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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year!

This month is already FLYING by! Our first CMARC meeting of the year is Friday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m.

The presenter will be our new CMARC President, Corey Bulock-KD8BOQ. We'll be exploring the various media formats that cover the world of Amateur Radio. The meeting topics will range from Podcasts to famous TV spots Amateur Radio has been featured in.

See you there!

Inez Pearson - SK

We recently lost fellow HAM and CMARC member, Inez Pearson. The following is from our club president, Corey Bulock-KD8BOQ, on January 1, 2012:

"It is with great grief that I share with you this afternoon that Inez Pearson KY8V has become a Silent Key. Inez spent many years as an Amateur Radio operator (one of very few women I might add) and a big part of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club. Although her health was not at it's best recently I can still remember hearing her talking on simplex from time to time scanning through.

Inez was a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grand mother. She lived a very pleasant and long life, leaving us at the age of 102 to be with her Lord. Please spend some time this afternoon and this week praying for her families loss and remembering what a wonderful woman she was.

I will try to make details about any sort of memorial or visitation available on the CMARC website in the coming days. If you have any memories or pictures you would like to add to the CMARC website, please send those to me.

***Thanks and 73,
Corey J. Bulock KD8BOQ
CMARC President
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January

Birthdays

1/2 Tammy Burk
 1/7 Charles Culton WD8PVS
 1/8 Felimon Brazas, Jr
 1/11 Louie Larche KD8BWL
 1/12 Tom Cain KB8ZL
 1/12 Edward Hartwick KC8NQM
 1/21 Anthony Jones N8TSP
 1/23 John Ingraham NG8L
 1/24 Pam Denomme KB8PSF

Anniversaries

No January Anniversaries

February

Birthdays

2/1 Ellis Whitehead W8YB
 2/4 Ralph Chapman WA8NHD
 2/4 Cheryl Davage KD8QFE
 2/5 Mike Holcomb WA8KZY
 2/9 Abe Kimball W8ABE
 2/10 Norman Berlew WD8BHD
 2/11 Chad Rust KD8AYM
 2/11 Dale Donelson K8KOO
 2/12 Robert Rose KD8GLI
 2/13 Bill Serviss KD8HHN
 2/14 Don McLain KB8RAD
 2/17 Robin Oakley
 2/25 Gary Watson KC8MAD
 2/26 Julie McLain KB8ZXR

Anniversaries

2/23 Joe/N8YCM and Adrina/KD8OQW Keresztes

MEETING SCHEDULE

GROUP	CMARC 	ARPSC 	LCDRA 
DATE	01/13/12	01/16/12	01/19/12
TIME	7:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
LOCATION	SALVATION ARMY	FIRE STATION # 8	FIRE STATION # 8

HAMFESTS

Sunday, January 15: 46th Annual Hazel Park Swap (Hazel Park) - <http://hparc.org/>
 Saturday, February 11: 2012 Cherryland Swap (Traverse City) - <http://cherrylandarc.com/>
 Sunday, February 19: 41st Annual Livonia Swap (Livonia) - <http://livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>
 Saturday, March 17: 2012 Crossroads Swap (Marshall) - <http://w8df.com/>

JANUARY TEA TIME LADIES' DAYS

January 2nd – Tammy Burk's Birthday!!
January 17th – Leota Strobel's Birthday!!
January 23rd – Mary Lou Tillitson's Birthday!!
January 23rd – Betty Hunsaker's Birthday!!
January 31st - Kim Treleaven's Birthday!!



FEBRUARY TEA TIME LADIES' DAYS

February 4th - Cheryl Davage/KD8QFE's Birthday!!
February 14th - Marlene Harger/KC8GXO's Birthday!!
February 20th - Miss Abby Beuchert's 2nd Birthday!!
February 23rd - Adrina Keresztes/KD8OQW's Birthday!!
February 26th - Julie McLain/KB8ZXR's Birthday!!

JANUARY LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON!!

Please be sure to join us on Saturday, January 21st at 12:30pm for our first Ladies Tea Time Luncheon of the New Year! We'll be meeting at the Bob Evans Restaurant located at 900 American Road in South Lansing and remember, this invitation is for ALL Ladies, whether you have a Ham license or not!! So, please make plans to join us for a good time of food, fellowship and fun! Just RSVP by Friday, January 20th (KB8ZXR@aol.com or 517.694.0812) so I can make arrangements for us to sit together. 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) for the "Ladies Tea Time Net". 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 ~



What's My Sign?

By: Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born in Lansing, Michigan on December 11, 1961 and have one older sister. Lansing is where I grew up, went to school and where my parents worked—my father as an Architect and my mother as an Advertising Manager. In 1980, I graduated from Lansing Sexton High School and in 1985, from MSU with a BA in Telecommunications.

My interest in Amateur Radio began with the CB craze of the 70's and even though I was having a lot of fun, I was frustrated by the lack of long distance contacts you could make on CB. That's when a friend took me to visit a local Ham who introduced me to all the things you could do in Ham Radio and—I was hooked! In December of 1977 I got my Novice License and became WD8PMA. From then on I was working CW and DXing ALL the time, but I wanted MORE, so I soon began studying for my General upgrade. Back then, all exams were given at either the FCC office in the Federal Building in Detroit, or at a field location, which was usually the Howard Johnson's in Grand Rapids. I always aced the code tests, but it was quite a different story with the written portion! It took me three attempts to pass the General written, but I succeeded in April of 1979 and became N8BCE. When I tackled the next two upgrades I was in college and had developed much better study skills. As a result, in 1982 I passed the Advanced at the Federal building in Detroit and then just three weeks later, I passed the Extra at the HOJO in Grand Rapids!

I can still remember my 20 WPM code test for the Extra License! The test consisted of ten “fill in the blank” questions that had to be answered exactly right!! You see, you had to be precise in your answers, because the five-minute text they sent you could and did, intentionally contain misspelled words. So, if the answer to the question you had was misspelled in the text, it HAD to be misspelled in your answer, too! Although I had been perfect on all my other code tests, I choked up a bit on this very important one. I had answered six questions which I knew were correct, and then there were three more that I had no idea what the answers were. That left only one question on which hinged either a passing or failing grade. The question asked what kind of antenna the station was using and the only letter I had was “m”. So, I decided to write down the only thing I could think of that began with “m” and chose “mono-band”. I guessed right, and became an Extra in March of 1982!! Whew!! A few years later I became WA8W, and then after they started the Vanity Callsign program I found the never-before-issued Callsign which I now have.

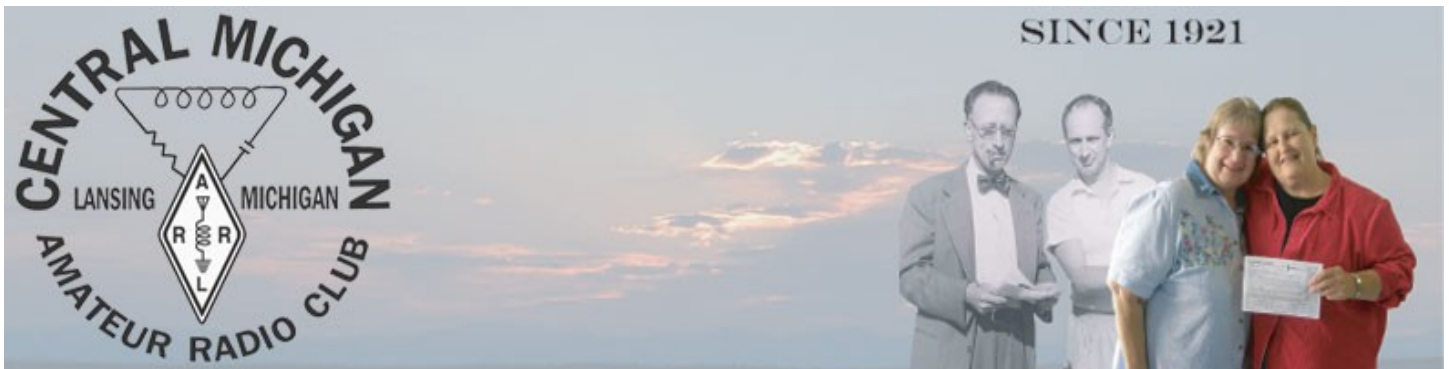
Currently, my small but functional shack consists of my HF rig which is a Kenwood HX480 (200 watts), my base radio which is a Kenwood V71A and I use an Icom 2820 in the car. Because I live in a semi-restricted subdivision, my Hustler 6BTV antenna is close to my house with some buried radials. For VHF and UHF, I have a vertical antenna in my attic. My favorite bands are 40, 20 and 15 meters and my main interest is chasing DX, which is about 50% CW and 50% SSB. I also like to work 2 meters and 440 where I enjoy checking into various nets, especially the SKYWARN Nets. Besides SKYWARN, I really enjoy contesting and Field Day. I'm also excited about the many new modes Amateur Radio has, such as Satellite, IRLP and all the different internet link modes, and I'm really looking forward to learning more about them in the future. I would love to try them out, but without an Elmer to work with, I haven't experimented much yet.

When I'm not playing radio, I work as an Insurance Agent specializing in Personal Lines Insurance for a local independent agency. My wife Jane and I have been married since June of 1997 and have one son, who is also a Ham. In my spare time I enjoy coaching "12 and under" baseball, golfing, and playing trumpet for the Michigan State Alumni Band. I'm currently a member of CMARC, LCDRA, and the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, where I have been a long time VE for the Hamvention. I'm also a VE with the Ingham Country VE Group.

When asked if I had any comments that I'd like to share with the Club regarding this great Hobby, I replied, "Ham Radio has to be one of the best hobbies, because it can be so diverse, and I think we must all do what we can to get more of our young people interested in this great Hobby. In the Greater Lansing area CMARC and Ham Radio are really on the upswing and because I've been a Ham around here for so many years, I speak from experience when I say, I think these are the best of times!"

There, now that we have become a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is N8FZ and my name is Russ Fitzgerald. My dad was Ken Fitzgerald N8FPR and unlike most families, my Dad didn't get me into Ham Radio—I got him into it!! He is now a Silent Key, but if his call sounds familiar, that's because my son, Sam, is now N8FPR. He was first licensed as KD8OQT, but got my dad's old Callsign through the Vanity program. *[Editor's note: Sam was featured in the December 2011 issue of the SCOPE if you'd like to go back and check it out.]*

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



CMARC BOARD MEETING December 9, 2011

President Sharon/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Treasurer Jerry Waite/KD8GLN Secretary John Hosford/KC8QZB, Vice President Dan Beuchert/WX8MOJ, Director Carl Canfield/K8YHH, Director Don McLain/KB8RAD, and Under 22 Director Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ

- Don McLain/KB8RAD reported that Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG gave him some fliers for the technician license class from January 21, 2012 to February 25, 2012 in six sessions.
- Jerry Waite/KD8GLN reported that the head of the Zigenbien committee is now Dick McGuire/KI8C.
- Carl Canfield/K8YHH reported that they believe that they know why the rotator does not work and will make adjustments at the next opportunity.

With all business concluded, The Board meeting closed at 7:24 pm.

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2011

President Sharon Waite/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 58 people in attendance (53 members and 5 visitors). Our guests were: Leota Strobel, Mary Tillitson, Ann Berger, June Sommer, and Richard Cole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, January 13th at 7:30 pm.
- Don McLain/KB8RAD reported that Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG handed him fliers for an amateur radio technician licensing class that is being sponsored by the MSU amateur radio club and the Central Michigan Amateur Radio club. The classes will run for six Saturdays and will start January 21, 2012 through February 25, 2012 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the MSU engineering building room 1145. Participants will need a textbook.

OLD BUSINESS:

A vote was taken to accept the October and November Secretary's Report as printed in the December SCOPE and was approved by the membership. A vote was taken to accept the October and November Treasurer's report as printed in the December SCOPE subject to annual audit was approved by the membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sharon Waite/KD8HHK reported that Jerry Waite/KD8GLN is ready to take CMARC dues for 2012 and Don Tillitson/WB8NUS is also here and can take LCDRA dues.
- Ron Harger/WD8BCS reported that he received a letter from the Ingham County Parks Department stating that the fees for special events have gone up and is based on the number of participants. We are in the 1 to 100 category and [the fee] is \$200.00. They are also going to start collecting vehicle entrance fees as they do with the rest of the parks in Ingham county. As of January 1, 2012, the fee will be \$3.00 for residents and \$5.00 for nonresidents. Field Day at the current site is getting very expensive and Ron Harger/WD8BCS asked the membership how they would like us to proceed. John Seaver/N8SUA asked if the group camping area at Sleepy Hollow state park had been looked into. Ron/WD8BCS reported that no alternative site has been looked into yet. Randy Williams/KD8MOK asked if Ron would like him to talk to Holt again. Randy reported that they were going to work it into their emergency preparedness exercise and he believed that it was going to be free. Ron also reported that he and John Hosford/KC8QZB are would like to take a break from running the field day event. So if anyone is interested in chairing or co-chairing field day then please contact Ron Harger/WD8BCS or John Hosford/KC8QZB. Sharon Waite/KD8HHK reported that Linda Conklin/K8LCC has retired from food chair so we are looking for volunteers to fill that position.
- Julie McLain/KB8ZXR reported that the total proceeds from the craft sale is \$1400.00 to be donated to the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association (LCDRA). Julie thanked everyone who donated such wonderful crafts.
- Sharon Waite/KD8HHK reopened nominations for the 2012 CMARC board. Don McLain/KB8RAD nominated Corey Bullock/KD8BOQ and Corey accepted. Bob/K8RDN nominated Carl/K8YHH and Carl accepted. Nominations were closed.
- Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG reported that W8SH got all 80 sections in the recent phone sweepstakes.
- [It was] announced that Don McLain/KB8RAD, Jerry Waite/KD8GLN, Corey Bullock/KD8BOQ, and Matt Miller/KD8OOS were elected to the board of directors.

Sharon Waite/KD8HHK announced the board of directors for 2012

President.....Corey Bullock/KD8BOQ
Vice President.....Don McLain/KB8RAD
Treasurer.....Jerry Waite/KD8GLN
Secretary.....John Hosford/KC8QZB
Director.....Sharon Waite/KD8HHK
Director.....Dan Beuchert /WX8MOJ
Under 22 Director...Matt Miller/KD8OOS

50/50 DRAWING:

Pat Laurence won \$40.00 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:

With all business being concluded, Ron Harger/WD8BCS moved to adjourn 2nded by Bill Cote/WD8NYW. We adjourned for the Christmas party at 8:37 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

December 2011 Treasurer's Report	
Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$1087.11
Business Checking	\$1967.15
Net Worth	\$3,054.26
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$189.63
Building Fund (Club Station)	\$9.09
*separate from CMARC Funds	
Submitted, Jerry Waite/KD8GLN - CMARC Treasurer 	

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 in 2010, 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. Also, the General manuals expired at the end of June 2011 and new books are needed to replace them. So, if you have a CURRENT Technician, General or even an Extra class license manual that you are no longer using and wish to donate to this endeavor, PLEASE contact me at: (517) 694-0812 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
Librarian

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 starting at 7:00 p.m. 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 7 pm on the 145.39 repeater with Net Coordinator Matt Miller/KD8OOS. 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](#), 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.	February 2, April 5, June 7
Saturday at 11:00 a.m.	January 14, March 10, May 12

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.	February 11, April 14, June 9
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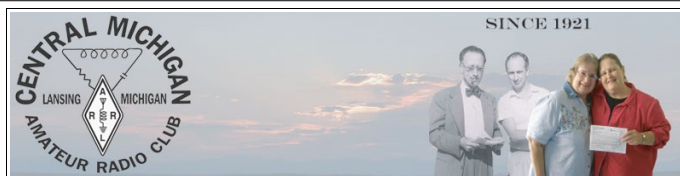
Shiawassee ARC

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.	TBA
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The CMARC & LCDRA Boards '12

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Deadline for SCOPE: 20th. of month

Meetings are held the second Friday of every month at:
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

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LCDRA Call: WB8CQM

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

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