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145.390 Repeater is BACK on the air!



The 145.390's antenna has been moved to the Eaton County Tower and hooked up to a temporary repeater (donated by Jan Bradfield – many thanks!). The PL is still 100 Hz, and the backup is the 146.940 (-) PL 100 Hz repeater in Lansing.

All nets (emergency and scheduled) are back on the 145.390 (-), and if you haven't used it since the switch back, see how well you can get in!

Many thanks to all who have made this return possible!



Don't Forget Ladies Tea Time

The next Ladies Tea Time luncheon is **THIS SATURDAY** the 17th at the South Side Applebee's in Lansing!

Ladies make sure to be there!

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August/September 2011

What's My Sign?

By: Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born on October 24, 1995 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Michigan. I attend Potterville High School and will be a Sophomore this Fall. I have one sister, Grace, who just turned 7 this past June and she's looking forward to beginning 2nd grade when school begins. Neither my Dad (Mark) nor my Mom (Karen) are Hams, yet they've still encouraged me to get actively involved in this great Hobby and are willing drive me to all the meetings and other Ham events I want to attend. I'm taking Driver's Training right now, so hopefully by this time next year I'll be able to pay them back by hauling them around!

My favorite subjects in school include Science, Math and Computers. Of the three, I especially like working with computers, although my school doesn't have much to offer in that area. I know C++, PBASIC (parallax basic stamp 2), Processing (Java based), Processing/Wiring (Arduino, which is really c++ with an easy API), PHP, CSS, HTML, SQL (MySQL), and some ActionScript (Flash). I've been interested in computers since I was at least 7 years old and back then I worked with a Macintosh Performa 635CD and then an iMac G3. Since then I've been using the PC platform, at first using Windows and now leaning toward using Linux (Debian style distributions including Ubuntu, Knoppix, DSL, Debian). I've managed to incorporate my love of programming and working with computers into other activities such as building various things with electronics, going from plastic logi-blocks with little buttons, LEDs, buzzers, lights, etc. all the way to programming Atmel ATMEGA328 microcontrollers in C/C++.

I've enjoyed playing the Alto Saxophone in the Band here at Potterville ever since the 6th grade and plan to continue on through my Sophomore year, which is actually the last year of Band for High School. I've also been Speedskating for almost 6 years now and the past few years I've been skating mostly with the "West Michigan Speedskating Club" out of Grand Rapids. In addition, I've been on the Cross Country and Track teams here at Potterville for the past two years. In my "spare" time, I've recently begun building model planes—working with the indoor free-flight planes and outdoor electric planes. As you can see, I like to keep busy!!

My interest in Amateur Radio began as a slow procession (starting back in 2007), with intermittent thoughts of getting involved in the Hobby over the past few years. There have been a few instances where I have been exposed to it in the course of my other hobbies (specifically, my love of electronics, Computers and Microcontrollers, and Engineering). Of all the events that got me interested, my first and most memorable experience was when I met an Amateur Radio operator at Lake Superior State University Summer Robotics Camp, which was unbelievably fun! He had just passed his Technician exam, so he didn't even have his Callsign yet! He had brought his shiny new Kenwood TS-2000 and a power supply with him to camp and everyone helped to throw up a random wire antenna around the building we were in. Since he was unlicensed he couldn't transmit, so the antenna didn't have to be anything too great in design. For a few hours during the night, we listened to the HF bands and that's where I first really learned about "Radio" beyond broadcast radio and the "magic" radios in consumer devices (80.211g, Bluetooth, FRS, etc.). I even remember thinking "2 meters" referred to the range. Anyhow, I distinctly recall it as one of the best times at that camp, aside from my final project, where I used 2 Fanuc industrial robots (the BIG ones used for things like building cars) to play "pong" with a tennis ball. In addition to being introduced to the Hobby by this new Ham, I also read about Amateur Radio in a book from my school library. Unfortunately, the book was outdated and it somewhat scared me off when I learned I might have to commute to an FCC office in far off places or pass really hard tests. (I told you it was outdated!!) My real interest didn't occur until the summer of 2010 when I was feeling particularly gung-ho about getting involved in the Hobby again. I bought the ARRL Technician

manual and Googled “Lansing Amateur Radio Club”. “CMARC” and contact information for Don McLain/KB8RAD just happened to be the first result. I contacted Don about taking my test and in July 2010 I tested with the Ingham county VE group at the Sheriff’s Department in Mason. I took the Technician AND General exams at the same testing session and passed BOTH!! A few days later, while attending the MST summer camp at MSU, I received my license. (I was only 14 yrs. old!) Even though I’ve been a General for a year now, I haven’t really used any of the General privileges to date. There are no other Hams in my family, so you could say that I’m a “first generation Ham.” I am currently a member of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and also want to join the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association, as well as the Amateur Radio Relay League.

As far as my equipment goes, right now all I have is a Yaesu FT-7900r 2m/440 mobile rig. I have a 15A PSU, 100’ of Times Microwave LMR-400 coax, and a base vertical antenna (I *think* it’s a 5/8 wave on 2-mtrs and 1/2 wave on 440, or something like that.) and I also have a Diamond SO-239 mag-mount and Comet SBB5 Antenna for mobile/portable operation. Currently, only my Dad’s truck is set up for the radio because it was very easy to run power since the vehicle has an unfused high-current battery connection for a towing brake controller. This way, we didn’t need to drill through the firewall or anything like that. I’ve been working on trying to convince my Mom to let me run a line from the battery on her car so I can use my radio in there, too!

You can usually find me out on 2 meters, mostly because that’s where the 145.390 is and I haven’t really tried many of the other bands so far. My radio has 70cm on it, but I don’t usually hear many people out there. I’m interested in trying more modes and bands, but for right now I really can’t afford equipment beyond just some small things and I’m looking into a summer job to fix that! In my spare time I’ve been trying to learn CW.... although, it might take me awhile. I’m not all that great at foreign languages, and from what I’ve heard, CW can present a similar challenge. I am also very interested in many of the digital modes including SSTV, ATV, packet, PSK31, RTTY, etc. I’d also like to try building equipment sometime, but I don’t exactly have the experience or tools to do that yet.

Earlier this year, I attended my first SKYWARN class and found it really interesting. I’m hoping to be able to use my communication skills by getting involved with Emergency Communications and Public Service Events as soon as I can. I’m only 15, so I might be somewhat limited by the various rules and such, but I think it’s very important that we use our unique advantages as Ham Radio operators to be ready to serve when and wherever we’re needed. Besides serving our communities with our Hobby, I hope we all remember to just “Have Fun!”

There, now that we’ve become a little better acquainted, “What’s My Sign?” My Callsign is KD8OOS and my name is Matthew Miller.

[Editor’s Note: You’ve probably heard Matt before on the Michigan Radio Amateur Youth Net (MRAY), when he’s filled in for Corey/KD8BOQ as Net Control. Well, you’ll be hearing a lot more of him, because Corey just recently handed over the reigns to him as Net Control and Coordinator of the MRAY Network. It was a hard decision, because MRAY was Corey’s creation and “baby”, but he decided that working full time and starting college this Fall would not allow him the time for the Net anymore. It’s a great honor for Matt that Corey felt confident that he could carry on in his own place and take MRAY to new heights, continuing to give the youth a place to interact and grow in the Amateur Radio Hobby!]

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



August

Birthdays

Elizabeth Stein KD8GYN 8/1
Rudolf Band KD8DAS 8/2
Dave Hurst K8QH 8/2
Joe Denomme N8VYS 8/3
Phillip Dowker KC8FXS 8/4
Jaymes Kenyon KC8DJH 8/5
Ralph Riggs N8YQJ 8/7
David Held N8CFM 8/9
Dan Harger W8BCI 8/9
Richard Cole 8/12
Jon Seaver N8SUA 8/13
Darlene Johnson 8/20
Dave Hayhurst K8QH 8/21
James Byers N8GNN 8/23
Tom Rocheleau WA8WPI 8/23
Chris Raines (KC8CAJ) 8/27
Michael Vanatta KC8WRQ 8/28

Anniversaries

Jack Weswasser WA8IAL 8/10
Jason Southwell K8JDS 8/10
Don(KB8RAD) and Julie(KB8ZXR) McLain 8/11
Allen KD8CBP and Tammy Burk 8/11
Duane Cross K8ATU 8/11
Chris (KC8CAJ) and Shannon (WA2NVK) Ranes 8/27
John KC8QZB and Jane KC8FSK 8/14
Jeff Oberg KB8SXX 8/15
Jolyon Vincent KD8HZY 8/15
Keith Watson KD8ICJ 8/17
Michael Bockrath KD8EXU 8/18
Dewey Marlatt KC8QZD 8/20
Dan Fuller W8VVR 8/22
Edward Schweifler KC8DQC 8/22
Don(WB8NUS) and Mary Lou Tillitson 8/26
Brian Baldus KD8NZM 8/30

September

Birthdays

Mathew Taylor KD8JIA 09/01
Michael Mather KA8PME 9/4
Morgan Mosher KD8IWT 09/11
Matt McMillan WB8KWQ 9/11
Gabriel Donelson KD8MJL 9/14
Jason Every KD8KCP 09/14
Jeremiah Sevrey KC8EIA 09/17
Lynn Allen N8FIQ 9/25
John Kreer WA8ZTQ 9/25
R. E. Lindberg WA8ZWR
Christopher Reusch AB8ZL 9/28
Righard Greeson KD8HLR 9/28

Scott Tickner W8ATT 09/29
Robert Lindberg WA8ZWR 09/30
John Hosford KC8QZB 09/30

Anniversaries

Jamie Kahler KD8IAP 9/2
Michael Mather KA8PME 9/4
Dave Toth KC8ZGZ 9/7
Leota and Bob Strobel 09/12
Connie and Lowell Hoyland 09/15
Tom Rocheleau 09/16
Norman Burlew WD8BHD 9/21
Curt Mosher KDIWS 9/26



AUGUST TEA TIME LADIES' DAYS

August 11 – Julie/KB8ZXR & Don McLain/KB8RAD's 38th Anniversary!!
August 11 – Tammy & Allen Burk/KD8CBP's 21st Anniversary!!
August 12 – Shannon/WA2NVK & Chris Ranes/KC8CAJ's 5th Anniversary!!
August 14 – Jane/KC8FSK & John Hosford/KC8QZB's 5th Anniversary!!
August 26 – Mary Lou & Don Tillitson/WB8NUS' 61st Anniversary!!

SEPTEMBER TEA TIME LADIES' DAYS

September 2 – Ericka/KD8KJU & Jamie Kahler/KD8IAP'S 10th Anniversary!!
September 12 – Leota & Bob Strobel/KB8DQQ'S 47th Anniversary!!



SEPTEMBER LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON

Please be sure to join us on Saturday, September 17th at 12:30pm for our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon. In September, we'll be meeting at Applebee's Restaurant located at 6270 South Cedar Street in Lansing. This invitation is for ALL Ladies, whether you have a Ham license or not, because it's just a time for us to get together and visit. If you've never attended, please make plans to join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun! Just RSVP by Friday, September 16th so I can make arrangements for us all to sit together. 73!

~ Julie McLain/KB8ZXR, Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Coordinator ~
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THE LADIES TEA TIME NET!

Please join us every Tuesday evening at 7pm on the 145.39 (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 is willing to act as Control Operator, you can talk "Third-party" on THEIR callsign! So, just pour yourself a cup of tea, grab the mic and join us. I'll be listening for you!!

~ Julie McLain/KB8ZXR, Ladies Tea Time Net Coordinator ~

One Ham's Field Day Story: A tale of trials, tribulations and jubilation.

For the past five years, the CMARC/Ingham Co ARPSC Field Day effort had happily resided with what I used to refer to as "my favorite Field Day Site ever". It had two major things going for it: Tall trees, AND wide open spaces. These conditions allowed endless choices for temporary antennas. But I had become complacent in the routine developed with the staff of that site. So when life events distracted me, confirming our Field Day site didn't concern me much. I had confidence that the process for securing the site would go as smoothly as it had in the past. Little did I know that Murphy was about to pay me a visit in a most unexpected way.



To say that a "reduced cost" of over \$1000 for the Gardner site "took the RF out of my elements", does not begin to convey the sense of shock I felt. I mean, why don't you just pin my coax, or tip my tower over, or make me forget to disconnect the coax from my HF rig prior to the worst lightning storm ever. All of that combined still wouldn't come close! And just to add to the stress level, my countdown clock had developed an evil laugh as it reminded me that there was just over three months to go. In the immortal words of Charlie Brown, "Arrrgghhhh....".

The search was on. Offers of alternate sites came and went. There seemed to be one major issue or another with each idea. "Could you perhaps choose a different date??" "Um, that would be a "no". On the outside I reminded those around me that no matter what, Field Day would still happen. After all, we're ham operators! In the event of an emergency, there's no time to pick and choose your location or amenities! Man up man! Just deal with it! On the inside I had an ambient receive noise level of 40 over S9 with the rare DX stations all at S1, my SWR had reached infinity, and my tuner bit my hand every time I went key down. My favorite song had become "Ain't No Sunspots When Field-Day's Gone" by the famous ham Bill Withers.



I kept trying and on one dreary cold and rainy day in the depths of my despair, I stumbled across the equivalent to winning a 1000' self supporting rotatable crank up tower complete with 12" heliax feed line and dedicated 7to14 element Yagis for each band: Someone willing to listen to the bizarre requirements of our special event (have you ever stopped long enough to think about just how bizarre our hobby must seem to the uninitiated?), with no time restrictions or permits to pull. Now, if only they had a site available on our day...."Yes?? You do? Really??..." Now that's funny, I don't remember the sun shining outside my window...[cq fd cq fd de w8maa w8maa fd...]

On to the present...

Usually after a Field Day, I have to more or less chase people down to get their assessment of the weekend. This time I had participants, visitors, operators and total strangers coming up to me to express how much fun they had had, how good the site was, how much better the bands were, how the food tasted better than ever, how their bursitis had been cured and how their vegetable gardens had grown voluminously all because of our choice of Field Day site. Well then.

As I was leaving the park, much like the captain being the last one off the sinking vessel, I called the park manager Pat Witte to let him know we had "abandoned ship". He asked how things went, and what our



group thought of the site. I let him know that it had gone very well, that we had been made to feel welcome and safe, and that our needs had been more than attended to. To that he replied that he felt the same about our group, that we had been very respectful to the facility, had good communications (hey, we're hams you know), and that we were certainly welcome to come back. He recommended that if we felt positive about the site to get it reserved for next year soon. I vowed to comply.

Well nothing's perfect and Field Day is certainly never an exception to this rule. But when you have as much help as I do each year, the problems are minimal. And I have a TON of help! But I promise to have better signage out front, and better directions put out there well ahead of time! Oh, did I mention that the CMARC board asked me to go ahead and reserve the park for us in 2012? That has been done, and I have confirmation! I reserved the shelter on the north side

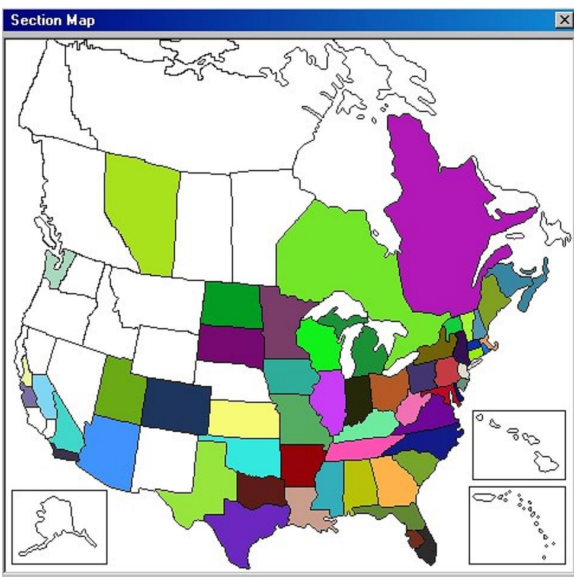
of the swamp. This way, all of our operations will be in the same general area. Below is a rough sketch of the layout. The bathrooms will be over 200' closer, and the shelter is 100' closer to the parking area. From all indications, 2012 may just top 2011. We will still need to meet out at the site and finalize where each of the stations will set up.



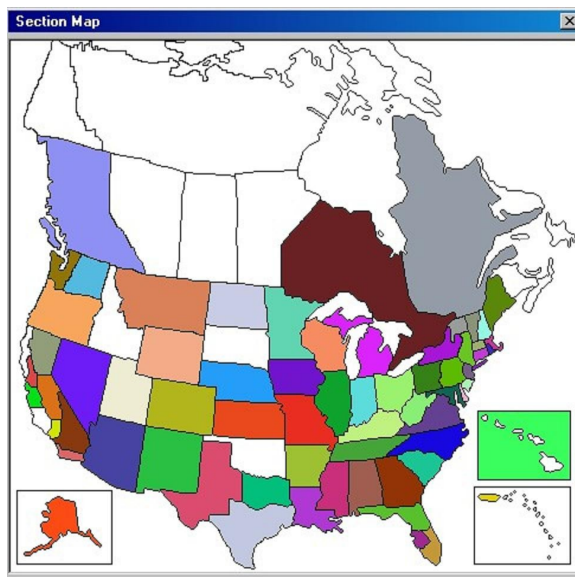
Our group's scores have been submitted to the ARRL. They are an improvement over last year's effort. In fact, over the last six years each submission has been better than the previous. The "Claimed Score" this year is 3176, up from last year's 2774. I estimate that the "Official Score" to be approx 5081, up from 2010's 4104. Personally, I had a blast. In fact, I think I have a new "favorite" Field Day site.

73,
Ron - WD8BCS

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Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association



Meeting Minutes of LCDRA: *Thursday July 21, 2011*

- *Meeting called to order at 1903 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 had a total of 34 in attendance, including 8 visitors for this meeting.
 - Minutes of October's and January's meetings were available for review by those in attendance. Motion to accept minutes made by Jeff (KB8SXX), seconded by Don (KB8RAD). Motion carried.
 - Treasurer's Report and expenses reviewed. Motion to accept by Erv (W8ERV), second by Dick (KI8C). Motion carried (subject to annual audit, per Jeff).
 - As of April 21st, LCDRA had 43 total members.
 - President's Report: Presentation at CMARC - went well, and some good ideas came from that meeting.
- *Old Business*
 - John (N8JI) visited the 146.940 repeater site and found repeater A 'oscillating away'. Work is being done now, with repeater B working in its place until repairs are done. The 146.700 is running well. 229.080 is good. 145.39 is good, but Repeater B is also having an issue with a solder connection.
- *New Business*
 - WKAR Tower Update - Emergency Board meeting discussed, with regard to costs associated with moving the 145.39 from the old tower to the new. The fee asked was easily twice what it should be, but John noted that MSU has been VERY welcoming and is not the bad guy. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was decided that the repeater would be moved temporarily to a new location, until the warranty expires, at which time it would be moved back to the WKAR tower. The alternate site is located in Eaton County on Windsor Hill, near the Rest Area and Nixon Road. Brent Williams has offered to donate his labor for doing the tower work. This height is estimated at 170 feet, which, combined with the topography will give us about a 130 foot drop, but will still cover our area quite effectively. Motion made by Erv to buy rope (if needed) and do something for Brent's work, seconded by Jan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Jan has graciously offered an Icom repeater for our temporary use. We will continue to use the message Jeff and Jan built for information purposes, and as soon as the repeater is done, we will have the 145.390 back on the air. The plan is to be ready to go live as soon as the new site antenna is in place. The repeater will be off the air until the transfer and work is complete.
 - John also brought some discussion to the floor regarding regional funds that may be available for equipment and projects. He will look into what is necessary to apply for some of those funds and report back next meeting.
 - There was discussion about maintaining the location of the Eaton County tower location, once we no longer need it. John is looking into a plan to possibly have a receive site at that tower, in order to expand the 145.390's coverage to the south and west. This would also allow better HT coverage for Eaton County, which could be essential during SKYWARN activity.
- With all business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 2016 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Ervin Bates W8ERV
Secretary - LCDRA



Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps

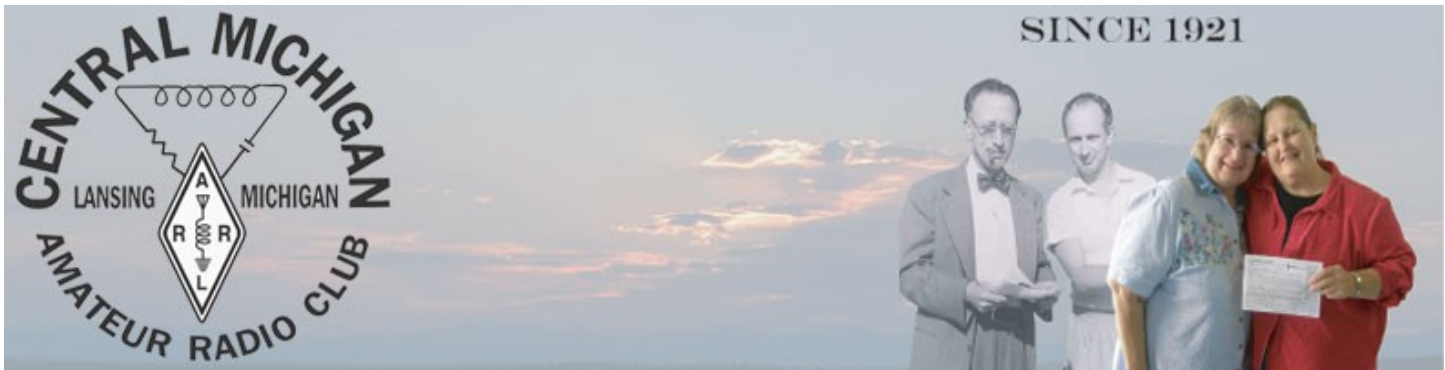


ARPSC Meeting Minutes *August 15, 2011 at the ICSO*

- Jim Greiner groomed the ATV kits. Thanks to Jim for the good work.
- We reminded everyone of the Aug 23 Volunteer picnic.
- Dennis Boone suggested tat we have a work day to work on the D-Star antenna at Fire Station 8.
- Don McLain reported that the antenna at WKAR will be coming down ad the antenna will be put up at the new location in Eaton County.
- There is a plan to return to WKAR tower in the future.
- Jerimiah Sevrey can still use volunteers for the Women Working Wonders run on Sept 11.
- Julie McLain reported that plans are being made to participate in some craft shows to raise money for LCDRA.
- Anyone able to donate crafts should let Julie know.
- Tom and Cheryl Davage mentioned that some fine tuning needs to be done on the instruction manual at Fire Station 8.
- Reminder from Jim Hannahs: Submit hours for any events to Tom Shaver!

MEETING SCHEDULE

GROUP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
CMARC	10/14/11	7:30 P.M.	SALVATION ARMY
ARPSC	09/19/11	7:00 P.M.	FIRE STATION # 8
LCDRA	10/20/11	7:00 P.M.	FIRE STATION # 8



CMARC BOARD MEETING

July 8th, 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, Under 22 Director Corey/KD8BOQ, . Excused were: Director Carl/K8YHH.

Cory/KD8BOQ would like to talk about the equipment that is still in his basement. He would like to bring equipment to the August meeting so that those that know more about the equipment can give an assessment on what they are worth, then it can be decided if they will be sold or keep some items for youth or start an equipment lending library. The HT would be kept for lending for new hams. Any proceeds would be put into the youth fund. Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to do this at the august meeting, 2nded by Jerry/KD8BOQ and approved.

Jerry/KD8BOQ reported the costs for field day, \$100.00 for the pavilion, \$255.00 for food, \$92.00 for gas, minus \$74.00 for contributions with a total of \$373.00.

With all business concluded, Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry/KD8GLN and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:29 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

July 8th, 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 28 people in attendance (members and ?? visitors). Our guests were: James from Perry, Deane/KD8QLO, our speaker for the evening: Jim/KC8QWH and Ginny/KD8HPG.

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS: Deane/KD8QLO just past his technician

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT: Jane/KC8FSK reported that “Get Well” cards were sent to: Mrs. Dan Fuller and Julie/KB8ZXR. Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Andy Anderson/K8EFS, the family of LeRoy Morgan/W8QQC.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: Greg/WB8LZG worked Seychelles on 15m with 5 watts and a dipole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, August 12th at 7:30 pm. Etc., etc., etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A motion to accept the June Secretary's Report and will be printed in the next SCOPE was made by Jim/KC8QWH, seconded by Don/WB8NUS and approved. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report for May and June as written was made by Ginny/KD8HPG, seconded by Cheryl/KD8QFE and approved.
- Don/WB8NUS reported that changeover date is September for the 145.390 repeater. July 21st is the LCDRA meeting at fire station number 8 at 7 PM.
- Ron/WD8BCS made a motion to go back to the same place for field day next year. He has had several people request that we go back to Lake Lansing Park North next year. Jim/KC8QWH seconded and approved. Ron/WD8BCS recommended that we budget \$300.00 for food and \$100 for fuel for next year. he also reported that the cw station made 474 contacts and total for phone combined was 638. 78 people signed the visitor log and that everyone that signed on and showed up for field day helped to make field day a success. There were 51 boy scouts at field day.
- Jerry/KD8GLN reported that we spent \$100 on the pavilion, \$255 on food, \$92 on gas minus \$74 in donations given at the picnic, the total comes to \$373.
- Don/KB8RAD reported two people came to VE test session at field day, one earned an upgrade to general and the other earned his technician license.
- Greg/WB8LZG reported that the cw station improved over last years score by one contact. In years past we used to treat field day like a contest around and this club that is not the case anymore.

50/50 DRAWING: Ron/WD8BCS won \$11.00 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: Jim/KC8QWH and Ginny/KD8HPG were our speakers for the evening. They put on an interesting program on heat emergencies.

With all business being concluded, Ron/WD8BCS moved to adjourn, seconded by Dan/WX8MOJ and approved. We adjourned at 8:58 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC BOARD MEETING

August 12th, 2011

President Sharon/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. with the following Board members in attendance: Treasurer Jerry/KD8GLN, Secretary John /KC8QZB, Excused were: Vice President Dan/WX8MOJ, Director Carl/K8YHH, Director Don/KB8RAD, Under 22 Director Corey/KD8BOQ

There was some discussion about possibly donating some craft items and then getting a table at a craft show for a fundraiser.

With all business concluded, Jerry/KD8GLN made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sharon/KD8HHK and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:24 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

August 12th, 2011

President Sharon/KD8HHK called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 31 people in attendance (28 members and 3 visitors). Our guests were: Kevin/KD8DJB, Mary Tillitson, and Brendon Hunt. Our speaker for the evening: Jim Geyer/KD8CHU.

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS: Bernie/N8PVZ got the new vanity call of W8BFG.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: Greg/WB8LZG worked I1RXC in Antarctica.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, September 9th at 7:30 pm. Etc., etc., etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sharon/KD8HHK reported that the 5 inches of rain that we had hit the north west corner of the building hard. Leaks started at their mechanical room and went all over and the club radio room took a hit. The old equipment was protected by a row of ceiling tiles that came down and protected them from the real rain. Carl/K8YHH and Jerry/KD8GLN and Sharon/KD8HHK and Ron/WD8BCS moved everything to the dry side of the room and cleaned up the ceiling tiles.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Paul/KB8YQZ is giving away ham radio related magazines tonight.
- Greg/WB8LZG reported that he and Ron/WD8BCS have been talking about the idea of operating the sweepstakes contest from the club station.... providing that the club station is back in operating condition by then. If anyone is interested, contact Greg.
- Sharon/KD8HHK reported that there has been some discussion about donating craft items and then getting a table at a craft show. Michael/KC8ZLQ reported that he has been able to bring up two repeaters in Ohio recently on 2 meters FM.


50/50 DRAWING: Jane/KC8FSK won \$11.00 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: Jim Geyer/KD8CHU was our speaker for the evening. He put on an interesting program on Science Week at Cedar Point.

With all business being concluded, Bernie/W8BFG moved to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl/KD8QFE. We adjourned at 9:15 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

July 2011 Treasurer's Report		August 2011 Treasurer's Report	
Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$1086.21	Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$1086.39
Business Checking	\$1979.12	Business Checking	\$2051.12
Net Worth	\$3065.23	Net Worth	\$3137.51
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$189.48	Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$189.51
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			

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 **"Mid-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.

Oct. 6th

Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Nov. 12th

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.

October 8th

Shiawassee ARC

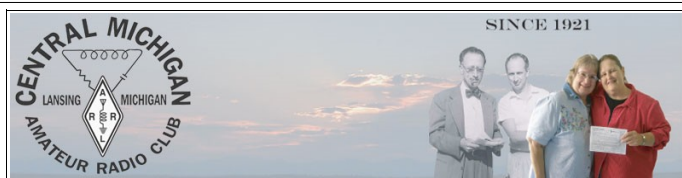
Location: American Red Cross,
702 Corunna Avenue, Corunna, MI 48817
Contact: Thomas Carpenter (K18AS) (517) 579-0599

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

October 27th

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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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