



Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

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The Ziegenbein Award Ceremony/ Ladies Night



Bob Berger, K8RDN
received our club's highest
honor Friday night,
receiving the Ziegenbein
Award during Ladies Night
at CMARC!

Congratulations, Bob!

See page 2 for more
pictures and information.

It's a great time to be in Amateur Radio, so much is going on lately!

As the editors of The Scope, we hope this issue was worth the wait!
We strive to get as much information in these newsletters as possible.
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KD8MWA -Dawn & WX8MOJ -Daniel

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LCDRA Meeting Minutes

May 2011

2010 Ziegenbein Recipient: K8RDN



Ladies' Night drew a near capacity crowd on Friday, May 13th at the Salvation Army in Lansing. The annual celebration of the Ladies of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club featured a catered meal which included chicken, pulled pork, cheesy mashed potatoes, a vegetable medley, rice and other goodies. Everyone raved about the spread, giving high praise to Ladies' Night Coordinator, Shannon Raines (WA2MVK), her Mother, and the young ladies who assisted them. As the meal drew to a close, the evening's big event came to the fore.

Former CMARC president and 2001 Ziegenbein recipient, Erv Bates (W8ERV) made the presentation, touting Berger's exemplary record with the Club.

"As a past Committee member, I can tell you it is a difficult choice when you have to pick one person out of so many deserving people", Erv said. "(Bob) has been a strong supporter of everything this Club represents, when called upon (he) was there to help, and when very few people showed up to help, you could count on (Bob) to be there".

Bob has served in many capacities, both within the Club as well as outside the Club, yet still within the scope of our Hobby. He is involved with our annual Field Day operation, SKYWARN where he acts as Net Control, the Lansing/Ingham ARPSC, the NTS (National Traffic System) acting as a handler AND Net Control Station, and working on the State level with the Emergency Operations Center. And that is just his work within the Hobby.



Outside of Amateur Radio, Bob is active with his church, bike riding across the State, and it seems he is always doing something around town with his wife, Ann.

Erv knows it isn't easy to fill Bob's shoes.

"I know a lot of 30 year olds that would have trouble keeping up with Bob!", he says with a laugh. "But on the whole, you won't find a more gentlemanly Ham than Bob Berger....and isn't that what this Hobby is supposed to be? The Ziegenbein Committee made the right choice."

On behalf of ALL CMARC members, Congratulations, Bob!

Photos:

First Page:

Richard (K18C), a current Ziegenbein Committee member, celebrates along with Erv (W8ERV) and the 2011 recipient, Robert Berger (K8RDN) immediately after the presentation

This page, from top:

- John Kelly (AA8LF) entertains a roomful at our annual Ladies Night celebration
- Shannon Raines (WA2NWK) greets Ladies Night attendees as her Mom looks on
- Bob (K8RDN) and Anne Berger showing off Bob's new Ziegenbein Award

What's My Sign?

By: Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born on March 10, 1957 in Alma, Michigan. My Dad worked in construction as a laborer and Mom was a cashier. I have one older sister and a brother, who died serving in Vietnam. Alma was my home town and I remember all the fun I had growing up there. One time I lost 100 marbles, in just one game, to a neighborhood friend. Another time my friend and I were playing with an old cardboard barrel. Mom had warned me to be careful, but I got on top of it anyway and was rolling along until I fell and broke my right wrist. Yup, Mom's always know best!!

I graduated from Alma High School in 1975 and joined the Michigan Army National Guard, working from 1975-1978 in the Military Police Unit in Lansing. I directed traffic and acted as a regular cop on the military grounds. During Basic Training, I was stationed at Fort Jackson in South Carolina for 2 months and then at Fort Ben in Indiana for another 2 months. I went to Guard meetings once a month and to Summer Camp in Grayling, Michigan for two weeks in the summer. When I got out, I was a Specialist 4. Radio played a part in my tour of duty and I remember the first time I ever used the field phone. It was when my commander called to chew me out! A Major had just driven by in a Jeep and instead of saluting, I waved! For punishment, I was sent way out to the boon docks to guard, where there was no one around!! I did redeem myself though—one time our unit had to guard the governor in Detroit. We were on top of the Renaissance Building and all of a sudden we heard gun shots. All the "men" soldiers immediately dropped to the ground, but I grabbed the governor and shoved him to the ground!! I think maybe that makes me "Mrs." Rambo! After the National Guard, I went on to work at General Motors where I retired after 30 1/2 years. It's also were I met my future husband, as he worked right across the line from me. We were married on February 23, 1991 and eventually had a son.

My husband (who is a Ham) tried to encourage me to get my license, but I really had no interest in Amateur Radio. It wasn't until just recently when we began to listen to other people talking on the radio, that I finally caught the "bug". People were having fun out there on the 145.39 "Breakfast Club Net" every morning, and I decided I'd like to join in. So, I went to the Ingham County VE Group testing session in Mason and on August 11, 2010 I got my Technician license! Our son also got his Technician license the same day! My husband and I are both members of CMARC now, and really enjoy the monthly meetings.

I have a Yaesu VX-8 handheld radio and share other equipment with my husband. I enjoy being out on 2 meters and also work a lot of simplex. I've been thinking that it might actually be a lot of fun to someday learn Morse code, even though it is no longer required. As a new Ham, I haven't had time to try most of the bands and modes of the Hobby or even been able to volunteer my skills, however I know I'll eventually become more involved with these opportunities. Besides Ham Radio, some of my other hobbies include making earrings, going to sprint car races, shopping and playing Bingo!

When Julie asked me if I had any words of wisdom that I'd like to share I replied, "Treat people the same way that you want to be treated. I also want to say that I love Ham Radio and I really enjoy listening to the 145.39 repeater. The people are so nice that it feels like one big family!"

There, now that we've become a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is KD8OQW and my name is Adrina Keresztes. My husband is Joe Keresztes-Paul N8YCM and my son is Paul KD8OQU.

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

May

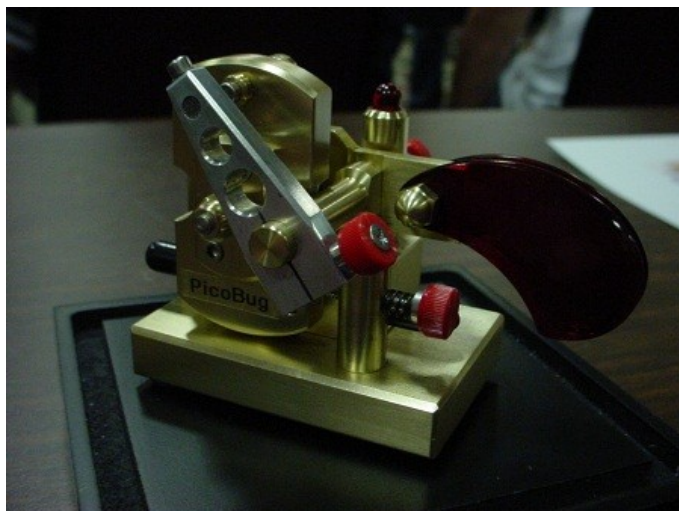
Birthdays	Anniversaries
5/2 PAUL KEEFER/KB8YQZ	5/5 Michael/KC8WRQ Vanatta
5/2 Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ	5/6 Roger/AB8RX and
5/12 Robert Kerr/KD8HHM	Deanna/KD8BDI Barnhill
5/14 Matthew Warncke/W8MAT	5/19 Robert/KD8HHM Kerr
5/19 Shannon Raney/WA2NVK	5/20 Dennis/KD8HPY Hale
5/19 John Doornhaag/KD8NNQ	5/21 John/NG8L Ingraham
5/21 Dennis Hale/KD8HPY	
5/27 Marie Watson/KC8NOI	
5/25 JOHN CRAWFORD/N8LLC	

MISSING FOR April: J Ervin Bates-W8ERV had a birthday that we missed on April 9th!

MEETING	LOCATION	Date/Time
CMARC	Salvation Army	June 10 th at 7:30 p.m.
ARPSC	Mason EOC	June 20 th at 7:00 p.m.
LCDRA	Fire Station #8, Marshall St, Lansing	July 15 th at 7:00 p.m.

Key of the Month

This months Key of the Month is a homebrew special made by WB9PLU , Richard Meiss. He is a master craftsman and this key is 3 keys in 1. It will convert from an iambic paddle, to a straight key or a semi-automatic bug! WOW! All that in a tiny 2" X 3 " footprint. Affectionately called the "Pico-Paddle", Rich had this one on display last year at the QRP Four Days In May gathering, and I got a few pictures. I can hardly wait to see what new key he will come up with this year ! 73 Gregg



Tea Time Ladies' Days

May 19th – Shannon Ranes/WA2NVK B'day!!

May 27th – Marie Watson/KC8NOI B'day!!



MAY LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON



*Please be sure to join us on **Saturday, May 28th at 12:30 pm** for our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon! We will be meeting at the “**China East Buffet**” restaurant located at 7050 South Cedar Street in Lansing. You can't miss it, because it right on the corner of Willoughby and Cedar Street. 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 if you're planning to attend by Friday, May 27th.*

You can contact me at: (517) 694-0812 or KB8ZXR@AOL.COM.

I hope you'll be able to join us, because we always have a great time getting together and I'm sure you will, too!

*~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,

Just got a chance to take an employment offer and turn it into an adventure. The Bob Tail family took a trip near one of the big west coast colleges in the U.S.A. I'll be here for a month or two doing research on microwave radio propagation, and newly designed aerials. I'm already having the jolly rubbing elbows with some of the Yanks. Nice bunch of fellows. Got an invite to the local hammy club too. That's where I ran into a bit of trouble in a spat about "antenna gain".

Well it would seem that the old adage "some things never change", has merit. Case in point. Gent name of Stanley was at the hammy club meeting. He was jumpin for joy with excitement over some new aerials that he just purchased. The antenna was a commercial job from a company down in the southland. Let's just call them Crazy- Croft. The aerial in question was an 11 element Yagi-Uda design for 430 Mcs on about a 1 metre boom. Ol' Stan was claiming he'd get 16+ Dbd gain by stacking a pair of them. I asked to review the mfr specs in the assembly manual. Sure enough they were claiming a whopping 13.2 Dbd forward gain. I quickly thumbed through a dog eared copy of the ARRL Antenna Book. Hmmmm , seems the ARRL, RSGB, Maxwell, Kraus, and all those bright fellows at the National Bureau of Standards, could only "squeeze" 12.25 Dbd out of a 12 element aerial with a 1.5 metre boom ! How is it that the guys down at Crazy-Croft were able to get 13.2 Dbd from theirs ? When I showed Stanley the "Official documentation" he refused to believe it. So I asked Stanley if he would believe a "real live" measurement? I had access to an antenna test range at the BIG college. Let's find out ! By this time several of the other locals had wanted to see about this for themselves! So I invited the lot out to see with their own eyes, real gain measurements. Saturday afternoon we were all out to the range. This was going to be a very precise test , as we had HP signal generators and vector voltmeters all calibrated and ready to De-Liar this aerial. First we put a simple dipole (cut for 432 Mcs) on the stand to get a reference with which to compare. We recorded the mv and Decibel figures. Then we mounted the Crazy-Croft Yagi-Uda and took measurements again. Well now Who was right ? Actual gain measured on the test range was 9 Dbd . Not 13.2 , not 12, not 11, but 9 Db gain over a dipole.

Now I hear in the States, hams have this thing called the “Woof Hound” . An instrument of torture for those who falsify gain figures, have poor operating habits, and the like. Nice touch , but , Ha ! I say! We’ve got one better round the outback. Branding Irons ! Yep! One strap with a Branding Iron and we’d have em yelping out correct gain claims ! Shame on those who would prey on the unsuspecting new hams! So with the measuring done and the truth reviled, ol’ Stanley gave in and bought the gang a round at the local pub. In defense of the Crazy- Croft company, I will say that the aerial tested (we actually tested 2 of them) was well built mechanically and appeared extremely rugged , and the pattern looked very good. In fact I myself have one of the company’s other aerials and have been satisfied with it’s performance and ability to withstand weather. But the gain claims? Absolute fabrication ! Now we know why QST and other hammy mags won’t publish gain figures. Remember if it sounds too good to be true , it probably is. Naturally, If Crazy-Croft would like to write in and tell us all how they get 13.2 Dbd from their 11 element Yagi-Uda, space will be provided. ‘Nuff said.

On a lighter note, I just opened a post from our boy Ned Novice. He and Nil Current have been busy planning out Nil’s new ham station. Nil’s father is helping the pair out by carefully planning out the new aerials with them. Ham Radio is a grand family interest ! There are several tall conifers from which to hang wire on the property. Nil has plans of her own . A vertical dipole for 7Mcs strung from halyards in one on the taller trees. Says her version will better Neds ground mounted aerial. Should be fascinating to see how they progress next time. Till then , take extra care what you say , Tribesman have a saying goes sorta like this. It only takes one word to bring joy or sadness, to build hope or dispare. Your words are who you are. Use them wisely.

73 , Bob Tail



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.lansingarpsc.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@arrl.net

ARPSC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the “Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps” will be on **Monday, June 20th at 7pm**, this time at the Mason EOC. 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, 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



Boy Scout Radio Merit badge



"One day Radio Merit badge"

<p>Things to learn:</p> <p>Learn about Broadcast radio, Amateur radio, call signs, radio waves, frequency spectrum, radio equipment, electrical components/symbols & diagrams. Safety precautions, radio careers, and licensing.</p> <p>Prizes:</p> <p>Be in <u>Uniform</u> for a chance to Win a Portable Weather radio to take camping and be alerted of severe weather. (Scout <u>must</u> be in Class A Uniform to be eligible).</p>	<p>What to bring:</p> <p>Wear Class A uniform, working pen, camp chair or will be sitting on the ground, completed blue card signed by Troop (make sure to put your name, address, Radio Merit Badge). Lunch \$5.00 for Pizza & pop.</p> <p>Finish up around 1:00 PM, Scouts are welcome to visit with their families all the radio stations and events for Field Day.</p>	<p>Date/Time/Location:</p> <p><i>Saturday June 25th 2011</i> <i>9:00 AM to 1:00 PM</i></p> <p><i>Lake Lansing – North</i> 6260 E. Lake Dr, Haslett MI 48840</p> <p>Held during 2011 ARRL Field Day Hosted by the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club</p> <p>Merit badge counselors/Amateur Radio Operators: John Fisher KD8LDN - Troop 111 Tom Rocheleau WA8WPI - Troop 763</p>
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Deadline for registering is June 19th (Father's Day) ~ Register by email, phone or snail mail

\$5.00 collected with Blue card at Field Day. (Need Scout Name, Troop# & Phone#).

John Fisher (517)882-5240 kd8ldn@arrrl.net

1812 Stoney Point Drive, Lansing MI 48917

FIELD DAY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 12, 1830hrs

In attendance:

Bob K8RDN, Ron WD8BCS, Erv W8ERV, Kurt KC8QYV, Jim KA8DDQ, John KC8QZB, Dave K8QH, Sharon KD8HHK, Jerry KD8GLN, Carl K8YHH, Tom WA8WPI, Jeff KC8PUN, Gregg WB8LZG, Dennis KB8ZQZ

Discussions included the need for a sketch to be submitted to Ingham County parks as to the location of the tents HF SSB-1 Captained by Wayne W8QG will be using his vertical ground mount antenna, final location of his and HF SSB-2 to be determined.

HF SSB-2 Captained by John KC8QZB will use Erv's double bazooka dipole. final location of the station and antenna to be determined.

VHF station Captained by Jim KA8DDQ will be in the northern most area just south of the ball field.

CW station Captained by Gregg WB8LZG will locate his tent just to the north of the pavilion.

GOTA station Captained by Carl K8YHH will be located at the entrance to the pavilion area, just off of the parking area.

One of the generators will be placed to serve the stations north of the boardwalk, and the other the pavilion area & CW station.

Drop cords and coax leads must not cross the many hiking trails in the area, they are heavily used so care will be taken to make our presence safe and unobtrusive.

Tom WA8WPI will be providing a canopy to house the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge session, it will be placed in the pavilion area.

The canopy used for the Merit Badge session will also serve to house the VE session, as one event ends just as the other begins, with only a 30 minute overlap.

Ron will confirm this works OK for Jim W8JRL.

No tables will be needed for the food area, there is seating enough for 60-70 people.

4 tables & 24 chairs will be needed to furnish both the Merit Badge/VE session canopy, as well as the ARPSC/CERT canopy.

John KC8QZB will see if he can borrow those from his church.

John NO8T volunteered to borrow three Toughbook notebooks for the use of network logging of the HF SSB stations.

Ron will send John the software in use for testing.

John NO8T will also be bringing the comm trailer from Ingham County (not the POD) for our use, the specifics to be determined.

Trailers being parked must use the area adjacent to the pavilion.

The main gate will be locked but a key provided for overnight access.

At time of writing two people have volunteered to assist with food prep and cleanup, more is needed.

Larry N8SG has also volunteered to bring the Clinton Co. comm trailer out for our use, the specifics to be determined.

It was requested that the parks department make an effort to get the loose hanging broken branches down out of the trees, Ron will follow up.

Permission to place a handicap accessible port-a-jon near the pavilion will be requested of Ingham Co.

Request to confirm the port-a-jon rental will be sent emailed to Trent KD8HQB

It was noticed that the outlet at the pavilion was not active, Ron will ck with the parks to ensure it's available for our event.

The park rules stipulate that "The painting or marking of any kind on any asphalt, concrete, wood, or grass surface is prohibited."

Places to carefully hang or place signs leading to the pavilion and other operating areas is yet to be determined.

Our Field Day site has been placed on the ARRL Field Day Station Locator: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

A schedule of events is forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at approx 1930hrs

Enjoy Lansing area repeaters? Appreciate Skywarn activity?

Love being able to use your HT in much if Ingham County?

If so, thank LCDRA, the owners and operators of several repeaters in and around the Lansing area! All of these services are supplied because of LCDRA and cost money to maintain, replace, and upgrade in the future. Remember that the 145.39 Okemos repeater is about to be moved to a new tower. Though this is right next to the current location, literally only a few feet away, it will cost several thousand dollars to move it! Consider joining LCDRA to ensure Amateur Radio in the Lansing area grows and flourishes! See the form at the end of the SCOPE to sign up!

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

& Treasurer's Report

April 8th, 2011

BOARD MEETING

President Sharon/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. with the following Board members in attendance: Vice President Dan/WX8MOJ, Treasurer Jerry/KD8GLN Secretary John/KC8QZB, Director Don/KB8RAD, Director Carl/K8YHH Under 22 Director Corey/KD8BOQ.

Corey/KD8BOQ reported that he would like a decision made on what will happen to the equipment that was donated to the youth club. Will it be sold and the proceeds go to the youth fund or will it be donated or loaned out to youth hams? Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to have HF equipment for youth loaner, other equipment to be sold and proceeds to be put in the youth fund, seconded by Don/KB8RAD and approved.

With all business concluded, Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Don/KB8RAD and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:28 pm.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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 45 people in attendance (39 members and 6 visitors). Our guests were: Cheryl Davage, Tom/KD8PSH, Mark Miller, Ted Sadilek/WA8MFQ, Mary Tillitson, John Imeson/N8JI, and Jessica Morgan. Our speaker for the evening was John Imeson/N8JI.

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS:

There were no new licenses or upgrades reported this month.

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT:

Jane/KC8FSK reported that "Get Well" cards were sent to: Leota Stroble and Linda Conklin and a sympathy card was sent to Ron Meddaugh/KB8MUN and family.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS:

Greg/WB8LZG reported that he has worked several islands lately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, May 13th at 6 pm. Greg/WB8LZG reported that next weekend in the Michigan QSO party, both phone and cw. on Saturday from noon to midnight. Don/WB8NUS reported that there will be a memorial service for Rocky/K8DRB on Sunday 4-10-2011 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Eagles on north grand river in Lansing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ron/WD8BCS reported that he looked into Gardener middle school for field day and they replied with a discounted rate of \$1028.00. The personnel have changed at the school so he does not see us going there at this time. It was suggested that the grounds of fire station 8 and Marshall park would work for us. There is an entire list of requirements that make Marshall park or any City of Lansing park not worth chasing down. He talked to Ingham county parks and recreation and they were very welcoming, very understanding of who we are and what we are about. Ron/WD8BCS is sending a letter of appeal to Ingham County Parks and Recreation. The biggest hurdle is getting approval to stay overnight. the most attractive park that Ingham County Parks has is Lake

Lansing North, we should know something by next week (update: Field day WILL be at Lake Lansing Park).

- Shannon/WA2NVK reported that tickets for ladies Night are \$10.00 each and will be at the Salvation army on May 13th at 6:00 pm. the menu will be chicken, special spring vegetables, potatoes, mixed green salad and rolls with butter. John Kelly/AA8LF is our entertainment for the evening.
- Julie/KB8ZXR reported on the background of Ladies Night. Ladies Night started many many years ago when ladies were not hams, except for Inez/KY8V. She was the only one. On a CMARC meeting night the guys would go to the club meeting and the ladies would get together and go to one of the ladies houses and would have coffee and play games and do whatever they wanted to do. The ladies just did not have any part of CMARC. Things changed, ladies finally started getting their licenses, and started coming to CMARC, even before they had their license and started to make an impression. The way that the ladies Night/Ziegenbein banquet started is that the guys wanted to honor the ladies one night of the year. They had the banquet because of the Zigenbein award that is named after Ralph Ziegenbein/W8PLP sk, so they had the ladies come and honor them that one night of the year. That is how the banquet came about. The banquet is not just for ladies.... everyone is invited.
- Carl/K8YHH reported that, as you know, we ran out of nice weather so the tower only got half put up. When the weather breaks, it will get finished.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Don/WB8NUS reported that the APRSC is pinched for help this year. We have the MS walk and the Walk for Babies. Jeremiah/KC8EIA will be at Potter park and Don/WB8NUS will be at Riverfront Park, they need help for both walks.

UNDER 22 REPORT:

Corey/KD8BOQ reported that he and Dan/WX8MOJ has been working on an events calendar on the CMARC website. The calendar has events that are related to CMARC, LCDRA and Lansing ARPSC. It is a Google calendar, so if you have a Google calendar you can add this calendar to yours. If you go to the Lansing ARPSC website, that calendar just shows the public service events and ARPSC meetings. Regarding CMARC website changes, if you notice anything at all that needs to be changed just click on the leadership link on the left side of the page and find Cory and click that link under his name and picture. A form will open up to fill out and it will automatically be emailed to him.

50/50 DRAWING:

Dawn/KD8MWA won \$16.50 in tonight's drawing and donated the winnings back to the club.

BREAK:

We took a break at 8:05 pm [Sec. Note: Thank you to all who helped with the goodies—your contributions are always GREATLY appreciated!]

MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER:

John Imeson/N8JI was our speaker for the evening. He put on an interesting program on the LCDRA 145.390 repeater antenna work coming this summer. With all business being concluded, we adjourned at 9:27 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

April 2011 Treasurer's Report	
Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$1,085.58
Business Checking	\$2,550.11
Net Worth	\$3,635.69
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$189.37
Building Fund (Club Station)	\$9.09
*separate from CMARC Funds	
Submitted, Jerry Waite/KD8GLN - CMARC Treasurer	



Meeting Minutes of the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

Thursday April 21, 2011

- *Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.*
 - Present for meeting: President-John Imeson, Vice President-Don Tillitson, Treasurer-Jeff Oberg, Secretary-Erv Bates, Director-Jim Harvey, Director-Jan Bradfield, Director-Don McLain. We also had seven members and one guest in attendance.
 - Minutes of October's meeting not available tonight and will be reviewed in July
 - Treasurer's Report and expenses reviewed. Motion to accept by Erv (W8ERV), second by jim (KA8DDQ). Motion carried (subject to annual audit, per Jeff)
 - As of April 21st, LCDRA had 43 total members.
 - President's Report: Dobie road UHF control station acting up as it did two years ago. A new controller will be ordered to fix the issue. Possible issues with IRA link at Onondaga- John and the tech team are monitoring the situation, and working to find a solution. Presentation at CMARC-went well, and some good ideas came from that meeting.
- *Old Business*
 - There is still a need to get to Ingham Medical Center to clean up the repeater room at that location. Jeff and John will coordinate
 - WKAR Tower Update- Jon has been in nearly daily contact with the construction company. Quote is still forthcoming. Drawing of antenna mounting details has been approved by WKAR's engineering team. Since feed-line cannot be buried, it will be strung under uni-strut. (more under new business)
 - LCDRA Insurance- Dennis (KB8ZQZ) reported that the search for liability insurance is ongoing at this point. The matter of who owns the shed was clarified (and we do NOT own it any longer), so that may help us in the process of securing insurance. Dennis will report back in July.
 - There was limited discussion concerning our tax status. To file for a 501(c) 3 would cost about \$2000. Further discussion will follow in July.
- *New Business*
 - Motion made by Jeff (KB8SXX), second by Don (WB8NUS) to expend up to \$5000 for the antenna relocation to the new tower. Any amount over \$5000 must be approved by a majority of the Board. Erv (W8ERV) will poll Board members, if necessary and report the results to John (N8JI). Motion carried.
 - Tech Committee- Jeff (KB8SXX), John (N8JI), Jan (KC8BFK) and Brian (KC8QWJ) plans to meet to discuss IMC Repeater room. Jon's goal is to make it more visually appealing for anyone coming into the room.
 - Fund-raising-Monies need to be raised for overall operating expenses. A goal of \$10,000 for a floating balance was agreed as a good place to start. It was agreed that we detail what donations are used for (tower, feed-line, etc.). Several fund-raising ideas were talked about, including direct contact to local Hams (asking for them to join LCDRA), 'sell a brick', certificates denoting donation amount to the donor (with corresponding Honor Roll on website), contacting business foundations for donations, etc. John noted that one local Ham builds bird houses and has offered to help with some of these to raise funds. This endeavor will be ongoing.
- With all business concluded, meeting was adjourned at 2016 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Ervin Bates W8ERV
Secretary - LCDRA

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@arrl.net

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

June 2nd

Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

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.

June 11th

Shiawassee ARC

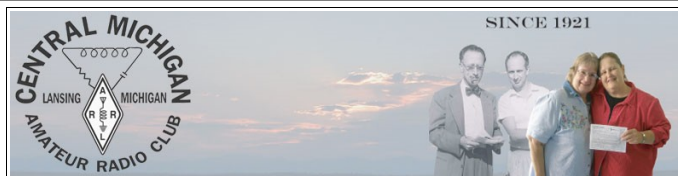
Location: American Red Cross,
702 Corunna Avenue, Corunna, MI 48817
Contact: Thomas Carpenter (K18AS) (517) 579-0599

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

June 23rd

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



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Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association

May 2011

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Mail Your Check or Money Order To:
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(Checks made payable to CMARC, please)

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