

Springtime

April is always a busy month for Ham Radio in the Lansing area. This month we have our regular CMARC meeting, ARPSC meeting and the quarterly LCDRA Meeting. If you'd like to become more active in the Ham Radio community, now is the time! There are plenty of events coming up; such as Field Day, "The 2013 'Outdoor' Hamfest" as well as many public service events (link to those here: <http://lansingarpsc.com/psevents.html>) that could all use YOUR help!

Please feel free to attend any of the groups that are meeting this month to show your support and see what it's all about.



ARPSC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the "Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps" will be on Monday, April 15th at 7pm. This time we'll be meeting at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Mason. As always, membership in the ARPSC is NOT required for attendance, so please feel free to join us at any session—and bring along a friend! For the dates and locations of future meetings please check out our website at www.lansingarpsc.com/.



LCDRA MEETING

The next quarterly meeting of the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association is on Thursday, April 18th at 7:00pm and will be held at Lansing Fire Station #8 on the corner of Marshall Street and Grand River Avenue in Lansing. If you want to get the latest information about our local repeaters "straight from the horse's mouth", come on out and join us for this next meeting—you'll be glad you did! For more information check out: www.lcdra.net

Scoping out THE SCOPE

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MEETING SCHEDULE

GROUP	CMARC 	ARPSC 	LCDRA 
DATE	04/12/13	04/15/13	04/18/13
TIME	7:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
LOCATION	SALVATION ARMY	MASON EOC	FIRE STATION # 8
WEBSITE	WWW.CENTRALMIARC.COM/	WWW.LANSINGARPSC.COM/	WWW.LCDRA.NET/

April

Birthdays

4/07 Jim Hannahs KC8QWH
 4/07 Ken Kruger W8AAX
 4/08 Troy Creed W8TCC
 4/09 Erv Bates W8ERV
 4/10 Bob Berger K8RDN
 4/18 Dan Forrester KC8DHV
 4/22 Dan Fuller W8VRR
 4/27 Sharon Waite KD8HHK

Anniversaries

4/02 Bob K8RDN and Ann Berger

May

Birthdays

5/02 Paul Keefer KB8YQZ
 5/07 Gary Grabenstein K8CKW
 5/11 Eugene Brown KK4DIY
 5/14 Matt Warncke W8MAT
 5/19 Thomas Davage KA8KOF
 5/27 Ryan Stevenson KD8TSI
 5/27 Marie Watson KC8NOI
 5/31 Jack Wiswasser WA8IAL

Anniversaries

5/6 Roger AB8RX and DeAnna KD8BDI Barnhill
 5/31 Thomas Stumpfig KD8RXN

HAMFEST

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2013 - Milford Swap-N-Shop

Location: Highland, MI

Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk/>

APRIL '13 CMARC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the "Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club" will be on Friday, April 12th at 7:30pm in the Salvation Army building, which is located at 701 W. Jolly Road in Lansing. The program speaker for April will be Russ Fitzgerald-N8FZ, who will discuss the "ins and outs" of insurance as it applies to Hams and their equipment. Being a Ham himself, as well as a licensed agent with over 15 years of experience specializing in "personal lines" insurance, Russ is uniquely qualified to explain to us everything we need to know about how to properly insure our equipment and protect our investment in Amateur Radio! He will give us the insider's perspective on how to keep our premiums down and our coverage up. Come and learn how the insurance industry has been turned upside down since the last recession and get the latest on the proposed Michigan Insurance reform. Then, throw down your best personal insurance question and see if you can "stump the agent" to win a prize! As always, we are sure to have a great time so come on out with your family and friends! By the way, it's still the first part of the New Year and STILL time to renew your membership, so if you haven't already taken care of that, please be sure to bring your dues along with you! For more information about this meeting or anything else Club-related, you can check out our website at www.centralmiarc.com, or just get a hold of me, your Club contact at (517) 694-0812 or KB8RAD@arrl.net. See you ALL there!!

April Tea Time Ladies' Days

April 2nd – Ann & Bob/K8RDN Berger's 46th Anniversary!

April 11th – Linda Conklin/K8LCC's Birthday!

April 14th – Ericka Kahler/KD8KJU's Birthday!

April 24th – Linda/K8LCC & Wayne/W8QG Conklin's 36th Anniversary!

April 27th – Sharon Waite/KD8HHK's Birthday!



LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON!

Please be sure to join us on Saturday, April 20th at 12:30 pm for our next Ladies Tea Time Luncheon! We will be meeting at the “Flap Jack Family Restaurant”, located at 6927 S. Cedar St. 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! Please let me know by Friday, April 19th if you're planning to attend (517.694.0812 or KB8ZXR@Aol.com). I hope you will be, because we always have such a good time getting together—and I'm sure you will, too!

LADIES TEA TIME NET!

Please join me every Tuesday evening at 7pm on the 145.39 (100 Hz PL) Lansing-area repeater for the “Ladies Tea Time Net”. The Net can also be accessed via the EchoLink *DODROPIN* Conference Server (Node ID# 355800). The main purpose of this Net is to get our Lady Hams out on the air each week, having fun as they visit together. And for those Ladies without a Ham license...you can still check in “Third Party”, as long as your licensed husband or friend checks in first. Remember, we always look forward to having our Gentlemen join us for a fun time, too... AFTER the “Ladies Only” portion of the Net!! So, pour yourself a nice cup of tea, key up the mic and join me for the “Ladies Tea Time Net”...I'll be listening for you!!



~Julie McLain, KB8ZXR~

Ladies Tea Time Net & Luncheon Coordinator
(517) 694-0812 or KB8ZXR@aol.com

What's My Sign?

By: Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born on January 23, 1948 in Lansing, Michigan and was the second of seven children, four boys and three girls. My Dad worked as a Timekeeper at Oldsmobile and my Mom worked as a clerk for the State of Michigan. In 1966 I graduated from Monsignor John O'Rafferty High School in Lansing and then attended Lansing Community College from 1966 to 1968. Then, from 1968 to 1970, I attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1970 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. I had a lot of fun growing up in Lansing, like playing "Tag" with my siblings till it got dark, going to drive-in theaters, and I really enjoyed the amusement park at Lake Lansing. I also have special memories of having our milk delivered to our neighborhood by a milkman in a horse-drawn wagon, and celebrating Lansing's Centennial with a torch-light parade and with special 50 cent coins.

My interest in Amateur Radio started well before the age of scanners, and came about as I listened to our family's old radio that also received Short Wave. I was hooked! I heard different Hams out on the air waves and wanted to be able to communicate just like them. To hear better, I put up various antennas in our small city lot. My best friend was a Ham, Roger Phillips KZ8W, who lived in my neighborhood. It was his uncle that administered the Novice test for me shortly after my 17th birthday. Well, I passed and was licensed as WN8PHC in February of 1965.

In 1982, when on a Boy Scout camping trip with Larry Galvin and Mike Manning N8EUQ, I overheard some Morse Code as Mike was studying for his General Class License and I mentioned I could copy it! Evidently, my skill at CW had already advanced to the General Class level. After some studying I tested again and advanced from Novice to Extra in one year's time, upgrading to General Class at Dayton and then getting my Extra and 20 words per minute CW in Detroit with the FCC.

In my shack I have a Kenwood TS-430S transceiver feeding an Alpha Delta off-center fed Multi-band Antenna, and for VHF I use a Yaesu VX-5. You can hear me out on the 145.39 from time to time, but my favorite place to be is on 40 Meters Single Side Band. In 1965, I built my first transmitter, a Knight Kit T-60 which was a kit-built CW and AM transmitter. I haven't been as active in the Hobby as I'd like to be, and so haven't been using CW for a while now, but I still really enjoy copying code when I can. I've recently become interested in the digital modes, but haven't tried them yet. I do enjoy checking into Nets and my favorite one is "The 3905 Century Club Worked All States and Awards Net". I am an active member of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and the Quarter Century Wireless Association. I served as CMARC's Membership Chairman from 1985 to 2011. In addition to my Amateur Radio Hobby, I have been actively doing Genealogy for the last 46 years, and also belong to the Knights of Columbus and Eagles.

I met my sweetheart at a Christian Singles Club in Okemos, and on May 21, 1977 we were married. Pamela and I have two beautiful daughters, Jessica and Angela who have both recently blessed us with Grandsons! Jessica had a son on July 12, 2012 and Angela had a son on July 15, 2012. They were in the Hospital together. Our grandson's names are Logan and Tyler and they are both 8-months old! I am retired now, but previously worked for AT&T as a Long Distance Switching Equipment Technician.

When asked if I had any words of wisdom to pass along, I replied, "Life is a journey and not a race! Enjoy each day and treat others as you would like to be treated." I also want to add, "We have many talented people in our Club who are willing to share themselves and their knowledge. We should realize that this is a gift."

There, now that we've become a little better acquainted, "What's My Sign?" My Callsign is NG8L and my name is John Ingraham.



6th Annual Dayton Hamvention Excursion
Saturday, May 18, 2013

(Sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team in Kalamazoo)

**Spend a day at the Dayton Hamvention in 2013 and enjoy the entire experience:
No driving worries, parking inconveniences or ticket lines. No hauling your new treasures long distances.
Lots of fun and fellowship!!**

Price: \$100.00 per person. Payment(s): \$20.00 down payment to reserve your spot – payable any time, non-refundable! The remainder of the payment is due by May 1, 2013. All payments are non-refundable but may be transferred to another ham. In the event of the cancellation of the trip, all payments will be refunded.

Make checks payable to S.M.A.R.T. and send to:

**S.M.A.R.T.
PO Box 993
Portage, MI 49081-0993
Contact: Mike Greis/KD8GTX
Phone: 269-998-2358
Email: KD8GTX@ARRL.Net**

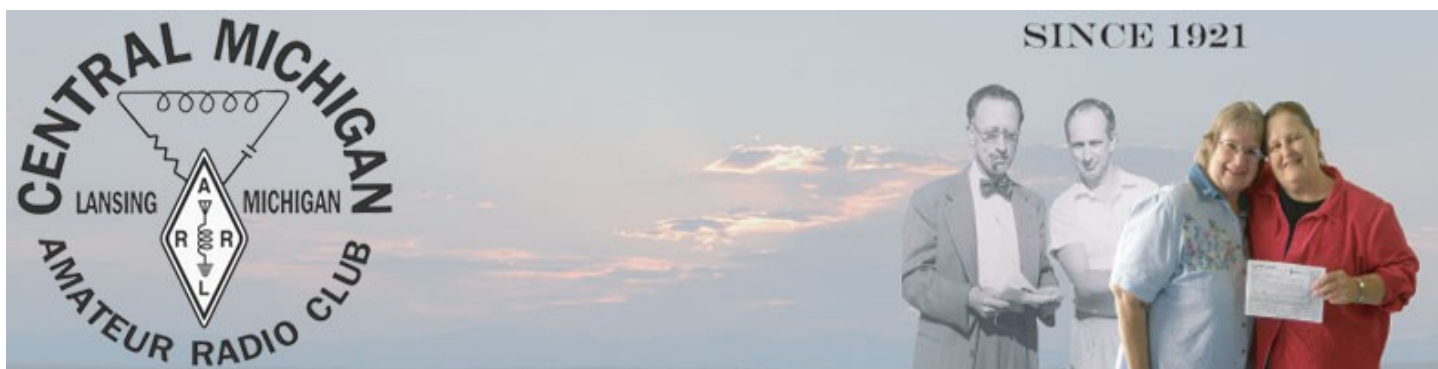
Times:

- ⌚ **Leave Kalamazoo at 3:45 am.**
- ⌚ **Pickup in Battle Creek (if required) at 4:05 am.**
- ⌚ **Arrive in Dayton at 8:00 AM.**
- ⌚ **Leave Dayton at 4:30 PM.**
- ⌚ **Arrive back in Kalamazoo at 10:45 pm.**

Included:

- ⌚ **Luxury motor coach travel to and from the Hara Arena in Dayton, OH**
- ⌚ **Continental breakfast on bus.**
- ⌚ **Door-side drop off and pick up in Dayton.**
- ⌚ **Hamvention tickets!**
- ⌚ **Opportunities to place your purchases on the bus throughout the day.**
- ⌚ **Dinner on the return trip.**

VE TESTING SESSIONS	
Ingham County VE Group	
Location: Ingham County Sheriff's Dept. Mason Contact: Don McLain/KB8RAD (517) 694-0812 KB8RAD@arri.net	
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.	06/06/13, 08/01/13, 10/03/13, 12/05/13
Saturday at 11:00 a.m.	05/11/13, 07/13/13, 09/14/13, 11/09/13
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.	04/13/13 <-THIS SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED
Corunna VE Team	
Location: American Red Cross, 702 Corunna Ave, Corunna MI 48817-1230 Contact: Thomas Carpenter (KI8AS) (989) 277-2262 ki8as@charter.net	
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.	04/25/13, 08/22/13, 10/24/13, 12/26/13



CMARC BOARD MEETING March 8, 2013

President Dan Beuchert/WX8MOJ called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the following board members in attendance: Vice President Don McLain/KB8RAD, Treasurer Jerry Waite/KD8GLN, Secretary Jane Hosford/KC8FSK, Director Sharon Waite/KD8HHK, Director John Doornhaag/KD8NNQ, Under 22 Director Matt Miller/KD8OOS.

John Tyree is unable to chair field day.

Julie McLain:

- Outdoor Hamfest. A special event station with a 1X1 call sign. Stappywear will be there. Tony/N8TSP will be doing an antenna building demonstration with tape measures being handed out to everyone. Bob and Carl will be doing a two hour forum.
- Need tickets. One color for vendors and different color for everyone else.
- John Doornhaag has been working on publicity and checking on speakers.
- How much to charge for rental of tables.
- Jerry/KD8GLN will take care of insurance for that day.
- There will be QSL cards for the special event station.

Ladies' night is all set.

With all business concluded Don/KB8RAD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan/WX8MOJ and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Hosford/KC8FSK – Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2013

President Dan Beuchert/WX8MOJ called the meeting to order at 7:35, had a moment of silence for our silent keys and welcomed both members and visitors attending tonight.

Silent key report:

None.

ATTENDANCE:

There were 41 people in attendance. Visitors included: Kent Goodwin, Steven Baker/KD8SLL, Rita Rademacher, Stephen Lyon/KD8TSH, Ed Oxer/W8EO, Mark McKeel/KD8MVZ, Cydney McKeel and Bruce Tanner/KZBET.

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS:

There were no new licenses or upgrades.

Don/KB8RAD announced a VE session in Mason tomorrow.

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT:

None.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- A motion to accept the February Secretary's Report as printed in the February SCOPE was made by Don/KB8RAD, seconded by Jim/KC8QWH, and approved.
- A motion to accept the February Treasurer's report as printed in the February SCOPE was made by Bernie/W8BFG, seconded by Jim/KC8QWH and approved.
- Please pay your CMARC dues.
- LCDRA dues may be paid to Julie/KB8QZB.

Field day:

- John Tyree is unable to be Field Day chair. Field day will be held in Mason this year.

Don/KB8RAD announced that Ziegenbein nominations are due by March 15, 2013. Nominations may be sent by snail mail or email to Ron Harger.

Outdoor Hamfest-Julie/KB8ZXR:

Hamfest is Saturday, July 27, 2013.

A special event station with QSL card. There will be VE testing, stappypwear will be there again

this year.

Door prizes: grand prize Alinco radio. There will be a forum by Bob and Carl. A building antenna demo by Tony/N8TSP. Tape measures will be given to those who attend the demo. There will be a GOTA station run by the youth of CMARC. Dentronics is going to be there. Possibly have an equipment testing area. Need someone to do talk-in. Need a better PA system-any donations will be greatly appreciated. Need prizes for younger kids who are not hams. Don and Julie are donating a general manual for a door prize.

Ladies' night banquet is May 10, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ken/KC8LTL talked about the Michigan QSO party the third Saturday of April and wondered if anyone would be interested in participating.
- Ken Kruger/W8AAX broke his ankle.

UNDER 22 REPORT:

Nothing to report.

50/50 DRAWING:

Don/KD8BD won \$20.00.

Motion to adjourn for break made by Randy/KD8MOK and seconded by Don/KB8RAD and approved.


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

MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER:

Ted Sadilek/WA8MFQ gave an interesting talk on Virtual Ham Radio.

With all business concluded the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Hosford/KC8FSK-Secretary

March 2013 Treasurer's Report		
Primary Share Acct. (Humphreys Fund)	\$1089.26	 Submitted, Jerry Waite/KD8GLN - CMARC Treasurer
Business Checking	\$3165.26	
Net Worth	\$4255.16	
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$230.00	
Building Fund (Club Station) <i>separate from CMARC Funds</i>	\$9.09	



Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps



2-18-12 Meeting Minutes @ Ingham EOC

Hours– Send hours to Jim or Bob

Trunk Sales– July 27, 2013 – Antenna building demonstrations including 2m and tape measure antenna, vendors are signing up. 3\$ for a spot to sell, and \$5 for each additional spot. Being called Outdoor Ham Swap. Tape measures could be had cheaply at Harbor Freight.

WebEOC– Training last month was over the replacement software for E-Team. Other classes will be taught into the future.

Skywarn –The plan is to continue having 3 rotating heads for Skywarn nets. Send Jim an email if you are interested in volunteering for either a lead or to be on-call.

ATV– Kits have been groomed.

SET –Multi-State tornado scenario was tested out and Jim attended. We have good ideas and backup, but we don't have the numbers to last for a longer-term event. Jim was the only HAM in the group and many ideas were shared. Other states are interested in using the HAM populations, where they have not used them in the past for emergencies. We are in need of more members. If anyone is known that would be interested, try to bring them in and get to the training. In order to work many of the jobs for the EOCs, RACES membership is required. Future SETs will be advertised for those who are interested in attending.

Lansing Marathon– April 21, 2013 – We are looking for 25-30 Amateur Radio Operators paired with CERT members. The marathon (Sunday) is expected to be larger than last year and increasing in popularity.

Half Marathon in Dansville on Labor Day– Looking for close to 15 people and 4-5 hours. If there is interest, this is not a RACES only event, so any HAMs can help out..

Common Ground –July 8-14, 2013 of July – About 7 people per night are needed to man the shifts.

MSU –April 6-8, 2013 – If MSU makes it to the Final 4, ATV will be requested.

Green and White Game– April 20, 2013 – RACES and tether classes required. There is a possibility that we will be called out for this.

Field Day– The location this year will be Mason. We are working to solicit vendors and businesses for donations for food / materials in order to keep the cost to a minimum.

Website– Skywarn training link has been added to the main page and the calendar. Meeting locations and dates have been updated for 2013 and added to the Calendar.

2013 CMARC "OUTDOOR" HAMFEST

(WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING BUT THE ROOF!!)



ARRL
Sanctioned

Sponsored by the
Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

Saturday, July 27, 2013
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
(Setup Saturday 6-8AM)
at the

Holt Christian Church
2424 S. Washington Rd.
Lansing, MI 48911-7207



Talk-in 145.390
(100Hz PL)

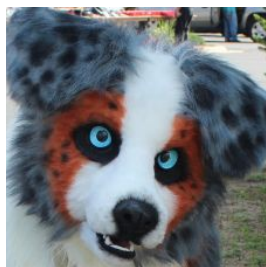
ADMISSION: Public = \$3.00 each, Kids 15 and under FREE!! (Handicap Accessible!!)

Vendors/Sellers = \$3.00 each (includes 1 trunk space). Additional spaces \$5.00 each.
RSVP today to secure the number of spaces you need! Also, please remember to bring your own tables, chairs, and canopies. (We have a limited number of tables and canopies available for rental so RSVP early if you need them!!)

*For Reservations or Questions please call Julie McLain KB8ZXR
at (517) 694-0812 or email me at: KB8ZXR@aol.com*



DON'T FORGET to enjoy a Sweet Roll and Coffee, then later on grab a Sloppy Joe or a Hot Dog/Brat "Hot Off The Grill" with all your favorite trimmings!!

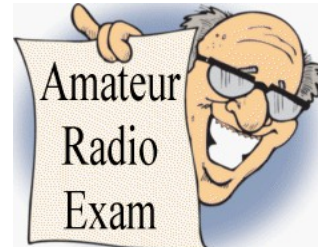


"TYCHO AUSSIE" –
CMARC's Mascot will be here again this year!!

**"DENTRONICS" will be
HERE!! Denny is a
dealer for ALINCO,
MFJ, DIAMOND
ANTENNAS,
KANTRONICS and
LAKEVIEW!!**

**"K8H"
SPECIAL EVENT STATION!!**

From 8am to 2pm (1200 Zulu to 1800 Zulu) on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Frequencies are: 14.250, 21.325, and 147.420 simplex. QSL cards available.



VE TESTING at 10am.
Sponsored by the "Ingham County VE Group". Walk-ins are Welcome!!



"STAPPYWEAR" will be on hand with samples and will be taking orders for your Ham-related apparel!!

DOOR PRIZES!!

We will have hourly prizes with our GRAND prize being an Alinco DJ-V57T Dual-Band HT drawn at 1pm!!

FORUM

"Digital Modes"
(9am-11am)

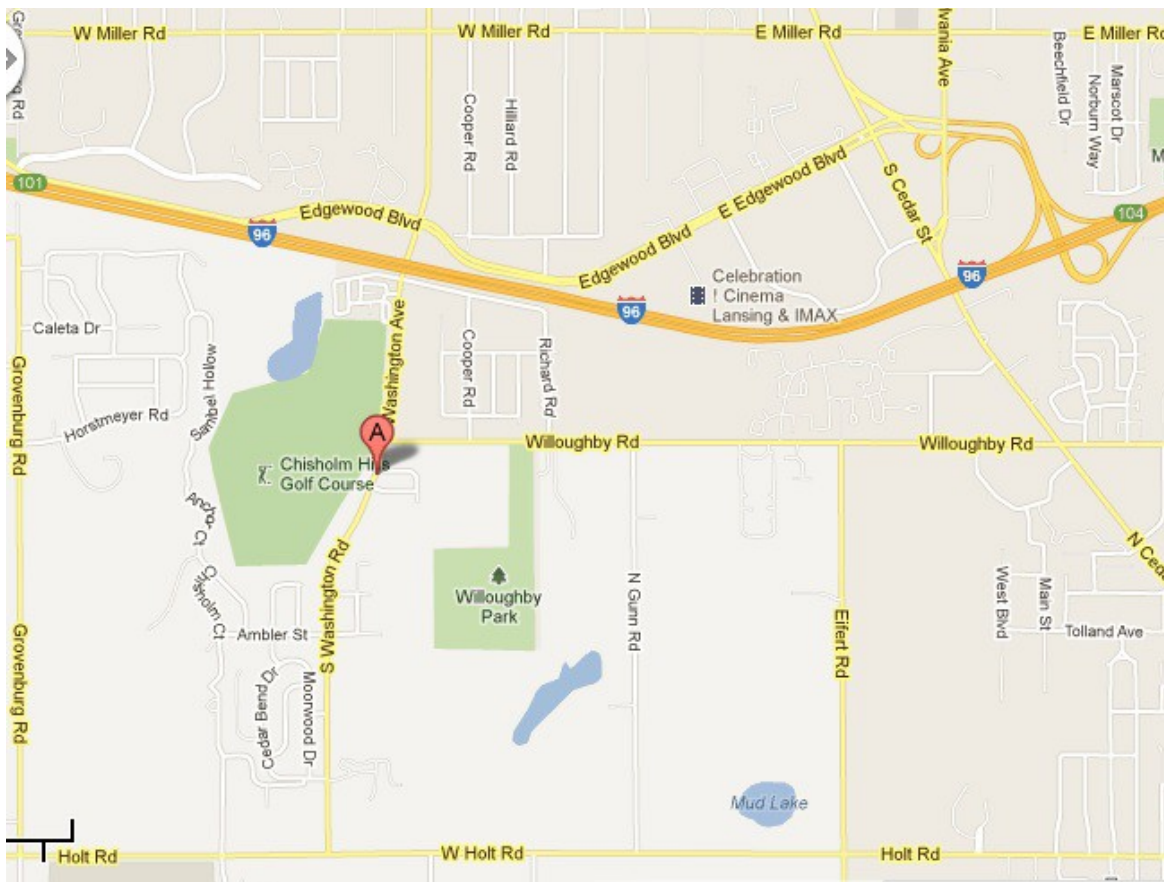
ANTENNA BUILDING DEMO

With free instructions for a "Roll up" 2-meter J-pole and a 2-meter or 440 tape measure antenna.
(11:30am)

G.O.T.A. STATION

Unlicensed? Come Get On The Air with the Youth of CMARC!!

Holt Christian Church, 2424 S. Washington Rd, Lansing, Talk-in 145.39-100Hz PL



COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S "OUTDOOR" HAMFEST!! COME "RAIN OR SHINE" WE GUARANTEE YOU'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME!!

A “Way Out West” Ham Holiday

For many years now I've been taking a radio along on vacations. A QRP rig and a dipole or vertical wire don't take up much space, and have provided hours of fun and relaxation while operating /portable from unique locations across the country.

My eldest son Kevin (KC8QZE) and family moved out to Ridgecrest, California last year, so the my XYL , Vicki, and I decided it was time to “GO WEST” for a visit. The only problem was we were not driving, but flying. When all the suitcases were packed, there just wasn't any room left for the Rig , antenna, key, and battery. Being a daily radio op here at home I was wondering how I was going to manage without some CW for over a week!

Only a few weeks left. Time for PLAN “B”. Why not investigate some alternative radio fun. I spend my weekday mornings waking up to the soothing melody of CW at W8SH, Michigan State Univ. ARC. One of my “on air” friends is Norm, K6OLE in Barstow, Cal. He's a mainstay of early morning CW operation on 40 meters. I suggested the possibility of an “eyeball” with him, as we would be going right through there. Phone numbers were exchanged and we would try and “hook up” for lunch.



Norm, K6OLE , Xyl Betty Gregg WB8LZG/6, Xyl Vicki



The flight to Las Vegas was smooth and we soon had our rental van. We were getting close to Barstow when I gave Norm a “buzz” on the XYL's cell phone. We met at a local restaurant and shook hands and introduced our wives. Norm and his Xyl , Betty were a pleasure to be with. We all ordered a bite to eat and then proceeded to “chew the rag” for over an hour. Getting to know each other and filling in the pieces of info that somehow doesn't get passed otherwise in our many CW QSO's. They were wonderful hosts, and the Xyl and I enjoyed every minute. All too soon it was time for “Good Byes”, but I went away with a newly renewed friendship. Once again proving that old saying that if you're a Ham, you have friends worldwide.

We spent several lovely warm sunny days with our son Kevin and family. They took us to some very beautiful and awe inspiring places. The Torona Pinnacles was my favorite. Fossil Falls was very pretty as well. We spent several days touring and dining, enjoying our time together.

On to PLAN “C”

Not knowing at the time whether or not PLAN “B” would actually work out, I arranged a contingent plan. I had also had several QSO's with ops on board the “QUEEN MARY” W6RO in Long Beach ,Cal. When I suggested a “side trip” to the “Queen Mary” to my wife I was pleasantly surprised when she agreed. I then contacted the gang there in Long Beach, The Assoc Amateurs of LB, and they informed me that there would indeed be operators present in the

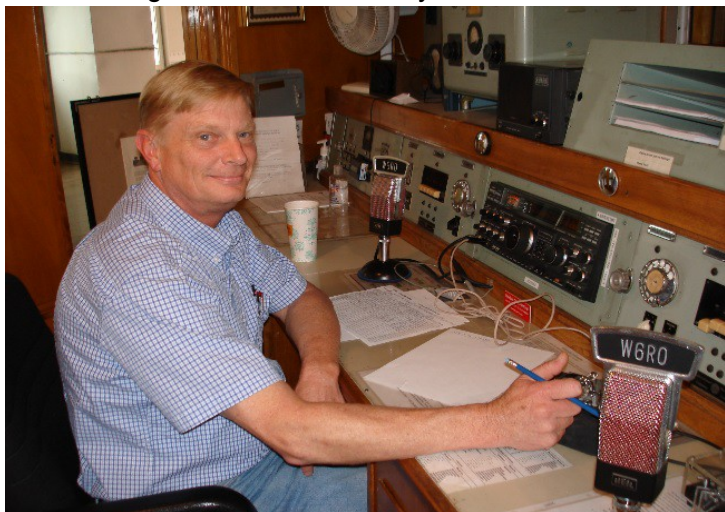


“wireless room” while we were there! We arrived at “THE QUEEN” in the afternoon , and spent the next several hours touring and exploring the ship. I found the “wireless room” , but it was late in the day and no ops were on “duty”. We settled in for the evening with a delicious dinner aboard. The next morning I got up early, grabbed a cup ‘o Joe and headed up to see if there was anyone in the shack. I was met by the smile of John KA6SED who gave me a little primer on W6RO operations , and then turned me loose to operate. I must say , the Assco Am of LB have done a fantastic job restoring and maintaining the Queen Mary’s “wireless room”. Lot’s of beautiful old vintage equipment from the era , but some of the finest



The Antenna farm on the “Queen”

modern gear as well. My Xyl came up, and as I sat down to one of the CW operating positions, John gave Vicki a nice verbal guided tour and history lesson of the “Queen” throughout her many travels.



Yours truly operating from the “wireless room” W6RO Queen Mary

As I slowly tuned across 20 meters a familiar callsign echoed through my ears. K1IQI , Chet was calling CQ. I’d had several QSO’s with Chet before from the MSU club station W8SH. I called him ,and we had a nice QSO. My 1st QSO from “The Queen”! I was “rollin in clover”.

Went to 15 meters and found AC8M , Dave in my hometown of Dimondale, Mi. calling CQ. Talk about a small world. I answered his CQ an found out he was only running half a watt! QRP to the “Queen”! It just doesn’t get any better than this! Then back to 20 meters, where I found Mike KE5AKL doing an SOTA operation in New Mexico. An hour flew by. All to soon it was time for me to go QRT.

If given the choice, I could have stayed and operated all day. But although the Xyl is supportive of my hobby , I didn’t want the push my luck. So I pulled the plug after 3 contacts, before she got board. We packed up and I thanked John for his hospitality to us while we were on board. I took one last look at the “Queen Mary” and at the antenna farm growing between her stacks. Feeling very satisfied at having finally being able to operate from W6RO. A memory I will always cherish!

Back to Las Vegas for a couple of nights of fun and feasting with some of Vicki’s old college friends, and then back to the Frozen North of Michigan.

There you have it. Just because you can’t take a rig along with you on your next vacation, doesn’t mean you still can’t have some radio fun. With a bit of pre-planning, even an ordinary vacation can become a Ham holiday!



John, KA6SED my host on board the “Queen Mary”, and me

73, Gregg Mulder WB8LZG NAQCC #1444 *Special thanks to the Associated Amateurs of Long Beach*

NETS in the Greater Lansing Area

"The Breakfast Club Net" meets EVERY weekday morning from 7am to around 1pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD. This Net was founded by Don well over THREE YEARS ago (since September 24, 2009) and usually averages around 95+ check-ins per morning, but the NEW all-time record is 113 people in one morning's Net (and that's NOT counting rechecks)! So, if YOU are getting bored with just listening to Broadcast Radio during the morning commute, come and see what all the commotion's about—join Don and the rest of the gang every weekday morning on "The Breakfast Club Net"! They'll not only wake you up—they'll put a smile on your face, too! And thanks to Daniel Burk/NE8K, EchoLink is now available each morning via the "DODROPIN" EchoLink Conference Server (ID# 355800), so it's never been easier to check in and join the fun! Whether you are somewhere throughout the United States (or world), or right here in the mid-Michigan area, you can now check in from your computer, cellphone or other device at your convenience, so stop by in the morning and say, "Hello!" While you're at it, why not join "The Breakfast Club Net" Facebook Group!! We are already 212 members strong and would love to count YOU among us!! www.facebook.com/groups/112208875498362/

The **"Central Michigan Slow Scan TV Net"** meets every Sunday evening from 7:00- 8:30pm (Winter hours) on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Carl Canfield/K8YHH. EVERYONE is welcome to join in 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 during the Net to see the photos being sent.

The **"Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps Training Net"** meets on the first Monday night of each month at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz). Volunteer Net Control Operators are needed each week, as well as someone to provide Training, so if you are an ARPSC member and wish to sign up, 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 (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Julie McLain/KB8ZXR and can now also be found on the "DODROPIN" EchoLink Conference Server (ID# 355800)! Everyone is welcome to check in—even all you guys!! This Net's been around now since July 3, 2007 so let's keep it going and growing!!

The **"Quarter Century Wireless Association Net"** also meets every Tuesday night but at 8pm and on the 146.70 repeater (PL 107.2 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don Tillitson/WB8NUS. Be sure to stop by and say "Hello!"

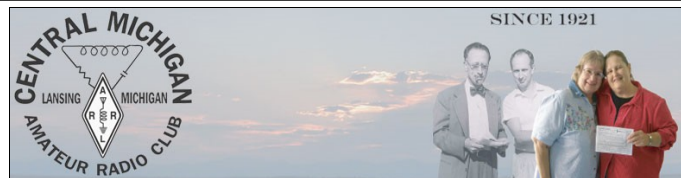
The **"Mid-Michigan Information Net"** meets every Wednesday night at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD. This Net has been around now since November 11, 2009 and is still growing!! Be sure to join Don for a time of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and helpful INFORMATION!!

The **"Michigan Radio Amateur Youth Net" (MRAY)**, meets every Thursday night at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Matt Miller/KD8OOS. In addition, EchoLink is available by searching for "KD8MJJ-R", "MRAY", or the "DODROPIN" Conference Server (ID# 355800). Although the Net specifically targets the Youth (who are the future of Ham Radio), ADULTS are welcome to check in, too!! Also, Third-Party check-ins are encouraged to join the Net as a way of introducing young people to the Hobby. So, EVERYONE be sure to check into the MRAY Net and show your support for our Youth!

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

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7:00pm. Meetings are held at
Fire Station #8, Marshall St, Lansing**

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As a licensed Amateur, you can **sign up today** as a Full Member. As a Full Member of CMARC, you will receive voting rights and an annual subscription to 'The SCOPE'.

This newsletter is filled with Club News, special interests and events.

Sign up today as an Associate Member and it includes an annual subscription to 'The SCOPE'. (no voting rights as an Associate Member)

New licensees are now eligible for a *one FREE year membership* at CMARC and **Under 18** licensees are *eligible for FREE membership!*

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LCDRA owns, operates and maintains four Lansing Area repeaters, and while use of the repeaters does NOT require membership in LCDRA or CMARC, your support is **very appreciated!!**

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Ladies Night/Ziegenbein Award Banquet

**WHO: All CMARC Members and their Families
(Even if You're Not a CMARC Member Yet, You're Still Invited to Join Us!!)**

WHAT: CMARC's Annual Ladies Night/Ziegenbein Award Banquet

WHEN: Friday, May 10, 2013 at 6 p.m. Sharp!!

WHERE: Delhi Café, 4625 Willoughby Rd. in Holt

**WHY: To Honor our Ladies and Present the Ziegenbein Award, as we
Enjoy Good Food, Fellowship and Entertainment With Our CMARC Family!**

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Reservations/Orders **MUST** be turned in by **Friday, April 26th!!** **SEND ORDERS ONLY, DO NOT
SEND MONEY!!** You can pay Delhi Café on the night of the Banquet!!

**To RSVP: Call Julie McLain/KB8ZXR at: (517) 694-0812, Email me at: KB8ZXR@aol.com,
or Snail Mail me at: 4444 Sycamore St., Apt. 1; Holt, MI 48842**

Name/Callsign _____ Ph. # _____
Wife's Name/Callsign _____
Guest's Name/Callsign _____
Guest's Name/Callsign _____

Please choose an Entrée for each person attending with you, by circling the Entrée name and writing the number of meals requested, on the line in front of the Entrée you've selected.
(Example: If two of you want Swiss Steak, circle "Swiss Steak" and put a number "2" on the line in front of that Entrée to show you want to order "2 Swiss Steak meals".)

OUR ENTRÉE CHOICES ARE:

- _____ 1.) Chicken Western (Breast with Broccoli & Cheese) served w/rice and salad - \$12.95
- _____ 2.) House Sizzler served w/baked potato and salad - \$13.95
- _____ 3.) Broiled Cod served w/baked potato and salad - \$13.95
- _____ 4.) Swiss Steak served w/mashed potato and salad - \$12.95
- _____ 5.) Lamb Shank (topped w/green beans) w/oven brown potatoes & Greek salad - \$14.25
- _____ 6.) Spinach Pie served w/rice and Greek salad - \$12.25

All dinners include coffee or tea. Tax and tip are NOT included.

CHILDREN'S MENU (under 12)

- Hamburger with fries and drink - \$5.00 (*Tax and tip not included*)
- Chicken Fingers with fries and drink - \$5.00 (*Tax and tip not included*)

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