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Red Cross Removes Station

2009 Club Elections

Evicted!

After more than 30 years, the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club no longer has a Club Station at the American Red Cross in Lansing. Club president, Sharon Waite (KD8HHK) revealed a letter from the local chapter, demanding removal of our equipment from the club room.

It seems that someone in a position of authority had need of the space and, despite being informed of an agreement between the Red Cross and Amateur Radio, which is in their National Charter, we have been shown the door. This is an unprecedented move by any Chapter of the Red Cross.

The gear is presently being stored at the QTH of Bob Berger (K8RDN) and CMARC is shopping for a place to install it. Relocation Committee members will be meeting to discuss CMARC's options and anyone with input on a possible location is encouraged to contact our Relocation Committee Chair, Carl (K8YHH). We essentially need a room, of decent size, as well as access to the outside, for coaxial cable runs, and access, of course.

The members of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club can be assured that the Board is doing everything in its power to find a suitable location. As the Relocation Committee makes progress, they will keep us informed.

Time to Vote

Election time is here again, and if you, or someone you know wishes to serve on the Board of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, you are encouraged to join us at the December meeting. We will be taking more nominations for the 2010 Board, then voting, on December 4th.

All nominees must be full CMARC members in good standing and we are seeking to fill three two-year board positions, as well as one one-year board position and the Under 22 Director's position. Nominees for the positions on the Board include, Jerry (KD8GLN), Corey (KD8BOQ), Don (KB8RAD), Bob (K8RDN) and Jane (KC8FSK).

If you are interested in serving on the Board for 2010 and you have not been nominated, you can also nominate yourself for consideration. CMARC is always looking for new blood in the process, so please consider giving it a shot.

Immediately following the regular business meeting, votes will be taken and then counted and the new Board members will be announced, then retire to the Boardroom to decide who will serve in what capacity. By the end of the evening, not only will you enjoy some really good food, but you will also get to meet your 2010 Board members.

Speaking of really great food, please consider joining us for our Annual Christmas Program. Bring a friend, a dish to pass and be ready to feast on some of the best food in the Midwest. From Gloria Cote's world-famous peanut butter sheet cake, to Erv's tasty macaroni salad and tons of lip-smackin' goodies in between.....you will leave with a full belly and a warm heart. We love visitors. Oh and by the way, Erv's wife, Laurie, makes the macaroni salad-so everyone is safe! hi hi

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For Your Consideration

The Lansing Chapter of the American Red Cross has decided we are no longer welcome to maintain a Club Station in their house. Now, I don't know about you, but I am fuming about this development. We have not only been there for over 30 years, but we have also served the Chapter during that time, and we have donated to them, as well. But what gets me the most angry is the cavalier attitude the beancounters have about the entire matter.

Even after being informed that the Red Cross was about to violate its own charter with this decision, we were told the decision was final and a deadline was set. Perhaps, this person doesn't care, or perhaps they just feel that they can do as they wish, but we are out of there and looking for a new home. And with that development, maybe it's about time we select a new location that better serves our members for our meetings, as well!

For years, it has been a challenge to enjoy an open club room. Without a Board member, numerous security considerations and the occasional Red Cross employee scrutinization, gaining access to the Club Station has been difficult at best. Granted, the events of 9/11 dramatically changed the process of entry to the building, but we ARE in the basement of this building, with no windows. It reminds me of a dungeon of sorts.

I am confident that, given time, we will be able to find suitable digs, with an organization that appreciates the emergency communication service we offer. Emergency communication is becoming more widely understood and that is to our advantage, but the general public has little understanding of who we are and what we do. Despite our best efforts, Amateur Radio continues to be the red-headed stepchild of the EmCom world. Don't ask me why, but it is.

The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, by tradition, has served its community well. From walks, to runs, to bike-a-thons, we've consistently provided communications for these events for all the years I have been licensed...and I am sure it's been longer than that. Perhaps this challenge is a good thing for us, because it gives us an opportunity to educate more people about Amateur Radio. But it also gives us an opportunity to get a better communications room together, and perhaps a room where we can do some electronics work, as well.

And so, I would like to drop the gauntlet for anyone wishing to step up and do something great for their Club. We need a concerted effort to get out of the Red Cross building altogether, and we need to do so as soon as possible. The sooner the better, in my opinion. I may be alone in my willingness to discuss this openly, but I can assure you I am in the majority. We can make this negative development turn into a positive...especially if we find the right place to move to. Imagine a place where a Club Station is available to its members! What a novel idea.

73, ERV

What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born on October 5, 1973 at the Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska where my Dad served in the military. I grew up in Lansing, Michigan and graduated from Everett High School. I have only one other sibling, my brother Robert, and Mom raised both of us by herself. She passed away in 1981.

My interest in Amateur Radio began when I worked with Arnold McCardel/WA8CW. When I started studying for my Technician license, he was always there for me if I had questions and even loaned me a radio so I could listen until I became a Ham. On August 10, 2005 I got my Tech license at a VE session in Howell and later upgraded to General there on May 8, 2007. A little more than a year went by before I upgraded to Extra at a VE testing session in Lansing on November 8, 2008. I still remember each of the VE's who signed my CSCE's and congratulated me—especially the bunch at the Lansing VE session who I now work with. As far as I know, no one in my family has ever had a Ham license. However, I'm happy to say that my wife and daughter have lately been reading through the Technician book together.

You can usually find me on 2 meters, but also on HF, which I have been enjoying since my upgrades. Some of my favorite activities in Ham Radio are doing Slow Scan TV, as well as volunteering for SKYWARN and Field Day. Currently my radio equipment consists of an Icom IC-V8000, Yaesu FT-8800R, Yaesu FT-60R, Kenwood TM-D710A, Icom IC-2200H and dual band J-Pole antennas. I have a lot of fun building Dual Band J-Poles, and really enjoy being able to loan them out to new Hams. It seems that a lot of newly licensed Hams may have an HT, but no antenna yet, because they aren't certain which one they should get, or maybe they don't have the money. Because I want them to be able to get out on the air as soon as possible after being licensed, I lend them one I've made—it's just my way of being an Elmer.

I am a member of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and the Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp. Shortly after I got my VE accreditation and started to help give examinations, I was made aware of the need for a "weeknight" testing session from some of the test candidates. I had also heard the Lansing VE Team discuss the possibility of having testing sessions "every" month in Lansing, instead of only every other month, and so that's what I did. A little over a year ago, I founded the Ingham County VE Group of which I am also the Liaison. I had only performed one testing session under the newly formed Ingham County VE Group, when I was asked by Chris/AB8ZL, the VE Team Liaison for the Lansing VE Team, if I would be willing to take over that group, too. Therefore, on September 12, 2009 I became the VE Team Liaison for both groups and then combined them under the name of the Ingham County VE Group, because we test people from more than just the Lansing area. I'm having fun as the VE Team Liaison, and the best part is watching people walk out with a smile after they pass their tests!

I met my wife, Tiffany when I worked for the PMSA Ambulance Service in Perry, Michigan. We hit it off and were married on April 7, 2001. I know she really loves me, because she continues to put up with me, even though I'm constantly nagging her to getting her ticket. We have three kids: our daughter Kendra, 13; our son Dakota, 8; and our youngest Ethan, who is 4. I work as a Security Guard for the Dart Container Corp. in Mason and have worked in the Security field for about 14 years. I also work for a Bail Bondsman as a "Bounty Hunter", tracking down people who fail to appear in court for their trials. I have a CCW permit for carrying a concealed weapon, and do carry my handgun from time to time. I also like going to the gun range where I shoot my handguns with my friends.

When asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio I responded by saying, "Stay with the Hobby, continue having fun, and don't let negative attitudes keep you from something you enjoy."

There, now that we've become a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is W8JRL and my name is Jim Lakin.

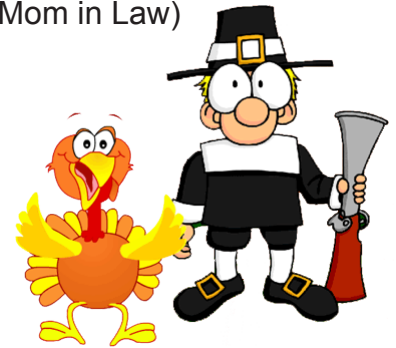
If you know of someone who would make a good What's My Sign Candidate, contact Julie McLain (KB8ZXR) at 517-694-0812 or email kb8zxr@aol.com

Bits N Bytes...First Look

Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/1 - Doug Goodrich and Wife Anniv.	11/2 – Keith Watson (KD8ICJ)
11/4 – Allen Budden (W8WDA)	11/8 – Bill Mathews (KB8TTS)
11/8 –Erv Bates and Laurie Anniv.	11/9 - James & Virginia Hannahs Anniv.
11/10 – Debra Frank (KC8YQH)	11/10 – Ron Meddaugh (KB8MUN)
11/15 – Randall Stortz (K8VY)	11/15 – Bill Wing (W2PMH)
11/16 – Charlie Keep (KB8SKV)	11/17 – Jeremiah Sevrey (KC8EIA)
11/18 – Roger Barnhill (AB8RX)	11/18 - Marv Sommer (WB8OIP)
11/19 - A.C. Stoddard (W8KLN)	11/20 - Arnold McCardell (KI8AJ)
11/21 - R. Don Rickerd (W8BQD)	11/23 - Gregg Mulder and Wife Anniv.
11/24 - Bernie Gaffney (N8PVZ)	11/24 - Donald Tillitson (WB8NUS)
11/24 - Ron & Linda Edwards Anniv.	11/25 - Vera Gould (Erv's Mom in Law)
11/28 - Christina Shasteen	

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
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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.

What is The Breakfast Club? submitted by Don McLain (KB8RAD)

CALLING ALL HAMS!! Do you need something more than just coffee to make it through the morning hours? Are you getting tired of only broadcast radio to entertain you every day? Whether you are heading in to work or coming home, headed off to school or just trying to wake up—boy, have we got something for you! How about a new DAILY Net, which meets EVERY morning on the 145.39 repeater, from around 7:00 to 10:00 AM?! This new Net has been in existence since September 24th, and has been steadily gaining in popularity. The get-together has enjoyed the participation of many locals, as well as check-ins from Jackson, Saginaw, and even as far away as Detroit and Windsor, Ontario! So, if you are bored with just listening to broadcast radio during the morning commute, and would prefer having a little fun with your fellow Hams instead, try joining Net Control Don/KB8RAD and the rest of the gang every day on the 145.39 repeater between 7:00 and 10:00 AM for "The Breakfast Club"!

CMARC Meeting Notes

CMARC Board Meeting October 2, 2009

President Sharon Waite/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:15p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Secretary John Hosford/KC8QZB, Director Don McLain/KB8RAD, Vice President Bob Berger/K8RDN. Excused were: Treasure Ron Harger/WD8BCS and, Under 22 Director Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ, Director Jane Hosford KC8FSK. Also present was Erv/W8ERV.

John/KC8QZB reported that cards were sent to Jim Hannahs/KC8QWH, George Newton/KC8DVV, and Raymond Abraczynskas/W8HVG.

Sharon/KD8HHK reported that the Red Cross contacted Don/KB8RAD. Don/KB8RAD reported that the Red Cross contacted him on September 25 and said that they need the CMARC club radio room for a supervisors office. Don/KB8RAD was told that we needed to be out in one week. He got them to extend the time to October 31 2009. Don/KB8RAD started making phone calls to find out what is going on and found out that there will be a meeting on Monday to discuss the matter. Apparently it was thought that the equipment in the radio room was just a collection of stuff stored in the room. Don/KB8RAD informed them that the room is a fully operational radio communications room with antennas on the roof and vhf/uhf, hf and packet radio capabilities, with the intent of the room being to provide the Red Cross with emergency communications capabilities. It was also mentioned that having emergency communications in the building may be part of the charter of the Red Cross We need to await the outcome of the meeting

on Monday. They are fine with the CMARC meetings and the VE testing.

Bob/K8RDN reported that Don/KC8CY and himself worked several DX stations last month.

Erv/W8ERV asked Sharon/KD8HHK if the life membership application for Dan Fuller/W8VVR has been voted on. The lifetime membership application has been checked and all requirements for lifetime membership have been met and Sharon/KD8HHK called for a vote, the vote was unanimous and the lifetime membership was approved.

With all business concluded, The Board meeting closed at 7:28 p.m.

John Hosford/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC Meeting Minutes October 2, 2009

President Sharon Waite/KD8HHK called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. 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 (36 members and 5 visitors). Our guests were: Mary Tillitson, Brian Adams/KD8IUL, Chris Raney/KC8CAJ, Shannon Raney, and Carl Canfield/K8YHH, our speaker for the evening; Jeff Kludy/KG8NT.

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS: no new licenses or upgrades.

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT: Jane Hosford/KC8FSK reported that "Get Well" cards were sent to: Jim Hannahs/KC8QWH, George Newton/KC8DVV, and Raymond Abraczynskas/W8HVG.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: Erv/W8ERV reported that Ron/WD8BCS came over and helped him put his coaxial dipole up and Erv's first contact was a station in Sweden. Bob/K8RDN reported that Don/KC8CY and himself worked several DX stations last month. Don/KC8CY has a bunch of dx contacts on the dx board in the back of the room to look at. Greg/WB8LZG reported that he worked Timbara Australia from the MSU radio club W8SH on Wednesday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, November 6 2009, the next LCDRA meeting will be October 15 2009 at fire station 8 at 7pm. November sweepstakes are just around the corner on the first and third weekend in November cw is the first weekend and phone is on the third weekend. Don/WB8NUS announced that there will be a hospice walk will be on Sunday October 4 2009 at hawk island park at noon. Greg/WB8LZG announced that there will be an amateur radio beginners licensing class starting January 23 2010 for six Saturdays.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Bob/K8RDN reported that there will be a set (simulated emergency test) on October 3 2009 from 9:30am and 1:00pm and will be state wide and be on simplex within your county or outside your county. AM,FM,SSB or CW can be used. Report your contacts to Ron/WB8BCS on 146.58 simplex

Sharon/KD8HHK reported that there is an issue that is not resolved and can't be resolved until at least Monday. The Red Cross contacted Don/KB8RAD and notified him that they want our stuff moved out of the club radio room

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CMARC Meeting Notes

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so that a supervisor can have it for an office. They don't care about the meetings or the VE testing. They did not even know that we had an antenna on the roof so that is fine. They just wanted the office. Apparently they thought that it was an office where we put things that we didn't care about anymore. They did not realize that it was a real working radio station, and that it is not just something that we play with, it is also there as a backup for the Red Cross itself. Apparently nothing was explained to the Red Cross personnel as they come and go over the years why that station was there. Don/KB8RAD has been making calls, Tom/KC8NJK has been making calls, hopefully now that things have been explained to them why the club station is there, that it is not just because we store junk there. It will be brought up at an executive meeting of the Red Cross Michigan chapter board. It will be discussed and looked into a little bit more and then they will let us know. They were supposed to send a letter to Sharon/KD8HHK saying they want our stuff gone by the end of the month but no board member has seen a letter. Hopefully this will all come to nothing but we wanted to let the membership know what is going on.

Marv Sommer/WB8OIP and Dan Fuller/W8VVR have met the requirements of lifetime membership, the lifetime memberships have been voted on and has been approved. Marv and Dan are now lifetime members of CMARC.

UNDER 22 REPORT: Don/KB8RAD read a letter from Corey/KD8BOQ, I am sorry that I am not able to be here tonight, but I am in the high school marching band and tonight is homecoming night. I really wish that I could be here to announce

this tonight but Don/KB8RAD as CMARC'S youth liaison has generously offered to take my place. As most of you know that have been following the story Corey has been trying for quite some time to start a ham radio club at Holt high school. In order to have a new club approved and be on the official club roster a proposal must be submitted to the principal by a student after first receiving a signature from a teacher on staff who is willing to sponsor the new club.

This past Saturday Meredith/KD8JBC and Corey/KD8BOQ met at Bigby's to write such a proposal describing a new club for Holt high school. This club would combine interest in television and broadcast radio including a daily morning news program over the schools tv's along with amateur radio that would be called the Holt high school communications club. Corey's/KD8BOQ thinking on this was that a club that was all inclusive in scope when it came to communications rather than just focusing on ham radio, would have a broader appeal of the students and would also have a better chance of being approved by the principal.

Well he was correct on both counts, Corey also figured he could sneak ham radio into the club members minds while they thought they were there for other reasons. It has taken two years of young Corey's life to reach this goal after finally finding a teacher willing to sign off on his idea. Corey finalized the proposal and took it Monday to MR. Runion their new club sponsor to approve. He loved it and immediately signed it for Corey to take to the principal MR. Templin. Without even reading it this is the best proposal he had ever seen, which gave Corey the confidence would soon

be approved.

After two years of getting the runaround from teachers and staff members, with one disappointment after another and getting thoroughly discouraged, all of Corey's dreams and planning have come to fruition. Now all that is left for Corey and the principal to do is to hammer out all the details and logistics of acquiring a new club room and where it will be. So the members will have a place to meet and there will then be a secure location to store and make use of all the equipment that has been so kindly donated during this past year.

Corey wanted to express how much he really appreciates how much help he has received from CMARC and its members with regards to his dream of a radio club at his high school. If you have any further questions about or his other ham radio youth activities or ways that you can help please feel free to contact him any time at his home. There are already three new members in Corey's club and all three are hams. With one more interested in joining and is studying for his license.

50/50 DRAWING: Dick/KI8C won \$16.00 in tonight's drawing.

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

MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR

SPEAKER: Jeff Kludy/KG8NT was our speaker for the evening. He put on an interesting program on the trunked repeater system used by police/fire/etc. With all business being concluded, we adjourned at 9:04 pm.

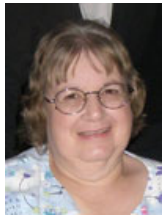
John Hosford/KC8QZB – Secretary

ARPSC Meeting Notes

ARPSC Meeting October 19, 2009 Ingham Co. Sheriff Dept.

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Meeting called to order @ 19:01 hrs by Tom (KC8NJK)
 - b) 16 members present + 1 potential (Jon's young son)
- 2) Old Business
 - a) FSD-212 & FEMA IS class status lists pass around for all to review
 - b) New RACES cards were available for exchange.
 - c) Thank you to Jeff (KC8PUN) and Dennis (KB8ZQZ) for getting all of the equipment in good shape for the Common Ground response. Over 300 total hours of service was provided by the LARPSC group during the 6 nights of the festival.
 - d) The Delhi and Meridian siren tests have been successful. Last test identified a failed siren at the Kinawa site, which has since been repaired. Tests will continue through the winter months.
 - e) The new D-Star system needs a rack for mounting of the equipment. Dennis will investigate using one of the racks currently in his garage.
 - f) The City has approved the installation of an Internet connection at the David St. tower for use by MEPIN and other technologies.
 - g) Bob (K8RDN) reports Ingham Co. had a good number of stations participating in SET. Details of the SET did not arrive until the last minute but the amateurs in the Lansing area still provided a strong showing.
 - h) Ben (WX8BEN) is several hours away from rolling out the new LARPSC website.
 - i) Bob responded to the request to clean up the Lansing EOC.
 - j) Lansing EOC cards continue to be an issue within the City of Lansing Fire Dept.
- 3) New Business
 - a) CMARC was request to remove / move the HF station at the Red Cross. Tom met with several officials at the local chapter and reviewed the reason for the station. No resolution yet and reprieve given until October 31. Several local operators do activate the station on a monthly basis to make sure it's operational.
 - b) B&B Embroidery has moved to Texas but will still make LARPSC clothing. The web site remains the same except for the new US mail address.
 - c) Ben is working with LCC for a meeting room for the spring Skywarn training. Our previous contacts were laid off due to budget reductions at LCC.
 - d) Joe Caswell has set up a web site for Lansing amateur radio operators. (Unknown URL)
 - e) November 7th @ 2:00 is set aside as a workday in preparation of the Silver Bells service project. No official request yet from the City but this is normal. Silver Bells is November 20th.
 - f) Ron is already starting on the 2010 ARRL Field Day event and asked the group to consider staffing a station at the Field Day site.
- 4) AEC Reports
 - a) Ron (WD8BCS) started a discussion regarding passing of sensitive information during Skywarn or other major event. Several options were identified as a way to avoid giving the name of a person or other identifying information of a person injured or killed during a disaster over the open airwaves but still providing critical information to the responsible agencies.
 - b) The Monday evening training net continues to be a good source of information and training. All are encouraged to check in, sign up for Net Control and even provide a training session.
 - c) All service projects are done for 2009 with the exception of Silver Bells.
 - d) Bill (WD8NYW) will prepare a media release for the Silver Bells service project.
- 5) Adjournment
 - a) Next meeting will be at Fire Station #8 on November 9th (2nd Monday of the month) instead of the normal 3rd Monday. Please make note on your calendars.
 - b) Meeting adjourned at 20:25 hrs.

Ladies of CMARC News



Tea Time Luncheon Wrap-Up

by Julie McLain, KB8ZXR
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We had a great time at Buddies Grill in Holt on Saturday, October 17th, even though there were only five of us able to attend. Many of our friends who had planned to come were sick or had other commitments, and one had even left for the warmer weather in Florida! Even though the others were missed, the five of us still had a wonderful time laughing and joking together over some delicious food and then before we knew it, we had to go! We want you to know that if you weren't able to make this luncheon, you can always join us next time. Just be sure to circle Saturday, December 5th on your calendar, because that's when we'll be having our Ladies Tea Time Christmas Party Luncheon at Grovenburg United Methodist Church, 1368 Grovenburg Rd. in Holt.

Remember, you DON'T have to be a Ham to join us . . . you only 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 KB8ZXR@aol.com. For more information on any Ladies Tea Time Luncheon, be sure to check out the "SCOPE" or the CMARC Website at: www.centralmiarc.com

CHRISTMAS LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON

Please be sure to join us Saturday, December 5th at 12:00 PM for our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon. We will be meeting at Grovenburg United Methodist Church, 1368 Grovenburg Road, Holt. We'll be enjoying a potluck dinner, exchanging gifts and making Christmas cards, too! Cost is \$6 and please bring a \$5 gift to exchange.

To guarantee seating, please RSVP by Saturday, November 28th by contacting Julie McLain/KB8ZXR at: (517) 694-0812 or KB8ZXR@aol.com



~Julie McLain/KB8ZXR
Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Coordinator



Teen Talk



Everything seems to be going great with everything Youth related I've been doing. However, I do first want to apologize to all of you CMARC Members. I haven't been able to be at the past several meeting due to family scheduling conflicts and with the Holt Marching Band. The Holt Football team has been doing really well this season and I'm happy for them, but I've had to be there playing with the band at the football games (this counts for a grade) instead of attending the CMARC meetings. I really wanted to be there both in November and September but wasn't able to get away. I'll see everyone at Christmas though!

Back to the youth update:

- The Holt High School Communications Club has been started and we are now seeking out a room to store the equipment in. We're really excited about everything and hope to have a room soon, it's just finding the right place that the club and the administration can agree on. Hopefully I'll have a room to give an update on next month.

- The MRAY Network has been doing really well and we're excited to see new life coming into the net. After submitting a request into the IRA board that owns and operates the W8HVG Link Repeater, the time for the weekly MRAY Net has been changed! We will now operate on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm. Many of the check ins have said that this time change would be more convenient for them, and we will now be able to talk to several news hams to the net who were unavailable due to a weekly Thursday night responsibility. We hope that numbers will rise and the amount of young people having fun will as well! The other MRAY Net controls and I encourage everyone to get their young Hams out there, and to invite POSSIBLE Hams out at third party check ins.

- We have recently acquired a new web address that is much easier to remember. Keep visiting mraynetwork.com to stay up to date with everything that we have going on. There will be more to come to this website, and our Webmaster Caleb KD8KTQ will be, and has been doing a great job making the site interesting! Save this site under your favorites because you'll want to come back often!

- Don KB8RAD (Youth Liaison) and I will embark on a road trip within the next month. We'll be providing a new young ham with better equipment so he is able to check in to the weekly MRAY Net better, and get out and use his privileges all the time. We're very excited about this and I know he will appreciate it. If anyone would like to donate equipment to help this new ham out, we would REALLY appreciate it!!! If you have an old 2 meter mobile radio, or a power supply, or both that you would like to donate, that would make the world of a difference to this young Hams new start in this hobby. Please contact me to let me know!

With nothing else to report, I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and I'll be waiting for the Christmas party!

73, Corey

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Bits N Bytes...Second Look

Celebrating Veteran's Day

November 11, 2009

Since the first days of our independence, brave Americans have stepped forward to protect our country and promote our ideals of freedom and justice. That is why for more than 70 years November 11 has been set aside to recognize the men and women who have so valiantly served America. On this special day, we want to remember and pay tribute to all the millions of patriots whose courage and sacrifice have secured our freedom. We remember all of those who have kept the peace and defended our values around the globe, from those who suffered through the harsh winter at Valley Forge to those who preserved our Union on the battlefields of Gettysburg and then to all the heroes who turned back the tide of tyranny and hatred on the beaches of Normandy. We want to take this time to honor them and pay tribute to all of our CMARC family who have served or lost loved ones, so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have in this great country of America. Thank You and God bless America!! -submitted by Julie McLain (KB8ZXR)



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In October 2008, I started a "License Manual Lending Library", stocked with Technician, General, and Extra Class books donated by generous Hams no longer using them. For the past year, I've been the custodian of these manuals and have served as "Librarian" in charge of lending them out and keeping track so they can be successfully retrieved for future use. So far, a half dozen new Hams have joined our ranks as the result of this effort, and several more have upgraded!

If you know of anyone who needs a manual, please let me know. Also, as word of this project continues to spread, I anticipate an increase in requests and the need for more books, and the time may come when I won't have enough to meet the need. So, if you have a CURRENT Technician, General, or Extra Class License Manual that you wish to donate, please contact me at: (517) 694-0812 or KB8RAD@ARRL.net. THANK YOU for taking an active role in preserving our Hobby and ensuring its future growth by donating your unused current manuals

73, Don (KB8RAD)

Bits N Bytes...Second Look

Four Radio Amateurs Killed in Plane Crash En Route to CQWW Phone Contest



Just after take-off -- around 6:30 AM on Wednesday, October 21 -- a twin-engine plane carrying four Amateur Radio operators crashed into the woods, only 250 yards off the end of the runway in Jedburg, South Carolina, about 20 miles northwest of Charleston. The plane -- piloted and owned by Peter Radding, W2GJ -- carried Ed Steeble, K3IXD, Dallas Carter, W3PP, and Randy Hargenrader, K4QO. The four men were on their way to the Bahamas to operate in this weekend's CQ World Wide Phone Contest as C6APR, competing in the Multi/2 category. Radding, of North Charleston, South Carolina, was 69; Steeble, of Summerville, South Carolina was 68; Carter, of Laurel, Delaware, was 67

and Hargenrader, also of Summerville, was 55. All were ARRL members; Radding and Steeble were Life Members.

(in the photo above) Robert Biss, W8ZA (far right), accompanied Ed Steeble, K3IXD/C6AXD (left), Dallas Carter, W3PP, Pete Radding, W2GJ/C6APR, and Randy Hargenrader, K4QO (not pictured), to the Bahamas for the 2008 running of the CQWW SSB Contest. [Photo courtesy of Bob Biss, W8ZA]

2009 Field Day Results are In

Thanks to all who contributed to the effort! Below are the 2009 posted official results, along with the previous three years.

We again showed improvement in all areas. Great job by all!

Thanks again for a memorable and fantastic Field Day.

2009:	Score: 4004	Total QSO's: 987	Place: 380
2008:	Score: 3318	Total QSO's: 730	Place: 485
2007:	Score: 2758	Total QSO's: 608	Place: 619
2006:	Score: 2702	Total QSO's: 668	Place: 640

73! Ron-WD8BCS



Local & Special Interest News

CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 54.95
Business Checking	\$ 785.46
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (3/10/09)	\$1007.95

Net Worth as of 10/31/09	\$1848.36
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 10/31/09)	\$ 179.00

*separate from CMARC Funds

Submitted,
Ron Harger, WD8BCS
CMARC Treasurer



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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) on the 145.390 for lots of fun!

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.

Wednesday 8:00pm - Central Michigan Information Net. Join Don (KB8RAD) for this weekly gathering on the 145.390 repeater. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday 8:00pm - 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 11:00am and testing starts at 11:30am for the following
date: **Saturday November 14, 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 \$180! Thanks!

Lansing VE Session #2

Tuesday December 1st - 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 Co. ARC

Saturday December 12th - 12pm
Eaton Co Sheriff Dept-EOC,
1025 Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, MI 48813
Contact: John A. Dewey (NY8Q)
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Lansing VE Session #1

Thursday January 9th - 11am
Lansing American Red Cross,
1800 E. Grand River, Lansing
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