yourself into a corner by using only one mode. Instead, try a new mode of communications, if for no other reason than meeting a new group of friends. Not everyone has the same interests, but everyone is interesting in one way or another!"

There, now that we're a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is K8QH and my name is Dave Hayhurst.

# Bits N Bytes...First Look

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

We still have more than 100 copies of the 'Memo-ries 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](mailto:w8erv@acd.net). If copies need to be mailed, please add \$4.95 to cover postage and handling.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

7/1 – Michael Bockrath (KD8EXU)  
7/3 – Don De Feyter (KC8CY)  
7/5 – Inez Pearson **100th** (KY8V)  
7/9 – Joshua Bates (Erv's Son)  
7/14 – Bill Cote' (WD8NYW)  
7/14 – Charles Stahl (N8DWI)  
7/17 – Carl Canfield (K8YHH)  
7/22 – Arthur Cherinsky (WA8BMT)  
7/27 – Ron & Sue St. Laurent Anniv.  
7/28 – Ben Holcomb (WX8BEN)  
7/30 – Douglas Goodrich (N8ECL)  
7/30 – Jane Newton (KC8HJQ)



# Field Day 2009 Photos

**It was another memorable Field Day at Gardner Middle School and we enjoyed nearly 100 members and guests at the site. Here are some photos from the event... and we are also working on a Field Day page for the Club site, so watch for that, as well.**



*Every Field Day site has its own traditions and Lansing is no different. Behold, Wayne's awesome Gumbo! Just enough fire to keep the QSO's rollin', even late into the night. Linda is handy with that knife, by the way.*

# Field Day 2009 Photos



*"Must have more power!" and Dave (K8QH) delivered, with special thanks to the State of Michigan for the use of this 70kw generator. Dick (K18C) and Ron (WD8BCS) get one of the HF phone verticals in place. Brent Hannahs is still seeking his Amateur Radio license, but enjoyed some HF phone work with Dave (K8QH) at Field Day.*



*Lansing's CERT Team was on hand again this year, sharing information with attendees. Lansing City Councilwoman, Sandy Allen also stopped by again to visit with CMARC members. She's with Donna Cote' in this photo. Lansing VE Team scores BIG with three successful candidates. Don (KB8RAD), Jim (W8JRL) and Chris (AB8ZL) tested at Field Day and they are with Robert Hudspeth (KD8JBZ) upgraded to General, Keith Thibeault (KD8LPG)-came for Tech and walked out with his General and finally, Brian Tucker (KD8LPF)-also came for Tech and walked out with his General. A successful session-and exciting, because it was the first ever held, during Field Day in Lansing.*



*Food is ALWAYS important at Field Day and as usual, there was plenty of it. From Gloria Cote's Peanut Butter Sheetcake, to Laurie's Macaroni Salad....to Wayne's Gumbo, we had it all. Great meals all weekend!*

*We're not quite sure, but it looks like Gregg (WB8LZG) is rarin' to go get those CW contacts, or maybe it's a fair weather dance. We had great weather all weekend, so he must have done it right. (photo by Michelle Bates)*



# CMARC Meeting Notes

## **CMARC BOARD MEETING**

JUNE 5th, 2009

President Sharon Waite /KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Secretary John Hosford/KC8QZB, Treasure Ron Harger/WD8BCS, , Director Don McLain/KB8RAD and Director Erv Bates/W8ERV. Under 22 Director Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ and assistant Under 22 Director Morgan Mosher/KD8IWT Excused were Vice President Bob Berger/K8RDN.

John Hosford/KC8QZB reported that cards and flowers were sent to Inez Pierson/ KY8V, Don Tillitson/WB8NUS, A card was sent to Dick Stortz and the Daniel Poorman family.

Erv Bates/W8ERV reported that about 120 membership letters have been sent out so far and that there has not been any responses yet.

Don/KB8RAD brought in a letter about a resolution supporting the michigan emergency communications preservation act. from the michigan prb-1 committee which is trying to enact this into law in our state as they have in 27 other states which seeks to take the federal preemption and make it a part of all zoning laws in the state of michigan. the committee hopes that all clubs in michigan will show their support to help get this passed into law in our state.

Erv/W8ERV made a motion to adopt and pass the resolution as written, seconded by Don/KB8RAD and approved.

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MICHIGAN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PRESERVATION ACT**

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission issued the 1985 declaratory ruling PRB-1 which states that local zoning authorities cannot preclude amateur radio service communications, but must reasonably accommodate those facilities and enact the "minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the state or local authority's legitimate purpose." this ruling is now a federal regulation [47 C.F.R. Section 97.15(b)].

WHEREAS, even though PRB-1 is federal law, many zoning boards and municipalities are unaware of its existence,

often making the process of getting antennas approved difficult, and in a number of cases, leading to lawsuits that are time-consuming and expensive for all parties.

WHEREAS, the American Amateur Radio League, Michigan Section, has sponsored the PRB-1 Project to get PRB-1 codified into Michigan Law as the Michigan Emergency Communications Preservation Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, with address of P.O. Box 27321, Lansing, MI 48909-7321 Hereby encourages and supports the passing of a MICHIGAN Emergency Communications Preservation Bill into Michigan Law.

The members and officer of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club adopted this resolution at a (regularly/special) meeting held on June 5th 2009

### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

the undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is the duly elected and qualified Secretary of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, and that the foregoing is a true and correct record of resolution duly adopted by the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club on June 5th 2009. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have executed my name as Secretary on this date of June 5th 2009.

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Signature

Ron/WD8BCS reported that he got the required signatures the current president, treasurer, secretary and one representative member of the club, Dennis Beckner. and was submitted to the bank with the clubs certificate of deposit thus updating the banks records and gives us access to the certificate of deposit. Ron/WD8BCS then transferred \$800.00 from the CD to the checkbook which brings the check balance above the minimum balance required to avoid monthly fees. this has dropped the balance in the CD to 996.80 some cents, which raised the checkbook balance to \$815.00. when the CD matures, Ron/WD8BCS would like to make a proposal to close out the CD and transfer the funds in the CD to the savings account.

Ron/WD8BCS made a motion to move the money from the certificate of deposit, when it matures, to the savings account during the 10 day grace period so that no penalty would be incurred, Erv/W8ERV seconded the motion, and approved.

Erv/W8ERV reported that the new club banners are here and will be shown to the membership at the general meeting on June 5th 2009. Erv also reported that there is still over 100 cookbooks. Ron reported that we are ahead \$252.95 (we have already sold enough cookbooks to pay for the them and have paid the printing company). Corey/KD8BOQ said what if we lowered the price by a couple dollars and sold them at field day. Erv/W8ERV said he was thinking about cutting the price in half to \$5.00 and move the rest of them out. Erv/W8ERV made a motion to cut the price of the remaining unsold cookbooks to \$5.00, seconded by Ron/WD8BCS and approved.

Erv/W8ERV reported that Duane Cross sent Erv a cd with some scanned qsl cards and a patch from the michigan school for the blind and wants these items donated to the club history. Corey/KD8BOQ has talked to a couple people and they generally agree that they would like to see more technical programs. Corey also wanted to see what people thought about raising membership dues to \$15.00 per year. Don/KB8RAD said that the membership dues have been \$10.00 since before they joined the club.

Erv/W8ERV wanted to know what people thought about paying for lifetime memberships for a limited time (until December 31 2009) at 10.00 for every year of age that a person is younger than 65. for instance, a person is 55 years old and thus has 10 years before they can qualify for lifetime membership. if they pay \$100.00 before December 31 2009 they could become a lifetime member. Or someone that has 23 years to go before they are 65 they would pay \$230.00 for a lifetime membership. it was brought up that this would limit future income. it was also said that they can still make a donation to the club each year if they so desire.

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Corey/KD8BOQ made a motion to raise the membership dues to \$15.00 effective January 1 2010 and to offer, (for a limited time), lifetime memberships until December 31 2009 at \$10.00 for every year that a person is younger than 65 years of age. Erv/W8ERV seconded the motion and approved.

John/KC8QZB reported that he has started the club generator and ran it for 15 minutes while trimming weeds.... all went well.

With all business concluded, Erv/W8ERV made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Corey/KD8BOQ and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

*John Hosford/KC8QZB – Secretary*

## **CMARC MEETING MINUTES**

June 5th, 2009

President Sharon Waite/KD8HHK called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 41 people in attendance (31 members and 10 visitors). Our guests were: Shannon Ranes, Chris Ranes, Mary Tillitson, Tom Knott/W8LTX, Jim Byers, Marshall Colley/KD8KAD, Sean Fisher/KD8LDM, John Fisher/KD8LDN, our speaker for the evening; Ron/WD8BCS.

### **NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES**

**and VANITY CALLS:** Sean Fisher/KD8LDM, John Fisher/KD8LDN just past their technician exams at dayton. Jim Byers just passed his exam and is waiting for his call.

### **CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT:**

cards and flowers were sent to Inez Pierson/ KY8V, Don Tillitson/WB8NUS, A card was sent to Dick Stortz and the Daniel Poorman family.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ken/W8AAX made an amendment to the April 2009 meeting minutes that the plaque honoring Tiny/K8DHN be given to Tiny/K8DHN's widow not that he would buy a plaque. Ken/W8AAX reports that the plaque has been found.

Jim/KC8QWH made a motion to accept the april and may meeting minutes

as printed in the scope as corrected. seconded by Don/KB8RAD and approved.

Bernie/N8PVZ made a motion to accept the treasurers report as printed in the april and may scope subject to annual audit, seconded by Don/KD8BD and approved.

Ken/W8AAX reported that since the april meeting he has been on 30 meters almost exclusively with 100 watts using a wire dipole up about 25 feet. 30 meters has been productive, not trying very hard he has worked 87 qso's. 29 of them were dx. he has worked 34 states and had 28 of them confirmed already.

Greg/WB8LZG brought in a bunch of foreign qsl cards to look at during the break.

Roger/AB8RX came up to the front of the room to present the Zigenbien award. he said that there were a number of worthy candidates this year and that those that did not win will win in the near future. this years winner is someone that you all know, he's always been active in the club, he seems to be involved in everything, he was a board member for several years, he is one of those individuals that is always working in the background. the winner is Dick McGuire/KI8C. Congratulations Dick.

Erv/W8ERV reported that Duane Cross sent Erv a patch from the michigan school for the blind, also a cd with scans of the patch and qsl cards from some of the club members. also some certificates one of which was given to him on the 16th of september 1964 by Jim Holcomb from the city of lansing civil defence group. Corey/KD8BOQ and Morgan/KD8IWT held the new club banners. The banners are guaranteed outdoors 24 hours a day 7 days a week for 2 years. Erv/W8ERV also reported that at the board meeting tonight the board has voted to reduce the price of the remaining cookbooks to \$5.00 from this point forward. there was also a motion at tonights board meeting for two things. 1) starting January 1 2010 the board would like to see the membership dues raised to \$15.00. there has not been a raise in membership dues since before 1994. 2) the board

would like to offer lifetime memberships through the end of this year. the current protocol is 65 years of age and a member for the last ten years. what was proposed is, say someone is 55 they would have to pay \$100.00 to reach their requirement for lifetime membership if they pay by December 31 2009. there are a lot of life members that still contribute and he does not see that would change if we did something like this. there was a discussion about a possible \$15.00 dues for adults and \$10.00 dues for youth under the age of 18, associates would remain at \$5.00. Erv/W8ERV announced that Carl/K8YHH retired last friday. Julie/KB8ZXR suggested that new hams under the age of 18 would be eligible for a free one year membership in CMARC. after a discussion this was modified to be free membership for all licensed youth under 18 years of age. Don/KD8BD made a motion for a free membership for licensed youth under the age of 18, over 18 would be \$15.00, the \$15.00 membership dues would take effect January 1 2010, lifetime membership available to any current member of CMARC, to qualify for lifetime membership one would need to be a member of CMARC for 10 years or satisfy that requirement by paying \$10.00 for each year that they are short of 10 year member of cmarc or to the age of 65 whichever is greater. seconded by Jim/KC8QWH and approved.

Erv/W8ERV reported membership forms are available in the scope as well as on the CMARC website (centralmi-arc.com).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Don/WB8NUS announced that there will be a birthday party at Inez Piersons(KY8V) house from 1 pm to 5 pm on July 5 2009. She will be 100 years old. no gifts cards only please. the next CMARC meeting will be on July 10 2009.

A note from the kitchen.... just a little note about our monthly refreshments. I hope you all have been enjoying the assortment of goodies we have each month and I want to thank all of you who have been so kind to bring something for our breaks. However it has been just the same group of people

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bringing the treats each month and it is now starting to become a burden instead of something that they want to do. and on top of that we haven't been getting very much in our donation can so we barely have enough money to buy two kinds of coffee, coffee filters, punch and other things that we need, which don't come from the treasury. therefore if you don't want to see all the delicious goodies come to an end, please sign up to bring something or at least leave a nice donation every month the can is always on the table. this plea is only for club members and not visitors. our visitors are always invited to join us as our guest and do not have to donate anything. signed Julie/KB8ZXR

**UNDER 22 REPORT:** Corey/KD8BOQ reported that progress with the school radio club has been good. he also has

sent out flyers about the MRAY net and is getting some responses.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Don/KD8BD won \$13.00 in tonight's drawing. Don/KD8BD donated the winnings back to the club.

**BREAK:** [Sec. Note: Thank you to all who helped with the goodies—your contributions are always GREATLY appreciated!]

**MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER:** Ron/WD8BCS made a informational presentation on the goings on for the CMARC field day operating event. there will be VE testing and fox hunt training in addition to 2 hf voice stations 1 hf cw station 1 vhf station and 1 gota station. anyone wishing to operate is encouraged to contact one of the station chairs.

Carl/K8YHH suggested that more operators get on the air when they hear a new ham on the air and talk with them

even if you only have a couple minutes.

Don/KD8BD reminded everyone that they may want to bring sunscreen or umbrella, mosquito spray and maybe even a long sleeve shirt at night and a flashlight if you will be there at night.

Ron reported that we have had 5 field day meetings with an average attendance of 22 people total at one time or another participate in these meetings so participation this year is way up and that Ron/WD8BCS and John/KC8QZB really appreciate that. so it is a good sign for the club.

With all business being concluded, Erv/W8ERV made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jim/KC8QWH we adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

*John Hosford/KC8QZB – Secretary*

## Lansing/Ingham ARPSC Meeting Notes

Monday June 15, 2009 @ Ingham County Sheriff Department, Mason, MI

### 1) **Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order @ 19:05 hrs by Tom (KC8NJK).
- b. 23 present & introductions by all.

### 2) **Old Business**

- a. FSD-212 passed around for review.
- b. RACES card standards and completion sheet passed around for all to review and to identify missing or incomplete required training.
- c. Skywarn feedback sheets given to Ben for review.
- d. No update on D-Star or MEPIN.
- e. New RACES cards being distributed to existing RACES card holders. A one-for-one exchange. New cards are blue.
- f. Wayne (W8QG) and Linda (K8LCC) will develop a needs list for the EOC. The room has been extensively remodeled and organized.
- g. The monthly siren tests have gone very well with many participants. Most of the warning sirens were monitored by our members. Due to the holiday, LARPSC members will not officially monitor the July 4th test. We will resume the siren test monitoring on the August 1 test.
- h. Ben (WX8BEN) is developing a place file to aid in Skywarn spotter locations on our maps used on GR Level 3 radar software in the EOC.
- i. Field units reporting 3rd party weather reports or reporting inaccurate weather service messages was discussed at length. The EOC / Net Control is the official source for dissemination of weather information during a weather net. Field units should only report local weather conditions according to the Skywarn training standards. Net Control will not accept 3rd party weather reports. Net Control has access to the NWS of-

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official weather statements and warnings and will use those for updating field personnel when appropriate.

## **3) New Business**

- a. Common Ground Festival operators / support / relief personnel are needed for all evenings.
  - i. 4 Cameras
  - ii. 7 amateurs as a minimum to support the project each evening.
  - iii. Monday, 7/6 through Sunday, 7/12
  - iv. 1 kit to be repaired by Jeff (KC8PUN)
  - v. The new "Market Place" stage location will be next to the Fire Station.
  - vi. Several pieces of test equipment were received from MSU that will help in alignment and operation of the video components in the system.
  - vii. A sign up sheet passed around for all to volunteer time slots. Tom (KC8NJK) to send e-mail out with open time slots after tonight's meeting.
- b. Bob (K8RDN) participated in a tabletop exercise with Ingham Co.
  - i. Scenario was detailed and members / groups were given 15 minutes to develop a response for their agencies.
  - ii. Contacting our members was reviewed.
  - iii. Discussion followed on when we will be able to add more members to the Code spear notification software and who is currently in the list (AECs only at this time).
  - iv. Tom (KC8NJK) asked about us developing our own tabletop exercise this fall to help us refine our processes.
- c. Ben (WX8BEN) is developing a new web site using Drupal software for content management.
- d. Dick (K18C) was presented with the prestigious Ziegenbein award from CMARC. Congratulations Dick!
- e. CMARC will participate in the ARRL Field Day in the 3A category. Look at the CMARC website for location and details of this major training and contest event for Amateur Radio. Ron (WD8BCS) and John (KC8QZB) are co-chairs of this year's exercise.

## **4) AEC Business**

- a. Jeremiah (KC8EIA) passed around the list of events requesting Amateur Radio support. Please look at the LARPSC web site for details and times. Contact Jeremiah to volunteer for these events.

## **5) Training**

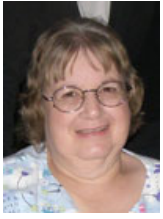
- a. It was time again to discuss the LARPSC leadership role and person to fill that role. After open member discussion, we asked (i.e.; arm-twisting) Tom (KC8NJK) to continue in the role based upon his excellent (no debating this issue!) leadership in the past. Tom accepted with the understanding he will miss a few meetings due to business commitments. As Tom pointed out, our group has many leaders that can competently assume the leadership role in his absence.

## **6) Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 20:40 hrs
- b. Next Meeting at Lansing EOC

*submitted: Dave Hayhurst (K8QH)*

# Ladies of CMARC News



## Tea Time Luncheon Wrap-Up

by Julie McLain, KB8ZXR

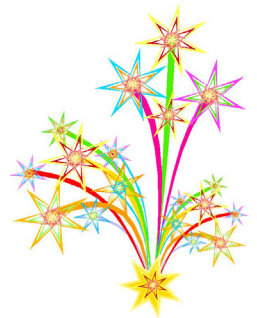
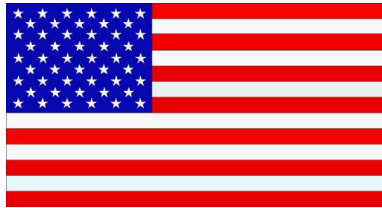
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We had a lot of fun on Saturday, June 20th when five Ladies gathered at "DeLuca's Restaurant" in Lansing. We enjoyed a delicious variety of entrées including Italian, Mexican and American cuisine. As usual, we all had a great time, but it would have been even more fun if YOU were there!

Ladies, if you have been reading about all the fun we have each month and would like to join us for one of our luncheons, please be sure to circle Saturday, July 25th on your calendar! That's the date of our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon, and this time we're going to "Finley's American Grill" in Lansing.

Remember, you DON'T have to be a Ham to join us. . . 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 information on any Ladies Tea Time Luncheons be sure to check out the "SCOPE" or the CMARC Website: [www.centralmiarc.com](http://www.centralmiarc.com).



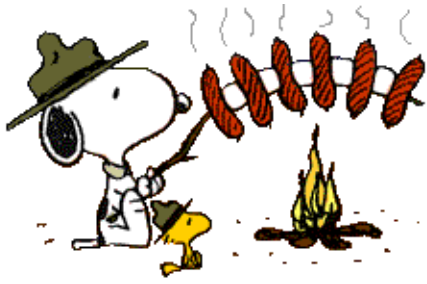
### JULY'S LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON

*Please Join Us Saturday, July 25th at 12:30 P.M. For  
Our Next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon. We Will Be  
Meeting at "Finley's American Grill"  
Located at 6300 S. Cedar Street 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, July 24th  
By Calling Julie McLain at: (517) 694-0812 or  
E-Mail Me at KB8ZXR@AOL.COM*

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Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Coordinator*



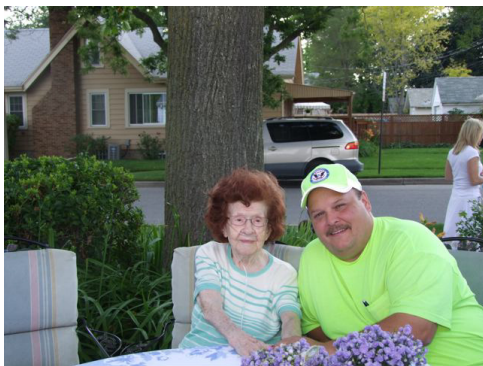
# Teen Talk



*Teen Talk is on vacation this month, but will return in August with more information, excitement and news for our Under 22 members. Be sure to look for us in the next edition of the Scope.*



## More Photos of Inez's Party



# Local & Special Interest News

## CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 54.95
Business Checking	\$1472.78
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/12/09)	\$ 996.80

Net Worth as of 5/31/09	\$2524.53
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 5/31/09)	\$ 148.00

\*separate from CMARC Funds

Submitted,  
Ron Harger, WD8BCS  
CMARC Treasurer



## Upcoming Events

**Cystic Fibrosis Walk** June 7, 2009 12 Noon at De-Witt Park (Repeater to be Announced)

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

More on the way...

## The 2009 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

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

Meetings: 1st. Friday of every month at the Red Cross, Lansing Chapter, 1800 E. Grand River at 7:30pm. Board Meeting begins at 7:00pm.  
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**Deadline for articles: 20th. of month.**

## The 2009 LCDRA Board

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LCDRA Call: WB8CQM	

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

## Weekly Nets in the Greater Lansing Area

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

**Sunday 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.

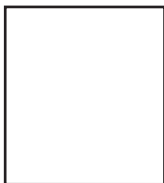
## Lansing VE Session #2

**Tuesday August 4th - 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

## Special Lansing Session

**Tuesday August 18th - 7pm**  
Lansing Police Dept., South Precinct,  
3400 S. Cedar Street, Lansing  
Downstairs, Sm. Conf. Room  
(Lansing VE Team)  
Contact: Don McLain (KB8RAD)  
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