

Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club



THE SCOPE



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

centralmiarc.com

Serving Our Community Since 1921

lcdra.net

CMARC MEETING

A lot is happening at CMARC lately so be sure to attend the next club meeting on Friday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m. to catch up on all the latest information and to visit with your HAM friends.

The speaker for this months meeting will be Mr. John Imeson/N8JI who is President of the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association. John will be discussing the WKAR Spring Tower Project and how the move will impact the 145.39 repeater and our finances.

As always, a donation to the Salvation Army of any nonperishable food or personal needs item is greatly appreciated!

Come out and show your support for both CMARC and for the Salvation Army for so generously giving our club a home.

See you there!



IMPORTANT!



The Ziegenbein Award Ceremony/Ladies Night event is coming up in May.

If you haven't RSVP'd as of yet, please see page 4 of the Scope for information.

Don't miss out on this fun event!

Scoping out the SCOPE

Tea Time Ladies Days!
See Page 5

Couldn't make it to Marshall?
Read 'Swap Snippets'
from those who attended on
page 10

Meeting minutes.
See what you may
have missed.
Page 11

Teen Talk
by Corey Bullock-KD8BOQ
Page 15

March/April 2011

What's My Sign?

By: Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born on January 7, 1952 in Highland Park, Michigan and grew up in Royal Oak. When I was born, my oldest sister was fifteen, my brother was eleven and seven years after me, my baby sister came along. Growing up, our family lived very much like the family in the movie "A Christmas Story" and some people even said we were the "Cleavers" from "Leave It To Beaver"! My Dad, Wally, was a Purchasing Agent and my Mom, Edith, was a "stay at home" mom. We also had a family-run ice cream business called "Fred's Ice Cream Hut" where I worked with my oldest sister and brother, plus some others that we hired. We made our own ice cream and everyone loved it! Back then, a gallon sold for 12 cents! In the summers we spent our time on the Jersey Shore until my family obtained a cabin near Mackinaw City. In 1970, I graduated from Royal Oak Kimball High School and then attended Oakland Community College for a year. After that I went to Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command where I graduated in 1990.

My interest in Amateur Radio began when a Ham friend of mine introduced me to the Hobby. He worked as a Radio Technician for the Michigan State Police and I worked there as an Emergency Dispatcher. One year, my wife gave me a scanner for Christmas and I really liked listening to the Police. I think she just liked listening to me at work! When I was first licensed in 1976, you had to go to the Federal Building in Detroit to take your Ham Radio test. So, that's where I went to get my Technician license and also my General later on. I remember that after passing my 13 wpm Morse Code test, the FCC examiner convinced me to try going for the 20 wpm test. I took it and surprised myself, because I'd missed it by only one character, all without even studying for that speed! My brother, Wally/WD8PSN also got his license in 1976, one week before me!

My shack consists of an Atlas 210X, ICOM 745, KDK FM 144 (2meters), Realistic DX-150 Receiver, and a Ten-Tec Omni D. I have a 3-element tri-band Yagi on a 45-foot tower and on top of that is a Ringo Ranger for 2 meters. Also attached to the tower is a sloper for 6-160 meters. I even have a Philco Console radio from the 1930's that still works and includes the shortwave bands (AM). My favorite Band is 10 meters voice and CW, which I still use, even though I'm a little rusty at it, thanks to computers. I also like to work on 2 meters and really enjoy volunteering my assistance with SKYWARN. Over the years, I've also enjoyed making phone patches for service personnel overseas, but cell phones have really done away with much of that activity. I also like to assist with MIDCARS (The Midwest Amateur Radio Service). I'm currently a member of the "Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club" and the "Amateur Radio Relay League".

I'm a retired Michigan State Police Assistant Division Commander and now work part time for Lansing Community College as support staff for the Extension and Community Education Department. In my spare time, I play the Tuba in the Dewitt Community Concert Band and the MSU Community Music School New Horizons Band. I also like to go RV'ing in my 5th wheel trailer and spending time with my two grandkids, Lily who's 4 and Alex who's 6. On the side I love to cook and bake, and also can jams, salsa, and other delicious foods.

When Julie asked me if I had any words of wisdom to share regarding Amateur Radio I replied, "Continue to be active on the air. By not keeping the airwaves busy, we risk losing them. Also, life is short, so live it to the fullest. In addition I'd also like to say that I think the 145.39 repeater has the friendliest people on 2 meters. I was a little turned off to 2 meters due to the actions (or lack there of) by many Hams on other area repeaters. However, everyone on the 145.39 has made me feel welcome and part of a great Ham family!"

There, now that we've become a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is WD8PVS and my name is Charlie Culton. And, for those of you who may have heard me talking about "Miss May", she's my 2-year-old Saint Bernard who climbs up on the couch to look out the window, leaving big nose prints on the glass as she anxiously waits for me to get "off the air" and "into the house" every time I come home!!

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

MARCH

Birthdays

3/3 DEANNA BARNHILL/KD8BDI
3/3 JOLYON VINCENT/KD8HZY
3/10 ADRINA KERESZTES/KD8OQW
3/13 GEORGE NEWTON/KC8DVV
3/17 LAURIE BATES
3/17 GREGORY MILLBAUER/KD8FIA
3/20 SANDY TICKNER/W8GRO
3/26 LOWELL HOYLAND/KC8ARG
3/28 TYLER G HEAD/KC8LWG
3/28 TYLER D LEIGHTON/KD8BOP
3/29 DENNIS KELLY/N8OMT
3/30 BRIAN BALDUS/KD8NZM

Anniversaries

3/04 JOHN J DOORNHAAG/KD8NNQ
3/06 ELLIS WHITEHEAD/W8YB
3/12 PAUL F KEEFER/KB8YQZ
3/19 RON E MEDDAUGH/KB8MUN

APRIL

Birthdays

4/07 JIM HANNAHS/KC8QWH
4/07 JIM LAKIN/W8JRL
4/07 DICK MCGUIRE/KI8C
4/08 TROY C CREED/W8TCC
4/10 BOB BERGER/K8RDN
4/11 LINDA CONKLIN/K8LCC
4/11 GRACE J SWITZER/N8NJT
4/14 ERICKA KAHLER/KD8KJU
4/17 ROY S OAKLEY/KE5AZI
4/22 DAN L FULLER/W8VVR
4/27 SHARON WAITE/KD8HHK

Anniversaries

4/02 BOB/K8RDN AND ANN BERGER
4/09 SCOTT/W8ATT & SANDY/W8GRO TICKNER
4/14 SCOTT M ROWE/AB8VN
4/20 ROY/KE5AZI & ROBIN OAKLEY
4/24 LINDA/K8LCC & WAYNE/W8QG CONKLIN
04/30 LYNN ALLEN/N8FIQ

MISSING FOR FEBRUARY: Sean Fisher's KD8LDM 13th Birthday was Feb 7th
CORRECTION! John Fisher's anniversary was added to February's Scope in error.

LCDRA

Please note: LCDRA is moving its meeting location BACK to Fire Station #8, which is located on Marshall Street in Lansing.
The next LCDRA meeting will be held on **April 21st 2011 at 7 p.m.**

CMARC Ladies Night Information/Reminder

Good Evening!

Since the April meeting of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club is this Friday night, I thought I would send out a reminder about Ladies Night (coming up in May). Below is the e-mail with information I sent out the day after the March meeting. I will have the tickets at Friday night's meeting, but it helps to RSVP ahead of time so I can have the tickets all set in envelopes for everyone.

If you have already RSVP'd but still received this reminder, please use it to invite others. I want to make sure as many people receive this as possible and last week Julie McLain mentioned not everyone is on the "list serve" to receive the invitation. If you checked the CMARC website to check out the time of Ladies Night, it is incorrect. It says 7:30pm, but it is really 6:00pm. Please spread that word as well.

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions, and as mentioned below, please let me know if you have any food allergies/issues.

I hope your week is "hemmed" with blessings and we will see you soon!

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: CMARC LadiesNight <cmarcladiesnight@GMAIL.COM>
Subject: [CMARC-Group] CMARC Ladies Night
Date: Sat, 12 Mar 2011 14:40:42 -0500

Good Afternoon!

Each of you are invited to the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club (CMARC)
Ladies Night / Ziegenbein Award Presentation evening.

As I mentioned at last night's meeting, it will be **Friday, May 13th at 6:00pm**. The location is the **Salvation Army Building** where we normally have our Club meeting. It is the same night we would have our regular Club meeting, in case anyone forgets. :o) The address is **701 W. Jolly Rd., Lansing, MI 48910**

The evening will be a catered event and the **cost is \$10**. Approximately \$9 will go toward the meal and approximately \$1 will go toward a donation to the Salvation Army. This donation will be separate from the donation we discussed at the February meeting, and it will be in memory of the CMARC/LCDRA members we lost in 2010.

Please **RSVP to Shannon Ranes** either in person, by e-mail (CMARCLadiesNight@gmail.com), or by phone (517-487-8376).

However you choose to respond please let me know the following three items:

- 1.) name(s) of those attending
- 2.) call sign (if you have one)
- 3.) phone number where I can confirm that I have received your message. If you confirm by e-mail or phone, we will work out a way to connect for payment & your ticket.

Tickets will be available at the April CMARC meeting, as well as at RAD's Coffee Break each Saturday night at Denny's Restaurant. If you want to pay by check, please make it payable to CMARC (Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club).

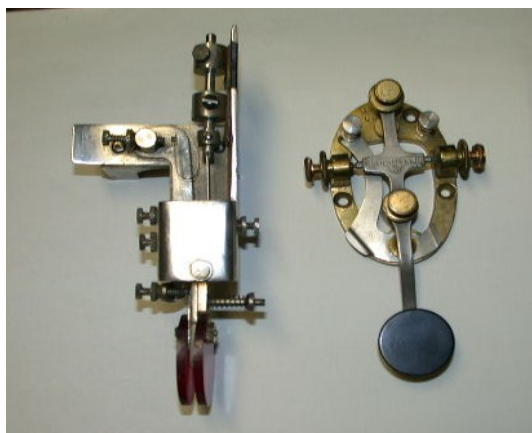
If you are thinking of coming but are still unsure if you will be able to attend, please let me know that as well. I can at least write your name down as a "maybe" and hold a spot for you until closer to the date.

I know some of you have food allergies/issues, please let me know that when you RSVP. (ie. gluten-free, lactose intolerant, vegetarian, etc.)

I look forward to seeing each of you at Ladies Night and hope you are having a blessed weekend!

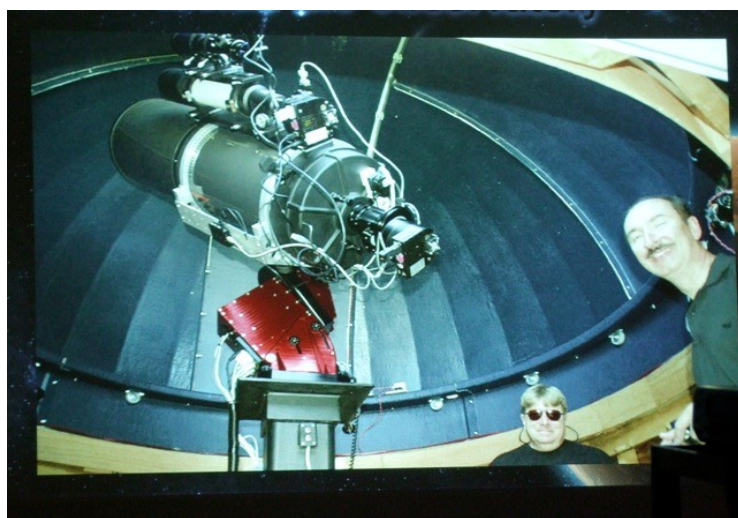
73,
Shannon Ranes
WA2NVK
CMARC Ladies Night Chairman

This issue's Key of the Month was forwarded to me by another ham. It's one you won't see every day. This is an Add-on bug that sits atop a regular J-38 key. Very clever indeed! I'll let Clem tell you about it in his own words. 73, Gregg



Here is my Telegraph Key that I used in Telegraph School and with the Great Northern Railway as a Telegrapher from December 1956 to 1969 when I resigned from the Goat. Then I put it back in service with my amateur radio call W0MEC and KX6JC while working in the Marshall Islands during the early and mid 1970's. 73 de W0MEC Clem Brzoznowski

February's CMARC meeting included a presentation on Amateur Astronomy by Jeff Thrush (KD8LMI.) Thank you, Jeff for coming again to speak on such a fascinating topic and for sharing your photography with us! (photos of the presentation provided by Erv Bates-W8ERV)



Left picture: Jeff (KD8LMI) makes a point during his Amateur Astronomy presentation at CMARC
Right picture: Inside the Thrush Observatory in Manchester, MI

MEETING SCHEDULE			
GROUP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
CMARC	04/08/11	7:00 P.M	SALVATION ARMY
ARPSC	04/18/11	7:00 P.M.	MASON EOC
LCDRA	04/21/11	7:00 P.M.	FIRE STATION # 8



Tea Time Ladies' Days

MARCH

March 10th – Adrina Keresztes/KD8OQW's Birthday!!

APRIL

April 2, 1966 -- Ann & Bob Berger/K8RDN's Anniversary

April 11th -- Linda Conklin/K8LCC's Birthday

April 14th -- Ericka Kahler/KD8KJU's Birthday

April 27th -- Sharon Waite/KD8HHK's Birthday

April 24, 1976 -- Linda/K8LCC & Wayne/W8QG Conklin's Anniversary



APRIL LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON

Please be sure to join us on Saturday, April 16th at 12:30pm for our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon! We will be meeting at Bob Evans Restaurant, located at 900 American Road in south 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 make sure we can all sit together, please let me know by Friday, April 15th if you are planning to attend. You can contact me at: (517) 694-0812 or KB8ZXR@aol.com. I sure hope you'll join us, because we always have a great time getting together and I'm sure you will, too! 73!

~Julie McLain, KB8ZXR
Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Coordinator

The Ladies Tea Time Net!

Please join us every Tuesday evening at 7pm on the 145.39 Repeater (100 Hz PL). All Ladies are welcome...and so are our Gentlemen!! Remember, Ladies, even if you're not licensed, you can still check-in! That's right, as long as you have a Ham husband or friend who's willing to act as Control Operator, you can talk "Third-party" on THEIR callsign! So, just pour yourself a nice hot cup of tea, grab the mic and join us. I'll be listening for you!!

~ Julie/KB8ZXR, Ladies Tea Time Net Control~





MO' POWER

by Bob Tail

A monthly column of hints, helps and humor, designed to aid new and (not so new) Amateur Radio Operators

G'Day again mates,

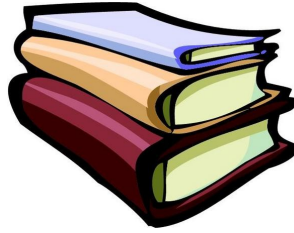
Well I got home from the hammy club meeting tonight more excited than a dingo pup chasing his tail. Lots of folks were talking about new modes to try with the computer. This JT65 job sounds very interesting. Has all the youngsters a talking. Our boy Ned Novice was telling his mates about the setup he has planned. Got the idea from a hammy rag article. Last week he and young lassy, Nil Current were "spadeing in" some more ground radials under his vertical aerial when they started talking about some of the new computer software available for the ham on a budget. Quite a variety out on the WIA, RSGB, ARRL web sites. Ned says he's confused with all of it. Nil has anticipated this and tells Ned she has looked into the new "weak signal" modes, and they are suprisingly easy. Ned likes Nil's answer. He knows that Nil does her homework before she comments on anything technical. Nil in turn likes Ned's attention. Fair Dinkum for both as they enjoy each others company. Nice to see them enjoying a fine hobby too.

Got me to thinking on the future of the hobby as well. Around here, we have a good bunch of hams eager to help newcomers learn the ropes. We even have a group of new hams learning the Morse code. Me point is that everyone can help someone at some time to over come a hurdle or learn something new. Many of the youngsters just need a bit of prodding to get over hump. Are you helping to shape the future of radio in your hammy club? It's easier than you think. Many are saying "I don't have the time." It's to those I say, "Remember when you were just a young pup ?" "Remember an older , wiser ham helping you?" All of us have relied on the help from a more experienced ham at one time or another. Sometimes just a word of encouragement is all it takes. Other times you have to roll up your shirt sleeves and pitch in. The time spent helping a new ham now, will pay off big dividends in the future. Just imagine, when your gone who's going to run the Storm Weather nets? Who will be there to fix repeaters ? Where will the future traffic handlers and testers come from? So how can you help ? Many times just taking the time to introduce yourself and say hello to a new ham can do wonders. Take them into your confidence and let them know they are welcome at your hammy club. It will help to insure that we have a hobby with a bright future. Rather than a bunch of "grouchy ol' men" yacking about the latest gripe. Don't be afraid to " Step up to the Plate" and take hold of the cricket bat. The new generation of hams is looking for guidance. They may not be interested in the same modes as you , yet you'll find they are eager to learn.

With the new year upon us , take time to be with family and friends. Give thanks for all the good things in your life. Take the time to help a new ham. You may make a new mate in the process. Remember the row you sow will reap abundant fruit. But first you gotta grab the water buffalo by the horns.

73 till next time,
Bob Tail

LICENSE MANUAL LENDING LIBRARY



A couple of years ago, it was brought to my attention by a prospective Amateur Radio Operator that not everyone who wishes to become a Ham can afford to buy the necessary License Manual and are thus held back from realizing their dream. As the “New Ham Ambassador” for the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, the thought of our Club or Hobby being diminished by even one future Ham because of a few dollars didn’t set well with me.

That’s why back in October of 2008, I decided to remedy the situation by starting a “License Manual Lending Library”, which would be stocked with up-to-date donated Technician, General and Extra class books. As the new owner of the books, I would also serve as Librarian in charge of lending the manuals out and keeping track of them so they could be successfully retrieved for future use by others. Thanks to the generosity of our fellow Hams, I received donations of a handful of Technician manuals, as well as a couple of General and Extra class books. And over the last two and a half years, the Library has been a success! It has been responsible for EIGHT NEW HAMS, and FIVE UPGRADES!!

However, when they expired this past July, I was left with no Technician manuals to keep up with the many requests. Once again, thanks to the unselfishness of a few Amateurs, I received four brand new manuals. But, they were quickly snapped up and I can’t keep up with the many requests for a book. So, if you have a CURRENT Technician, or even a General or Extra class license manual that you are no longer using and wish to donate to this endeavor, PLEASE contact me at: [\(517\) 694-0812](tel:5176940812) or KB8RAD@ARRL.net. Thank you in advance from all those people who stand to benefit from you taking an active role in preserving our Hobby and ensuring its future growth.

73,
Don McLain/KB8RAD

Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC)

AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Jeremiah Sevrey/KC8EIA, the ARPSC Events Coordinator, has formulated his list for the Amateur Radio public service events our group will participate in for the year 2011. You can find this list by visiting www.lansingarpssc.com and navigating to the “Public Service Events” page. If you are interested in taking part in any of these events please contact Jeremiah at: KC8EIA@arri.net

ARPSC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the “Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps” will be on **Monday, April 18th at 7pm**, this time at the Ingham County Sheriff’s Office in Mason. We will be meeting in the Sgt. Paul Cole Training Room. ALL those interested are welcome to attend. Since you DON’T have to be an ARPSC member or even a Ham to join us, be sure to bring along a friend! By the way, those RACES card holders who weren’t able to attend the last meeting missed out on exchanging their expired BLUE cards for updated ones, so they need to bring them to this next meeting so they can get a current card. As usual, there will be NO Training Net on meeting night. To volunteer as Net Control or Trainer for the Monday night Nets, please contact Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD at: (517) 694-0812 or KB8RAD@ARRL.NET.

HAM SWAPS

FOURTH ANNUAL DAYTON HAMVENTION EXCURSION

The fourth annual "Dayton Hamvention Excursion" will be on **Saturday, May 21st**. The luxury motor coach bus ride to the Dayton Swap is sponsored by the Kalamazoo SMART Club and costs \$100.00 per person. What do you get for your money? You get to spend the day at the Dayton Hamvention and enjoy the ENTIRE experience with no driving worries, no parking inconveniences, no ticket lines and no hauling your new treasures long distances back to the parking lot! You get continental breakfast on the bus, door-side drop off and pick up at Hara Arena, your Hamvention tickets included in the price, opportunities to place your purchases on the bus throughout the day, dinner on the return trip, and tons of fun and fellowship! The bus leaves Kalamazoo at 3:45am, arrives in Dayton at 8:00am, leaves Dayton at 4:45 pm and arrives back in Kalamazoo at 10:45pm. Whew! And of course, the price of the fuel you'd normally have to spend if you drove down yourself is included in your bus ticket. So, if you're interested in "leaving the driving to them", go to www.centralmiarc.com and click on the link provided!

Saturday, April 16th, the Milford Amateur Radio Club will hold the Annual Milford Amateur Radio Club Swap and Shop at Milford High School, 2380 South Milford Road in Highland, Michigan. The hours are from 8:00am until 1:00pm, and tickets are \$6.00 for Adults (with under 12 years old FREE!). Talk-in will be on the 145.490 repeater with a PL of 67 Hz. There will be door prizes and a food concession will be provided. For more information you can check out their website at: www.qsl.net/w8ydk

Saturday, May 7th, the Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club will hold the 2011 Cadillac Hamfest at Cadillac Junior High School, 500 S. Chestnut Street in Cadillac, Michigan. The hours are from 8am until noon, and the tickets are \$5 at the door. VE testing is available starting at 10:30am (with walk-ins welcome). Talk-in will be on the 146.980 repeater with no tone. For more information you can check out their website at: www.wexaukeearc.org/

Saturday, June 4th, the Independent Repeater Association will hold the "Good Old Days" W8IRA Hamfest at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds, 5235 Park Avenue in Hudsonville, Michigan. The hours are from 8am until noon, and the tickets are \$5. Talk-in will be on the 147.16 repeater with a PL of 94.8 Hz. For more information you can check out their website at: <http://w8ira.org>

Sunday, June 5th, the Chelsea Amateur Radio Club will hold the 33rd Annual Chelsea Radio Swap 'n Shop at the Chelsea Fairgrounds in Chelsea, Michigan. The doors open promptly at 8am and the tickets are \$5 at the door with under 12 FREE! Talk-in will be on the 145.45 Chelsea repeater. There will be hourly prizes including ARRL Publications and more, with First Prize being a 2M HT! For more information you can check out their website at: <http://wd8iel.net>

Saturday, June 18th, the Midland Amateur Radio Club will hold the 2011 Midland Hamfest at the Salvation Army Building, 330 Waldo Avenue in Midland, Michigan. The hours are from 8am until Noon, and the tickets are \$5. VE testing is available and walk-ins are welcome! Talk-in will be on the 147.00 Midland repeater with no tone. For more information you can check out their website at: www.w8kea.org/Hamfest

Sunday, June 19th, (Father's Day) the Monroe County Radio Communications Association will hold the Monroe Hamfest and Computer Show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, M-50 at Raisinville Road (2 Miles west of Monroe). The hours are from 7:30am until 1pm, and the tickets are \$6. Talk-in will be on the 146.72 repeater with no tone. For more information you can check out their website at: www.mcrca.org



“SWAP SNIPPETS”
By Don/KB8RAD & Julie/KB8ZXR

Despite the high fuel prices, a large number of our local Hams recently attended what has become for many an annual rite of spring. Below are a few snippets of what some of them had to say about this year's Marshall Hamfest.

~John/KC8QZB: “This is the first time I have been to the Marshall swap at this location. I bought an HT antenna, and a MFJ noise canceller to check out. Even though I thought the building was a little small, I will go again. I carpooled with two other hams.”

~Dick McGuire/KI8C: “After missing last year's Marshall Hamfest because Lansing's Skywarn Training was the same day, I was glad to be able to make this one and enjoyed it as usual. I didn't spend a whole lot of money, just miscellaneous hardware items, for example good rope for the far end of a long wire antenna that had come down. The Battle Creek group did well in coming up with the present location.”

~Russ/N8FZ: “We did go to Marshall this year and it was the first swap for Sam/N8FPR. I have tried to make it to Marshall for as long as I have been a ham. Outside of Ft. Wayne and Dayton, I think it is one of the last premier swaps left. I must say that I was very disappointed that it had to move out of Marshall High School . . . that said, the new location worked well. The attendance seemed very good as it was packed early on. We will be back again next year, it was a good time.”

~Adrina/KD8OQW: “Joe/N8YCM and I drove by ourselves while our son Paul/KD8OQU and his friend, Matt/KD8PNI, who's a new Ham, followed us. We liked the swap meet. Joe bought an antenna and so did Matt. We saw Corey/KD8BOQ, Bob/KB8DQQ, Erv/W8ERV and a few others from our club. We would probably go to that swap again. We also went to the Jackson Mall and to Coney Island for breakfast, but that's another story!”

~Jerry/KD8GLN: “On March 19th I, Corey/KD8BOQ and John/KC8QZB went to the Hamfest in Marshall. It was smaller than I remember when it was at the high school. We had fun and talked to Tyler/KC8LWG on the way there and on the way back on 146.520. That was also fun. I met a lot of people there that I know.”

~Bob/KB8DQQ: “The parking lot wasn't muddy this year that was a nice change. The place didn't get really packed until I was about to return home. Being in a smaller place it didn't take a long time for me to look things over. I didn't end up with any new-used ham equipment. I do find it rather amazing to see what kinds of things are for sale there. It was a pretty good swap in my opinion. I'll plan to attend again next year as it is one that is on Sat and not that far away.”

~Zack/KD8DAX: “I went with a friend of mine down there (Andy KD8CEO) and it was fun and a very good swap as it always is at the Marshall swap meet. I saw Erv/W8ERV there and Corey/KD8BOQ and Tyler/KC8LWG. It was at the same location as last year and it did not seem as busy as it was last year, at least as far as people shopping and possibly even as vendors. But, it was still really good and plenty busy.”

~Corey/KD8BOQ: “I really enjoyed this year's Marshall Swap! It was my first time at the new location. There was a lot of room, but all the people there definitely made navigating the isles difficult. I was able to meet up with some new friends and meet new people as well! I didn't buy anything this year, but there definitely was a lot to choose from with several big name vendors, and private parties with lots to look over! I'll be going again next year!”

CMARC BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2011

President Sharon/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. with the following Board members in attendance: Treasure Jerry/KD8GLN, Secretary John /KC8QZB, Director Don/KB8RAD, Director Carl/K8YHH, and Under 22 Director Corey/KD8BOQ. Excused was Vice President Bob/K8RDN

- x John/KC8QZB reported that he has received the two toner cartridges for the club printer from Erv/W8ERV.
- x Sharon/KD8HHK said that we need a Salvation Army liaison. Cory/KD8BOQ suggested that possibly someone new, someone that is not on the board could be the liaison.
- x Don/KB8RAD reported that David/N8CFM has had a triple bypass recently.
- x Ron/WD8BCS reported that is is the general consensus of the field day committee to hold field day at Gardener Middle School again. Cory made a motion to approve \$50.00 to apply to Lansing schools to use the grounds on the east side of the building, seconded by Gerry/KD8GLN and approved.
- x Carl/K8YHH suggested that we count how many people attended a meeting and announce the total at the next meeting. there was some discussion on giving speakers that are not from the Lansing area a gift card. Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to send Jeff/KD8LMI a thank-you letter and a \$25.00 visa gift card, 2nded by Carl/K8YHH and approved.

The Board meeting closed at 7:28 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2011

President Sharon/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 37 people in attendance (35 members and 2 visitors). Our speaker for the evening; Jeff Thrush/KD8LMI

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS:

No new licenses or upgrades this month.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS:

Dick/KI8C worked Nevada for his 49th state on 160m. Erv/W8ERV worked D44TBE an Italian dxpedetion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, March 11th at 7:30 pm. Any amateur radio operator that is interested in helping with public events please check the lansingarpsc.com website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- x A motion to accept the February Secretary's Report as printed in the March SCOPE was made by Jim/KC8QWH, seconded by Jim/KA8DDQ and approved. A motion to accept the February Treasurer's report as printed in the March SCOPE subject to annual audit was made by Jim/KA8DDQ, seconded by Don/KD8BD and approved.
- x Jerry/KD8GLN reported that the treasurers report is in two parts, one from MSU credit union and one from Lake Trust credit union. tomorrow the Lake Trust account will be closed and moved to MSU credit union.
- x Sharon/KD8HHK reported that March 15th 2011 is the last day to submit Zigenbien nominations. Nominations can be sent to: Roger Barnhill/AB8RX, ATTN: Ziegenbein Nomination, 12641 Turner Road, Portland, Michigan, 48875.
- x Ladies Night is set for May 13th 2011. There will be a short business meeting at ladies night.
- x Skywarn training is March 5th 2011 at 10:00 AM at the west campus of LCC.
- x Don/KB8RAD reported that there will be a bus trip to Dayton put on by the Kalamazoo SMART club on May 21 2011, payment is due on April 15 2011. The price is \$100.00 per person.

NEW BUSINESS:

- x Don/WB8NUS is the LCDRA liaison to CMARC.
- x Sharon/KD8HHK announced there are two additional CMARC photographers, Dan/WX8MOJ and Dawn/KD8MWA.
- x We need a liaison to the Salvation Army, the liaison is the contact person between CMARC and the Salvation Army to keep the lines of communications open. Erv/W8ERV reported that the major part of it is turning in the meeting dates to Amy Norton once a year (the dates for 2011 were turned in December 2010), Any classes need to be cleared through Amy Norton one month in advance. Anyone that is interested please contact Sharon/KD8HHK.
- x Erv/W8ERV showed samples of his new QSL cards. They are very thick and have full color. The printers call is K4JSG in Virginia.
- x Ron/WD8BCS reported that the board has approved \$50.00 for him to go after the Gardener site again. Right now we have two HF phone stations. Wayne/W8QG and John/KC8QZB have offered to run the two stations however if there is someone that would like to chair a station they are more than willing to yield their station. Anyone interested please contact Ron/WD8BCS. Greg/WB8LZG has offered to chair the CW station. Jim/KA8DDQ will chair the VHF station. Linda/K8LCC has offered be the food chair again. Carl/K8YHH will be the gota chair. Jerry/KD8GLN liaison.
- x Don/KB8RAD reported that the repeater antenna will be moved from the old WKAR tower to the new WKAR tower in June. The tower work will cost LCDRA a lot so membership in LCDRA would be greatly appreciated. There is a special fund for the antenna project, so someone can donate the the special fund in addition to LCDRA membership.
- x A donation to the Salvation Army was discussed. The club had donated to the Red Cross to show our appreciation in the past. We were told when we moved in that we would be responsible for any overage in electricity costs. We do not know if there has been any but to date they have not asked us. Erv/W8ERV made a motion that CMARC make a donation of \$150.00 to the Salvation Army with our thanks, Ron/WD8BCS amended the motion that we make the donation as long as this does not affect the other funding that the club endures through the year, 2nded by Jim/N8GNN and approved.

50/50 DRAWING:

Jane/KC8FSK won \$15.00 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 Thrush/KD8LMI was our speaker for the evening. He put on an interesting program on amateur astronomy. With all business being concluded, Erv/W8ERV made a motion to adjourn 2nded by Don/KB8RAD. We adjourned at 9:33 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2011

President Sharon/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. with the following Board members in attendance: Vice President Dan/WX8MOJ, Treasure Jerry/KD8GLN, Secretary John /KC8QZB, Director Don/KB8RAD, Director Carl/K8YHH, Under 22 Director Corey/KD8BOQ.

- x Sharon/KD8HHK reported that Ron/WD8BCS is negotiating with Lansing School District. There is someone new in the office and they are telling him that the charge is \$30 to \$50 an hour, so Ron/WD8BCS is working on that. Sharon/KD8HHK reported that Shannon/WA2NVK would like to know how much she has to work with for ladies night. The board estimated a minimum of \$275.
- x Cory/KD8BOQ would like a few minutes to talk about the Radio Club at Holt High School and getting the radio equipment back to the club(CMARC).
- x There was a discussion to amend a proposal passed at the previous board meeting to reimburse speakers that are not from the Lansing area by helping them out with a little gas. Don/KB8RAD made a motion to amend the proposal passed at the last board meeting that gives speakers that are not from the Lansing area a \$25 gift card to read, from this day forward, speakers that have to come from any farther away than 45 miles one way from their home to the club meeting that the club will give the speaker a \$25 gift card, 2nded by Corey/KD8BOQ and approved.

With all business concluded, Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry/KD8GLN and approved.

The Board meeting closed at 7:32 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2011

President Sharon/KD8HHK called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 40 people in attendance (37 members and 3 visitors). Our guests were: Tom/KA8KUF, Mathew/KD8OOS, Dylan Atkins, our speaker for the evening; Trent Atkins/KD8HQB.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS:

None to report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- x The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, April 8th at 7:30 pm. There will be no meeting in May for Ladies Night.
- x Ken/W8AAX announced that the Michigan QSO party starts on April 16 at 1600z to April 17 at 0400z.
- x Marshall amateur radio swap will be on March 19, 2011 from 8am -2pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- x Shannon/WA2NVK reported that dinner will be catered. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The cost breakdown is \$9.00 for the dinner and approximately \$1.00 for the salvation army, if you have any food allergies, please let them know when you sign up for dinner. The entertainment is John Kelly/AA8LF.
- x Sharon/KD8HHK reported that Ron/WD8BCS is negotiating with Lansing School District. There is someone new in the office and they are telling him that the charge is \$30 to \$50 an hour, so Ron/WD8BCS is working on that.

NEW BUSINESS:

- x Sharon/KD8HHK reminded everyone that Zigenbien nominations are due on March 15th 2011.
- x Don/KB8RAD reported that Ron/WD8BCS wrote an article that is in the QST.

UNDER 22 REPORT:

Corey/KD9BOQ reported that the radio club at Holt High School is not going to happen. He has done everything that he can. By this time he was hoping to have people to pass the club on to. He will bring up what to do with the radio equipment donated to the high school radio club at the next CMARC board meeting.

50/50 DRAWING:

Dawn/KD8MWA won \$12.50 in tonight's drawing and 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:

Trent Atkins/KD8HQB was our speaker for the evening. With all business being concluded, we adjourned at 9:14 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

February 2011 Treasurer's Report		March 2011 Treasurer's Report	
Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$1085.13	Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$1085.36
Business Checking	\$2571.29	Business Checking	\$2583.24
Net Worth	\$3656.42	Net Worth	\$3668.60
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$189.29	Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$189.29
Building Fund (Club Station)	\$9.09	Building Fund (Club Station)	\$9.09
*separate from CMARC Funds		*separate from CMARC Funds	
Submitted, Jerry Waite/KD8GLN - CMARC Treasurer			



Fellow Hams and CMARC Members,

I always said that when I had something to update you about, I would publish another Teen Talk. Well I wanted to keep you up to date on something that I've been working on for some time. As many of you know, I've been plugging away at setting up a Holt High School Amateur Radio club for about the past four years. I more than anyone am very displeased to say that this club is **not** going to be completed at the High School.

The work I've put into this has included, but is not limited to the following:

- Meeting with the Superintendent of Holt Public Schools
- After getting his approval, approaching the Principal
- Searching for a staff member who would sponsor this (as you know, finding any teacher who would, was nearly impossible)
- After finding a teacher, and thought I was close, I was told I had to put a proposal through to the Principal
- I personally (with the help of Meredith Harper KD8JBC) wrote that proposal and was told it was "the best proposal he had ever seen" (our Principal)
- After being approved as a club I finally thought we could get this club on the roll, this is where I hit the biggest wall of the whole project
- I was instructed to get a Club Room through one of the administrators. He has been quite honestly, the most unprofessional individual I have ever dealt with (I'll explain more later)
- After OVER A YEAR of getting the run-around from this administrator I have made virtually no progress
- This specific Administrator, would often take 3 weeks (minimum) to respond to my requests to meet with him. I've never received an email response from him once in all of my interactions with him, and conversations that should take about 10 minutes would often turn into 40 because of how often he detracted from the main focus with unrelated stories. Regardless of how terrible he has been, I am disappointed in the whole district with the way this has been handled. This club was set from the start to be an educational one that helps students and the community. I can't tell you how many magazine reading clubs, sports clubs, or other clubs that are non-educational have made it through with ease. Although they too serve a purpose, the point of Public Schools are to pass educational information, and I had thought starting an educational club would be easy. I was mistaken in that assumption unfortunately.

I can't express how **frustrated** I am that this will not be progressing any further. After **FOUR YEARS** of work ranging from meetings, emails, proposals, phone conversations, I have invested a lot of time into this. I wanted to see this happen for more than just me, but for the Ham Community and Holt Public Schools. This hobby holds a variety of benefits that help it's members become a more well-rounded person, and I wanted to see that this hobby was of easy access to my classmates. However, my Senior year is coming to an end, any further progress is still far in site, and there is no one to pass this on to (like I had hoped there would be with a developed club) when I leave next year.

I wish all other clubs that try to start at this school luck, as it is a vigorous process. I had lots of hopes and dreams, and truly gave it my all. I'm sorry that this has to be the conclusion that I'm coming to, but after investing this much time and reaching no reward, I don't have any time or patience left. I will be open to questions at the upcoming CMARC meeting, and in emails and phone calls in the time leading up to this Friday.

I hope that progress in this area is something that is able to be achieve at other schools. As the ARRL Assistant Section Manager to the Youth I really do want to see this happen for other schools and communities. Of course I believe that this hobby has incredible benefits for young people, and I do truly want to see more young people in the hobby so that our future generations are fully prepared for any situation that calls for Amateur Radio. I guess all we can do is have hope, encourage, and excite young people into joining our hobby. Thank you all for the support you've always given, and I hope to see your continued support in any future youth projects regardless of whether or not its a project of mine or not.

Thanks and 73,
Corey J. Bulock KD8BOQ
CMARC Under 22 Director
kd8boq@arrrl.net
517-930-2372



NETS in the Greater Lansing Area

"The Breakfast Club Net" meets EVERY morning (Monday through Friday), from 7 to 11am on the 145.39 repeater, with Net Control Don McLain/KB8RAD.

The **"Central Michigan Slow Scan TV Net"** meets every Sunday evening from **8:00-9:30pm** on the 145.39 repeater with Net Control Carl Canfield/K8YHH. EVERYONE interested is welcome to join and have fun learning and using this interesting and useful mode of communication. Other digital modes will be explored from time to time. For more information, call Carl at: (517) 755-6627. Also, you can click on www.ab8zl.com to see the photos sent during Net.

The **"Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps Training Net"** meets every Monday night at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (except for on the 3rd Monday, which is meeting night). Volunteer Net Control Operators are needed each week, as well as someone to provide the Training, so if you are an ARPSC member and wish to sign up, you can contact Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812.

The **"Ladies Tea Time Net"** meets every Tuesday night at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater, with Net Coordinator Julie McLain/KB8ZXR. Everyone is welcome to check in—even all you guys out there!!

The **"Quarter Century Wireless Association Net"** also meets every Tuesday night but at 8pm and on the 146.70 repeater, with Net Control Don Tillitson/WB8NUS, so drop by after Julie's Net and say, "Hello!"

The **"Central Michigan Information Net"** meets every Wednesday night at 8:00pm, with Net Control Don McLain/KB8RAD. Be sure to join Don for a time of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and helpful INFORMATION!!

The **"Michigan Radio Amateur Youth Net"** or **MRAY**, meets every Thursday night at 8pm on the 145.39 repeater with Net Coordinator Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ. Although the Net specifically targets the Youth, who are the future of Ham Radio (whether they are licensed or non-Hams by way of Third-Party Participation), ADULTS are welcome to check in, as well!! ECHOLINK will be turned on just for the Net each week, and there is also a [LIVE Webcam to enjoy during the Net](http://www.mraynetwork.com), along with a chat room on the MRAY website, at: www.mraynetwork.com.

ALL are welcome on these nets, so be sure to check in to show your support. And as with all Nets, 3rd party checkins are welcome, but must have Control Operator present at check-in time.

VE TESTING SESSIONS

Ingham County VE Group

Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept. Mason

Contact Person:

Don McLain/KB8RAD (517) 694-0812 KB8RAD@arri.net

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. June 2nd & August 4th

Saturday at 11:00 a.m. May 14th & July 9th

Eaton Co. ARC

Location: Eaton Co Sheriff Dept-EOC,
1025 Independence Blvd. Charlotte, MI 48813

Contact:

Mark Korroch(WB8TGY) (517) 645-2378
wb8tgy@yahoo.com

Saturday at 12:00 p.m. April 9th & June 11th

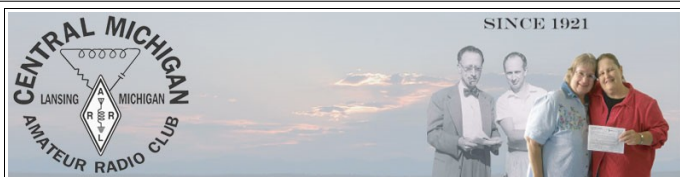
Shiawassee ARC

Location: American Red Cross,
702 Corunna Avenue, Corunna, MI 48817
Contact: Thomas Carpenter (K18AS) (517) 579-0599

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. April 28th & June 23rd

The CMARC & LCDRA Boards 2011

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



Our CMARC Officers

President:	Sharon Waite-KD8HHK	Ph: (517) 882-5406
Vice President:	Dan Beuchert-WX8MOJ	Ph: (517) 604-1379
Secretary:	John Hosford-KC8QZB	Ph: (517) 699-2540
Treasurer:	Jerry Waite-KD8GLN	Ph: (517) 882-5406
Director:	Donald McLain-KB8RAD	Ph: (517) 694-0812
Director:	Carl Canfield-K8YHH	Ph: (517) 755-6627
Under 22:	Corey Bulock-KD8BOQ	Ph: (517) 930-2372
Cards/Flowers:	Jane Hosford-KC8FSK	Ph: (517) 699-2540
Mem. Chmn.:	John Ingraham-NG8L	Ph: (517) 230-9445
Photographer:	J. Ervin Bates-W8ERV	Ph: (517) 908-6739
Club Contact:	Donald McLain-KB8RAD	Ph: (517) 694-0812
Building Coord.:	Dan Beuchert-WX8MOJ	Ph: (517) 604-1379
QSL/ Awards Mgr.:	Don DeFeyer-KC8CY	Ph: (517) 641-4533
Scope Editors:	Dawn Beuchert-KD8MWA Dan Beuchert-WX8MOJ	Ph: (517) 525-1348 Ph: (517) 604-1379

**email address: cmarcscope@hotmail.com **

Deadline for SCOPE: 20th. of month

Meetings are held the second Friday of every month at the Salvation Army-Capital Area, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing at 7:30pm. Board Meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Club Calls: W8MAA & W8PLP



Our LCDRA Officers

President:	John Imeson- N8JI	Ph: (517) 449-1517
Vice Pres:	Don Tillitson-WB8NUS	Ph: (517) 321-2004
Secretary:	J. Ervin Bates-W8ERV	Ph: (517) 908-6739
Director:	Jan Bradfield- KC8BFFK	Ph: (517) 202-1779
Director:	Donald McLain-KB8RAD	Ph: (517) 694-0812
Director:	Jim Harvey-KA8DDQ	Ph: (517) 882-5796
Treas./Mem. Chair:	Jeff Oberg-KB8SXX	Ph: (517) 712-1302
Repeater Trustee:	Dennis Boone-KB8ZQZ	email: drb@msu.edu

LCDRA Call: WB8CQM

Meetings: Quarterly on the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at *****Fire Station #8, Marshall St, Lansing*****



Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 27321
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7321



Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

THE SCOPE



Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

March / April, 2011

			Joining	<input type="checkbox"/> CMARC	<input type="checkbox"/> LCDRA
Name		Callsign			
Address		City	State		
ZIP	Phone	Lic. Class			
ARRL Mem.?	Birthday	Wedding Anniversary			
Year 1st Licensed		Email address			

CMARC Full Membership \$15 per calendar year (must be a licensed Amateur to obtain Full Membership) Associate Membership \$5 per calendar year

Mail Your Check or Money Order To:
John Ingraham-NG8L, CMARC Membership Chairman
2807 Greenbriar Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
(Checks made payable to CMARC, please)

LCDRA Membership is \$15 per calendar year (add a Family member for only \$7.50 per person, per year)

Mail Your Check or Money Order To:
Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association
P.O. Box 4, Eagle, MI 48822-004