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## 'Memories of Mom' IS HERE!

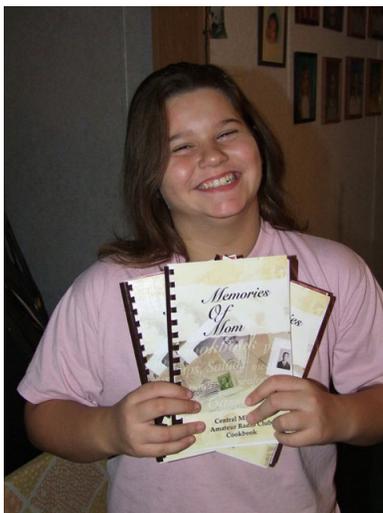
Just in time for Christmas, the new CMARC cookbook, 'Memories of Mom' has arrived and is ready for purchase. Fund-raising Chair, Elizabeth (KD8GYN) was ecstatic when the boxes arrived, as we were told it would be mid-December before they even shipped. Well, as it turned out, we got an early Christmas present this year.

Featuring 150 recipes from our Club members, 'Memories of Mom' is a treasure you will want to buy and pass down to the next generation. The book was also dedicated to the memory of Jeanie Serviss (KD8IKO/SK), whom we lost earlier this year.

Club members got a sneak peek at the book recently, at RAD's Coffee Break. Aside from a few minor errors, it has re-

ceived rave reviews, thus far. And a big thank you to not only Elizabeth, but also Sandy (W8GRO) and Sharon (KD8HHK) for organizing the recipes, laying out the book and picking the colors, photos and other things that make this book so nice.

For those wanting to order or sell the book, please call Elizabeth at 517-749-2456. We still have about 150, so we need your help selling. You can also order them online, at our website: <http://www.centralmiarc.com> Simply look for the form on the main page, print it out and mail it in. We are sorry, but a charge of \$4.95 is included for postage and handling. We looked for the most cost effective way to ship and USPS Priority Mail was the best way.



'Memories of Mom', the new CMARC cookbook is here and ready for your order. Get yours today!

### Returnable Cans/Bottles Wanted!

As we've been doing, we are asking one and all to bring their returnable cans and bottles to the CMARC meeting for our Under 22 members.

The bottles and cans will be turned into cash and the money will be used for Youth activities during this year.

All we ask is that they be clean and bagged, so we can take them to Meijer. Your support for CMARC Youth is appreciated and we've already raised over \$140! Thanks!

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December 2008

# For Your Consideration

Is it possible that 2008 is nearly behind us already? It's been a great year at CMARC and I am pleased at the good things we have accomplished over the last 12 months. I never would have believed we could do so much in just one year, but thanks to you ALL, WE did it! I made a small list recently, and with your indulgence, I want to share a bit of it with you. All of this has been done over the last 12 months....ready?

Early in 2008, the Ladies of CMARC got together and talked about meeting on a monthly basis. Elizabeth (KD8GYN) suggested that the meetings move from home to home and the Ladies' Tea Time Luncheon was born. Out of that, Julie (KB8ZXR) started the Ladies' Tea Time Nets each week and a craze was born. The Ladies of CMARC have never been stronger and frankly, it's about time! The two functions are wildly popular and if you are a lady, (age is not important) have them tell you about it.

From the Ladies to the Youth. WOW! Corey took the bull by the horns and started the CMARC Youth Net on Thursdays, began work on a Ham Club at Holt High School and started collecting pop cans, so the Youth could do things. The result has been great, with more than \$140 raised...and a fairly large upshot in youth attendance and interest in our Club. Way to go, Corey, but something tells me this is not the last we will hear of his work!

But our success has not been limited to the Youth and Ladies, it has spread to all corners of our Club. Between the revamped CMARC Website (thanks, Ben), the Slow-Scan Net (thanks, Carl), the new Scope layout (thanks, Gretchen), a fantastic Field Day turnout (too many names to mention here) and everything else that's made 2008 so great...our Club is a shining example to other clubs who want to see growth happen for them! And speaking of growth, we end this year at 158 members. When we began this year, we had 98, or a net increase of 60 members. This is also the largest single year increase (in a calendar year) in the history of CMARC! And I'm just warming up here...read on.

Did you know that our meetings averaged 40, or more each month? With thanks to the programs YOU asked for and we arranged, people found it fun and interesting to come to a CMARC meeting on the first Friday of each month. We had Rob Dale, Kaz Fujita and our Michigan Section Mgr, Dale Williams (WA8EFK), just to name a few. But our own VP, Bob (K8RDN) gave a tremendous program on traffic handling, too! Then there are the revitalized VE Sessions at the Red Cross, under the direction of Team VE Liaison, Chris (AB8ZL). When people come to test, they are greeted warmly and treated to a quiet testing room. A nice change, we are told.

Add to this, the success of RAD's Coffee Break on Saturday evenings, the growth of the ARPSC Group (way to go, Tom!), a new VE Session (see W8JRL for information) and a hugely successful cookbook fundraiser and you ALL have something to be proud of.

The best news is, there is more where that came from. Sharon (KD8HHK) is going to be a fantastic president and I hope she can come to you next year at this time with a report as good, or better than this one. She has my trust and support and you have my heartfelt thanks for allowing me to serve you one more time. It's been fun, but I bet it will be even more fun next year. God Bless you all and Merry Christmas!

73, ERV

# What's My Sign?

by Julie McLain KB8ZXR

I was born in Farmington, Michigan on August 9, 1930 during the Great Depression as my Dad was preparing to go into the ministry for the Methodist church. Dad ministered to many different churches and once he pastored three churches in Port Austin all at the same time. Different churches meant moving and so while growing up, I lived at times in Port Austin, Elkton, Davison and Flint. I graduated from Flint Central High School and attended Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana. I also went to MSU through my senior year, but didn't graduate.

My current fascination for Amateur Radio and electronics evolved in progressive stages over a period of time. I was introduced to Radio due to the impoverishment of my Father's three churches in Port Austin, resulting in their inability to pay him a regular salary. As a result, Dad took a correspondence course in radio repair from the National Radio Institute in order to support his family of four. He really liked his new side job and did so well at it that people from Huron County and all over the thumb area were bringing their radios to him for repair. For many years, my bedroom was the same room where Dad had his radio repair bench and I can still remember smelling the rosin fumes from the soldering iron as I drifted off to sleep on my cot. The next stage in my growing love for Radio was the consequence of my nightly adventures with "Jack Armstrong", "Captain Midnight" and "Little Orphan Annie". Listening to these programs on our family's radio each evening further led me down the path that would eventually result in my becoming a Ham. However, the "hook" that finally snagged me into Amateur Radio was my desire to operate radio-controlled model airplanes with my friend. The necessity of having a Ham license to achieve this goal is what ultimately led to my acquiring my first license in 1947. Years later, I eventually got my Amateur Extra.

You probably don't hear me out on 2 meters very much, but I really do enjoy working FM. My radio gear includes: a 2-meter Motorola Motran with a GLB synthesizer and a 100-watt Motorola Micor switchable final; a GE 6-meter rig; an ADI 224.98 rig; a homebrew tri-band antenna for 2, 6 and 440; an 8 bay vertical commercial antenna for 440, as well as a commercial stacked 14-element beam; and for 2 meters, an 11-element beam on the same pole as the 440 beam. As you can see, my Ham equipment is mostly made up of commercial types, which I truly love, but my real passion is working with Amateur Radio repeaters! Even while employed full time at a TV station, I managed to fit building and maintaining them into my busy schedule. Now that I'm retired, I still work on repeater equipment, traveling all over the state helping to maintain the IRA link system and our LCDRA repeaters in Okemos, Onondaga, and at Ingham Medical Hospital, as well as helping out with the ones in Delta Township and Portland. I also am a member of CMARC and LCDRA. In my "spare" time, I like to golf!

After my first wife passed away in 1994, I married my current wife. Our families had known each other for a long time and our kids used to play together as they were growing up. We have been married now for 12 years and have 12 grandchildren between the two of us. Shortly after we were married, my wife got her Technician license. My son is also a Ham and has his General license.

When I was asked if I had any words of wisdom regarding Amateur Radio or any other comments, I responded by saying, "I would just like to encourage everyone to make special efforts to appreciate the people around them—at home, work, school or in the clubs! Life is too short to harbor grudges! I would also like to say that the SCOPE continues to amaze me and I wonder where all those involved with our Club newsletter find the time to do all you do to make it so great!"

There, now that we have gotten a little better acquainted—What's My Sign? My callsign is W8BCI and my name is Dan Harger, LCDRA's President. My wife is Marlene/KC8GXO and my son is Ron/WD8BCS.



**Merry Christmas from CMARC**

# Bits N Bytes

## CMARC Dues are Due

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of the year. As a result of this, it is time to re-up your CMARC dues and we do appreciate your support.

You can either take care of your dues at an upcoming CMARC meeting, or you can mail them to Ron Harger (WD8BCS), or John Ingraham (NG8L) at the address below.

Again, we thank you for your support.

CMARC

Attn: Ron Harger or John Ingraham

P.O. Box 27321

Lansing, MI 48909-7321

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/2 – Duane Cross/K8ATU

12/4 – Charles Shawnee/K8USY

12/5 – Jason McLaughlin/KC8RBK

12/8 – William Smith/KD8INX

12/12 – Michael Manning/N8EUQ

12/13 – William Torrence/KC8ALL

12/17 – Jack Wiswasser/WA8IAL

12/18 – Ralph/WA8NHD & Doris Chapman's Anniversary

12/19 – George/KC8DVV & Jane/KC8HJQ

Newton's Anniversary

12/20 – Mark Parks/KA8ONW

12/21 – Bill/WD8NYW & Donna Cote's Anniversary

12/21 – Arthur Cherkinsky/WA8BMT & Wife's Anniversary

12/23 – Allen Burk/KD8CBP

12/28 – Arnold/ WA8CW & Ann McCardell's Anniversary

12/28 – Jamie Kahler/KD8IAP

12/31 – Lowell Wilson/KD8CKB

## Calling All Writers...We Want You!

Have you ever wanted to see an article in the SCOPE that you, yourself, could write? Have you ever thought to yourself, "Hey, I could write an article and explain THAT!"? Well, if you have, this space is for YOU!

We are looking for special interest articles for the SCOPE for 2009. They can be retrospective articles on old gear, antennas, Ham Radio testing back in the good old days....virtually anything YOU can come up with. Maybe you have a knack for building antennas and new Hams are drawn to your door... sit down and write a story about it. Perhaps you recall sitting for your Novice in Detroit, in front of a rep from the FCC and you want to share the tale. Or maybe you are involved in a growing group of young people and you're excited about what's been happening at your High School Club's meetings. We want to hear about all of it!

Simply get in touch with Erv (W8ERV) and you can email your stories in MS Word or simple text format, it's that simple. 500-1000 words is best, but if you have a multi-part story, let's see what we can do for you.

Make your mark on the SCOPE today...why not? Others have and now it's YOUR turn.



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*the SCOPE is a great place  
to get your Ham Radio Info!*

# National Ham News

## **RADIO LAW: ARRL ANTENNA DEFENSE FUND MAKES \$5000 DONATION TO WB6X LAWSUIT**

The suit against the city of Palmdale was filed by ARRL Volunteer Counsel Len Shaffer, WA6QHD, on behalf of Alec Zubarau, WB6X. Zubarau, who lives in the city located about 55 miles north-east of Los Angeles was forced by to remove an antenna tower erected under a previously issued and valid building permit. The permit revocation followed complaints of radio frequency interference by some of Alec's neighbors.

Those complaints were never substantiated and, in any case, are a matter of federal preemption and not within the jurisdiction of the city.

Over \$1,500 had already been contributed by clubs and their members from throughout the ARRL's Southwestern Division. This contribution from the League-managed Antenna Defense Fund is meant to further help defray the expenses of preparing for the February, 2009 court date. Even with attorney Len Shaffer performing the legal work free of charge, just compiling the record to present in court can be costly.

The Chairman of the ARRL Defense Committee is Jay Bellows, KOQB. Bellows noted that, although the case has not yet reached the appellate level, the egregious nature of Palmdale's actions, including ordering removal of a previously approved antenna tower, the potential impact on a large number of amateurs and the existence of substantial local financial support from the ham community were significant factors in the Committee's decision to provide support for this case.

Meantime it appears as if Palmdale is trying to play a political get even game with its local ham radio community over the Zubarau matter. Shortly after issuing the WB6X permit revocation order, the City of Palmdale began drafting an amended antenna ordinance. One that places severe restrictions on all Amateur Radio antennas. This includes a height limit of only one inch above a buildings roof.

The draft was released just before Thanksgiving, and a hearing was scheduled for December 4th. At the request of ARRL Vice-Director Marty Woll, N6VI, who attended the Palmdale Planning Commission meeting along with about a dozen local hams and supporters, ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, wrote a lengthy letter to the City Attorney pointing out numerous flaws in the proposed ordinance.

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Imlay's letter also explained why many of its provisions are unenforceable due to federal and state preemption. Thanks to help from Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Eugene Humphreys KG6SLC and others in the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club, Woll has an opportunity to meet with management of the Palmdale Public Safety Department, which is supportive of hams. He and Hoyt are also scheduled to meet with the Planning Department and Assistant City Attorney in early January.

Unfortunately, the restrictive nature of the proposed ordinance has made it a hot topic on ham radio Internet chat sites. Much of the information appears to be hearsay. Some of it is simply opinions that others consider to be fact even though many of the posters live thousands of miles away and really have no idea of what the situation is.

Obviously they can have no idea of the organized effort that local hams in concert with ARRL officials are working on to bring the matter to a positive conclusion for the hams of Palmdale. As such far better way for those outside of the region to show support for the Palmdale ham radio community is to make a donation to the W6BX Defense Support Fund. Checks should be made payable to Leonard J. Shaffer, Esq. P.O. Box 570936, Tarzana, CA 91357. Make certain to include the words "WB6X Defense Fund" on the memo line.

## **HAM HAPPENINGS: ARMAD RECEIVES SPECIAL FLAG**

The sponsor of Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day -- better known as ARMAD -- has received a flag that flew over Camp Fallujah, Iraq by U.S. Marines, and other United States service members.

The December 14th delivery of the flag to ARMAD though its founder Emory McClendon, KB9IBW, was made possible by Mary Ellen Wooten of the organization "From Us To You." This is a military support group that sends packages to our Troops that are deployed.

ARMAD has worked with "From Us To You" and the Al-bamarle Amateur Radio Club over the past few years on several projects. Among its involvement it has set up a live station at one of their events using amateur radio. This, so that U.S. troops could hear the voices of Americans expressing support for them.

You can learn more about "From Us To You" on the Web at [www dot fromustoyou dot us](http://www.dot.fromustoyou.dot.us). More information regarding ARMAD at [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net). (ARMAD)

# CMARC/LCDRA/ARPSC Minutes

## **CMARC BOARD MEETING November 7, 2008**

President Erv/W8ERV brought the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Bob Berger/K8RDN, Julie McLain/KB8ZXR, Ron Harger/WD8BCS, Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ, and Gregg Mulder/WB8LZG. Excused from tonight's meeting was DeAnna Barnhill/KD8BDI.

Erv/W8ERV updated us on CMARC's Cookbook, "Memories of Mom", and said the proof had been sent back to the publishers for printing. The cookbook will contain over 100 recipes submitted from various Club members, helpful cooking hints, measurement guides, some favorite memories of our Mothers, along with a page about our Club's history and a dedication page to Jeanie Serviss/KD8IKO (SK). Three hundred cookbooks have been ordered by the Club and will sell for \$10.00 each, unless those ordering want them shipped, then the cost will be \$15.00 each to cover shipping costs. We will start taking orders in tonight's meeting, then again in the December Meeting and order forms will be given to those who want to take them to get additional orders. Erv suggested that for only \$40.00 we could have a contest for those selling or purchasing the most cookbooks. The winner would get dinner at the Texas Roadhouse along with a night out at the movies for two. After a brief discussion, Corey/KD8BOQ made a motion that we spend the \$40 and announce the contest. The motion was seconded by Gregg/WB8LZG and approved. The contest will be announced in the meeting to follow.

Erv said that he had received a "Thank You" from Eleanor Skutt for the flowers that were sent from the Club for Currin's funeral. Erv said he had been asked why we don't have a Memorial page on the Club website for Currin as we do for Jeanie Serviss KD8IKO (SK). Erv explained that he had tried to start one right after Currin's passing, but he doesn't have any pictures of Currin to put up! Erv is requesting that if you have any pictures of Currin please get them to him as soon as possible. Don't worry if all you have are hard copies, because Erv can scan them and get them back to you. Also, if you have pictures on your computer, just email them to him. Also, please send your tributes for Currin to Erv so they may be included.

Ron/WD8BCS updated us on plans for "Field Day '09" and said that a F.D. Committee has not been formed yet. He said having better signs and advertisement was something many members want to see accomplished for next year. There was a brief discussion regarding getting advertisement and whom we could contact.

A few things we will be doing in tonight's meeting will be: (1.) Taking nominations for the Board of Directors positions that are up next month. Elections take place at the December meeting. There are three 2-year positions, a 1-year position and the Under 22 position all needing to be filled in December. (2.) Sweeps report by Gregg/WB8LZG and Ron/WD8BCS.

With all business concluded, Bob/K8RDN made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron/WD8BCS and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:26 p.m.

Julie McLain/KB8ZXR – Secretary

### **CMARC MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2008**

President Erv/W8ERV called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. 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 42 people in attendance (31 members and 11 visitors). Our guests were: Tom Hermann/AB8IT, our

speaker for the evening; Kurt Niemeyer/KC8QYV; Mary Lou Tillitson; Ruth Hinkle; Lowell Nash/K8LPD; Jim Reed/KD8FJJ; Bronson Reed/KD8FJJ; Tim Acker/WB8NXG; Chris Raney/KC8CAJ; Shannon Raney (Chris' wife) and Tammy Garner.

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS: There was nothing new to report.

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT: Marie Watson/KC8NOI reported that "Get Well" cards were sent to Leota

Strobel (Bob/KB8DQQ's wife) for her foot surgery and to Wayne Conklin/W8QG for his colon cancer surgery. A "Get Well" card was also sent to Andy Switzer/W8AYH when he was hospitalized and a "Sympathy" card was sent to his family upon his passing (flowers were not sent as there was no funeral service.) "Sympathy" cards were also sent to Richard Cole as his Father passed away and to Rose Posdiadlik/N8UHY upon the passing of Tom Cutter/W8AFC. Flow-

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ers were sent to the funeral of Lyle King, Julie McLain/KB8ZXR's Father.

**INTERESTING DX CONTACTS:** Aruba was a popular contact with both Gregg/WB8LZG (40 meters) and Chris/AB8ZL (20 meters). Ken/W8AAX reported that the sunspots are coming up a bit and it looks like we're at the start of the sunspot cycle.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, December 5th at 7:30pm. We will be accepting any further nominations for those interested in serving on the Board of Directors, with elections to follow. This year, we have our normal three 2-year Directorships, the "Under 22" position and the last year of a 2-year Directorship coming up for re-election. [SEC. NOTE: Jane Newton/KC8HJQ, who was our Secretary for part of this year, was elected last December to a 2-year term and had to resign earlier this year for health reasons. Julie McLain/KB8ZXR was appointed to act as Secretary, completing Jane's first year, however, nominations are required to fill the remaining year of this appointed position.] Also at the December meeting, we will be celebrating the end of the year with a potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass—silverware, plates and napkins will be furnished. Please contact Jane Hosford/KC8FSK at (517) 699-2540 or Julie McLain/KB8ZXR at (517) 694-0812 to let us know what you are bringing or if you have any questions as to what is needed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A motion to accept the October Secretary's Report as printed in the August SCOPE was made by Don McLain/KB8RAD, seconded by Linda Conklin/K8LCC and approved. A motion to accept the October Treasurer's report as printed in the August SCOPE was made by Jerry Waite/KD8GLN, seconded by Dave Hayhurst/K8QH and

approved. Because the last few Treasurer's reports had listed the same amount for the Youth Fund, Jerry/KD8GLN asked how much money was currently in the Fund. Ron/WD8BCS, the Treasurer, checked the books and reported that there was \$142.00 as of tonight. Also, as of tonight, we have 155 members.

The new CMARC Cookbook, "Memories of Mom" will be here in time for Christmas gift giving. The cookbook features over 100 recipes from our Club members, a page on CMARC's History, some favorite memories of our Moms, along with helpful pages for cooking tips and conversion charts, as well as a dedication page to our dear friend, Jeanie Serviss/KD8IKO (SK). "Memories of Mom" Cookbooks are ONLY \$10.00 each, unless those ordering want them to be mailed, and then the cost will be \$15.00 each, to cover shipping costs. When the Cookbooks come in, they will be taken to "RAD's Coffee Break" (every Saturday night) where you will be able to pick them up. Remember, we are having a contest to see who can sell the most cookbooks between the November meeting and the December 5th meeting--the winner gets Dinner for two at the Texas Roadhouse along with a night out at the movies. So, hurry and place YOUR order and while you're at it, why don't you make sure to buy one for each of your family members and each of your friends, too!! Orders can still be made at the December 5th CMARC meeting.

Gregg/WB8LZG reported on the Technician classes that were held at MSU and said that six people had completed the classes, with three of them already taking their Technician exams and passing!

Dave/K8QH had a printout of the stats for Field Day '08 and said CMARC had increased for the third

year in a row. Gregg/WB8LZG also gave the Sweepstakes update.

**NEW BUSINESS:** With the upcoming elections for the Board of Directors taking place at the December meeting, nominations for the three 2-year positions, a 1-year position and the Under 22 position were taken. Don/KB8RAD made a motion to open the floor for nominations seconded by Scott/W8ATT. The nominations were as follows: Don/KB8RAD nominated Corey/KD8BOQ for the "Under 22" Director's position; Julie/KB8ZXR nominated Don/KB8RAD; Erv/W8ERV nominated Ron Harger/WD8BCS; Linda/K8LCC nominated Sharon; Jane/KC8HJQ nominated herself and Jolyon/KD8HZY nominated himself. Linda/K8LCC moved to close the nominations seconded by Bernie/N8PVZ, and approved.

**Door Prizes:** Winners of the four door prizes were Bill Serviss/KD8HHN; John Hosford/KC8QZB; Erv Bates/W8ERV; and Sharon Waite/KD8HHK.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Lowel Nash/N8LPD won \$21.00 in tonight's drawing.

**BREAK:** Jane Hosford/KC8FSK brought in punch, summer sausage, cheese and crackers; Sharon Waite/KC8HHK made yummy Chocolate cupcakes with Chocolate frosting, Julie McLain/KB8ZXR brought in Fudge-striped cookies and made a yellow cake with vanilla frosting. We also had sugar-free Strawberry Wafer cookies. [Sec. Note: Thank you, to all who helped with the goodies—your contributions are always GREATLY appreciated!]

**MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER:** Tom Hermann/AB8IT was our speaker for the evening. John put on an interesting program on the digital modes. With all business being concluded, we adjourned at 9 p.m. *Julie McLain/KB8ZXR – Secretary*

# Ladies of CMARC News

## The Ladies' Tea Time Net It's NOT Just for the Ladies

Please join us every Tuesday evening at 7pm on the 145.39 Repeater (100 Hz PL). All Ladies are welcome!! Even if you're unlicensed, you can still check-in "third-party" using your Hubby's or Friend's license when they check in, Because Men are welcome on the Net, too!

Just pour yourself a cup of tea, grab the mike and join us. I'll be listening for you!!

~Your Net Control, Julie/KB8ZXR

## Ziegenbein Nominations Sought

As we close out 2008, it is once again time to consider making your nomination for CMARC's highest honor, the Ziegenbein Award. Nominees must be FULL CMARC members, and nominations must be in writing (no duplicates accepted) and mailed in.

The Award, named for Ralph Ziegenbein (W8PLP/SK), a man members affectionately referred to as 'Mr. Ham Radio', honors the recipient for their efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio and CMARC in the last calendar year. It is traditionally given out at Ladies' Night in May.

If you know someone who is deserving of a little recognition, please send your nominations to:

CMARC  
Attn: Ziegenbein Nomination  
P.O. Box 27321  
Lansing, MI 48909-7321



You Are Cordially Invited to Join Us For Our  
**CHRISTMAS LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON**  
On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> From Noon to 4 p.m.

At the Home of  
Marie/KC8NOI  
2031 W. Jolly Rd  
Lansing, MI 48910

Marie Will Provide Our Beverage Along  
with Meat And Fixings For Sandwiches And We  
Have Been Asked to Bring a Dish to Pass. We Had Such  
a Great Time at Last Year's Christmas Luncheon, Exchanging  
Gifts And Playing Bingo, We're Doing it All Again this Year!  
So, For the Gift Exchange Please Bring One (1) \$5.00 Wrapped  
Gift--And To Make Sure We Don't Run Out of Prizes For the  
Bingo Game, Please Bring Five (5) \$1.00 Wrapped gifts.  
If You Recall, Marie Had to Search the House Last  
Year For Prizes And Ended up Giving  
Away Garry's Carmel  
Corn!!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 10, 2008  
By Calling Marie at: (517) 394-6120  
Or Contact Julie/KB8ZXR at (517) 694-0812 (KB8ZXR@aol.com)



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS





# Teen Talk

by Corey Bullock, KD8BOQ

Well, as a year of the end wrap up I would like to say congratulations! As a club, we have excelled to above and beyond where we started. We accomplished so many great things that will continue to not only grow this club, but the hobby all together. I want to thank the board that I was lucky to serve with this year. The hard work that was added by each person was what made everything possible.

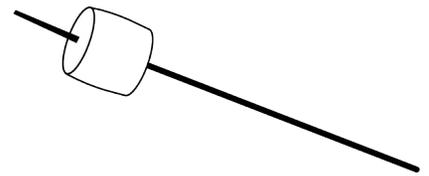
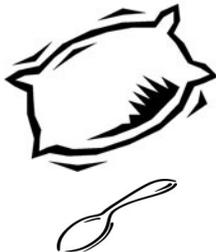
In a look towards next year, I see us accomplishing things that we weren't able to this year, and making 2009 even better. As we learned at our Christmas party, we are incredibly lucky to be experiencing history. I give my full support behind our new woman president, Sharon Waite (KD8HHK), as well as the rest of the board for this year. The board has been filled with strong members who are willing to help this club expand to where it needs to be. Lots to do, but we'll beat our record breaking number of 60 new members from 2008 in our upcoming year.

This year in CMARC youth, I was thrilled to see the advanced number of interested young people. The start of a YOUTH NET with new developments on the way, fundraisers, and approval from the Holt School board for a club, are some great accomplishments to name a few. I've been working hard to help the youth club excel, and I will continue to do so into 2009. I have great plans for not only the club I am trying to start, but just for the youth of ham radio. With the support from the club, I think we can reach all the goals that I have set in place and follow through with all the goals I have.

I can't wait to see what we accomplish. We can make 2009 a record year for CMARC and knock the stockings off of Hams in the area. With that, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Best of wishes to all! I'll see you all at the January meeting!

Thanks and 73,  
Corey J. Bullock KD8BOQ  
517-930-2372  
[cjamesbullock@gmail.com](mailto:cjamesbullock@gmail.com)

Corey's Tips for Making a Snow Day Become Reality (he claims it REALLY works...uh, ok)



1. Wear Pajamas inside out
2. Place a spoon under your pillow
3. Place 3 ice cubes in toilet
4. Place marshmallows on the back porch

# Local & Special Interest News

## CMARC Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund) \$ 354.80  
Business Checking \$ 458.40  
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (2/12/09) \$1773.67

Net Worth as of 02/29/08 \$2586.87  
Youth Fund Balance (as of 11/24/08) \$ 142.00  
(*separate from CMARC Funds*)

Submitted,  
Ron Harger, WD8BCS  
CMARC Treasurer



## FOR SALE...

1. Azden 3000 2m mobile w/brackets and detachable head cable \$50.00
2. Azden 3000 2m mobile w/brackets \$50.00
3. Icom 2410H Dualband mobile. Some issues with microphone \$100.00

contact Mike (N8OUN) mperez5196@comcast.net

## The 2008 CMARC & LCDRA Boards

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### Our CMARC Officers:

President: J. Ervin "Erv" Bates-W8ERV	ph: (517) 202-6229
Vice President: Bob Berger-K8RDN	ph: (517) 882-0370
Secretary: Julie McLain-KB8ZXR	ph: (517) 694-0812
Treasurer: Ron Harger-WD8BCS	ph: (517) 676-3031
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Under 22: Corey Bullock-KD8BOQ	ph: (517) 930-2372
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Photographer: Jerry Waite-KD8GLN	ph: (517) 882-5406
Club Contact: Donald McLain-KB8RAD	ph: (517) 694-0812

Meetings: 1st. Friday of every month at the Red Cross, Lansing Chapter, 1800 E. Grand River at 7:30pm. Board Meeting begins at 7:00pm.  
Club Calls: W8MAA & W8PLP

QSL/ Awards Mgr.: Don DeFeyer-KC8CY ph: (517) 641-4533  
Scope Editor: J. Ervin Bates-W8ERV ph: (517) 202-6229  
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**Deadline for articles: 20th. of month.**

## The 2008 LCDRA Board

### Our LCDRA Officers:

Pres: Daniel Harger-W8BCI	ph: (517) 882-8784
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Director: Jim Harvey-KA8DDQ	ph: (517) 882-5796
Membership Chair-Jeff Oberg-KB8SXX	ph: (517) 712-1302
Repeater Trustee: Dennis Boone-KB8ZQZ	email: drb@msu.edu
LCDRA Call: WB8CQM	

Meetings: Quarterly on the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at Fire Station #8, corner of Marshall and Grand River, in Lansing, MI.

## Weekly Nets in the Greater Lansing Area

*Nets are a great way to learn organized communication, as well as to meet and get to know your fellow Hams. The Lansing area offers many Nets and they are listed below. Please feel free to check into one, or ALL of them...and everyone is welcome!*

**Sunday 7:00pm - Central Michigan Slow scan Net. Join Carl (K8YHH) for this weekly gathering on the 146.700 repeater. All are welcome to attend.**

**Sunday 8:30pm - Central Michigan Information Net. Join Bob (K8RDN) for this weekly gathering on the 145.390 repeater. All are welcome to attend.**

**Monday 7:00pm - ARPSC Net. Don (KB8RAD) welcomes one and all for this weekly Net on the 145.390 repeater. The purpose of the Net is to learn proper etiquette for a controlled Net. (NO NET ON MEETING NIGHT)**

**Tuesday 7:00pm - Ladies' Tea Time Net. Julie (KB8ZXR) is your hostess and all Lady Hams and Lady Non-Hams are encouraged to drop in. Of course, for the Lady Non-Hams, a licensed operator would need to check in with you, but it's lots of fun. Guys are welcome, too and we are on the 145.390 repeater. See you there!**

**Tuesday 8:00pm - QCWA Net. Your Net Control is Don (WB8NUS) and all licensed Amateurs are welcome to stop in to the 146.700 repeater and say hi.**

**Thursday 8:00pm - CMARC Youth Net, with Corey (KD8BOQ). If you are Under 22, or just young at heart, drop in to the 145.390 repeater and say hi. Corey promises LOTS of information and fun for the young people of the Lansing area. Sounds like a good Net to visit!**

*As with all Nets, 3rd party checkins must have Control Operator present at checkin time.*

# VE Testing & Special Announcements

## Lansing V.E. Testing Session #1

Testing is held at the Lansing America Red Cross, in the Kropschot Room  
at 1800 E. Grand River; Lansing, MI 48909

Pre-registration starts at 9:30am and testing starts at 10:00am for the following date:

**Saturday January 10, 2009**

Our VE Team's local contact is Donald McLain-KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812



**Lansing Area/  
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Amateur Radio Public Service



## SKYWARN TRAINING 2009 SLATED

Our local weather guru, Ben Holcomb (WX8BEN) has announced the date for our 2009 SKYWARN Training. As has been the case for the past several years, it will held on Saturday, March 7th at LCC's West Campus, with thanks to John Imeson (N8JI).

Class is scheduled to begin at 10am and last until 2pm and admission is free, but pre registration is highly recommended, due to overwhelming interest.

Also included in the training is a fine lunch, provided by Lansing Community College. You won't want to miss this!

Ben has set up a Pre-Registration page at <http://www.lansingarpvc.com/training.html>. You will be prompted through the sign up process.

### Agenda for Class

10a-12p	National WX Service Training
12p-1p	Lunch, Courtesy of LCC
1p-2p	Special Guest to be Announced

A big thank you to Ben AND Tom Shaver (KC8NJK) for a fantastic SKYWARN Class each year!

## Lansing VE Session #2

**Tuesday January 6th - 7pm**

Lansing Police Dept., South Precinct,  
3400 S. Cedar St., Lansing  
Downstairs, Sm. Conf. Room  
(Lansing VE Team)

Contact: Don McLain (KB8RAD)  
phone: (517) 694-0812

## Eaton County VE Session

**Saturday February 14th - 12pm**

Eaton Co. Sheriif Dept.-EOC,  
1025 Independence Blvd.,  
Charlotte 48813  
(Eaton Co. ARC)

Contact: John Dewey (NY8Q)  
phone: (517) 645-2378

## Jackson County VE Team

**Saturday December 20th - 10am**

Jackson District Library  
Downstairs Auditorium  
244 W. Michigan, Jackson, MI  
(Cascades ARS)

Contact: Dick McGuire (KI8C)  
phone: (517) 782-1430



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