



Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club

THE SCOPE



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W8BCI Dan Harger (SK)

It's hard to find the words to relay the loss of such a prolific member of our HAM family. Dan Harger passed away on December 23, 2010 from complications from his surgery. Enclosed inside this issue of The Scope is the eulogy that Erv Bates (W8ERV) read at his funeral.

For more information, Corey Bulock (KD8BOQ) has started a memorial page for Dan on the CMARC website at:

<http://www.centralmiarc.com/w8bci.htm>

Email Corey any pictures or memories of Dan you would like posted.



CMARC Christmas Party and 2011 CMARC Board

A great time was had by all at our last CMARC meeting as we visited with our fellow members over good food and fun raffle prizes. Thank you to all who brought goodies and to those who so generously provided the raffle items! It was not all play though as votes were cast for the 2011 CMARC Board. It was very close!

Congratulations to those who were nominated. Here's how things stand:

President - Sharon Waite/KD8HHK
Vice President - Dan Beuchert/WX8MOJ
Secretary- John Hosford/KC8QZB
Treasurer - Jerry Waite/KD8GLN
Director - Carl Canfield/K8YHH
Director - Don McLain/KB8RAD
Under 22 - Corey Bulock/KD8BOQ

December/January 2010

The following was read by our own Erv Bates (W8ERV) at Dan's Funeral.

Daniel Harger was many things to many people. He was a fantastic husband, an incredible father....and no doubt an AWESOME grandfather to his 12 grandkids. To the rest of us on the periphery, he was quite simply the best friend you could have! More amazing still is the fact that Dan was one of a very few people I have known in my lifetime, about whom a bad word has NEVER been spoken! It's just not possible to find words that aren't positive when you describe him! He had that twinkle in his eye, and a warm smile that just put you at ease to be around him.



Many of you may not know much about Dan's Hobby, for you see, Dan was an Amateur Radio Operator who held the callsign W8BCI. I've been asked to share some of the details of Dan's passion with you today, and I hope I do a good job with my story telling. And boy, those who knew him best could keep you here for hours with the stories...but we will not.

I first met Dan in the fall of 1994, shortly after I was licensed. The story has been told many times since then, and I've gotten merciless ribbing for connecting the power leads to my radio backwards. As anyone familiar with radios can tell you, it SHOULD be red to red, and black to black! Well, the mystical blue smoke was released and I was referred to Dan for repairs. He invited me over, quickly diagnosed and fixed the problem and then would only take a handshake for the work. That, my friends, was Dan Harger-ALL the time!

When a person was located in the Jackson area interfering with communications between the locals on the repeater down there, Dan went to the guy's house, encouraged him to get a book to study for the licensing exam, and attempted to elmer him into the Hobby! Elmering, by the way, is when one Ham takes a new or prospective Ham under his wing, teaching them what they need to know to be a good Amateur Radio Operator. Again, that was just Dan's nature! He ALWAYS looked for the best in a person...even when prudence might suggest otherwise. He was ever the optimist, ever the gentleman.....ever a man of Christian principle.

Dan was affectionately known as, "The Father of FM" in the Greater Lansing Area....a moniker he wore with honor. Back in the 1960's Dan worked to establish the first repeater in the Lansing area on 146.940. No, it wasn't just Dan doing the heavy lifting, but he was the catalyst that put it all in motion. And, given his experience with Motorola gear, he was the perfect man for the job. Indeed, the repeater system we enjoy today in Lansing (five of them, plus a few remote receive sites) is due in large part to Dan's tireless efforts to his fellow Amateur.

If one of our repeaters would break down in the middle of the night, you could bet Dan was on the job, making sure it was fixed or repaired right away. When we had a terrible hum and static on the 539, for example, he told myself and others to call him, no matter what time of the day or night it happened, so he could hear it and assess the problem- eventually Dan DID fix the problem! How do you replace a man of this caliber? You don't....you can't! People of this quality are few and far between in our world. But boy, we sure appreciate him for what he did....and I am proud to say that we've never taken Dan for granted.

The Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club honors one person each year with something we call the Ziegenbein Award. It is given to the member who most exemplifies the Spirit of Amateur Radio, as well as to the person who has done the most for the Club and our Hobby in the last calendar year. Dan received this award way back in 1965....but I have to tell you, I think he was even more proud when his son, Ron was named this year. Dan came to me that evening last May and asked if I would take a photo of both he and Ron with their awards, and then made a mad dash home, grabbed his award and returned for the photo



I am certain you have now seen, because it is part of the collage Marlene and the Family put together. He was so pleased that night!



When Dan wasn't heading an LCDRA meeting where he served as president for several years, or attending a CMARC meeting, or fixing someone's radio for them (all of this on top of being a GREAT husband, father....etc), Dan volunteered his time to work with another recent silent key, Abe Abraczinskas (W8HVG-SK). I happen to know that Dan put many miles on his car, traveling to various parts of Michigan, helping Abe keep the West side link in tip top shape. And when Abe was out of town, Dan was the go to guy. I've heard them traveling to and from Grand Rapids, Pleasant Valley, near Indian River and in Mackinaw City over the last several years; always doing the same thing....maintenance and repair of that precious commodity called the West side link. And when he wasn't busy with that work, he was helping other clubs and organizations with their repeater issues....clubs like the one at Michigan State University, the Clinton Co. EOC and so on.

The thought occurred to me as I got the news of Dan's passing this past week.....did I thank him properly? Did I make sure he knew I appreciated him for ALL he has done for me and for my fellow Hams? I knew in my heart I had. You see, he and I spoke quite a bit these past few years. We talked about everything from repeater issues to helping him sell some radio gear....but on EVERY occasion, WITHOUT fail, we ended our conversations the same way. He would say something like, "Erv thank you for all you do....I appreciate you". Or "Bless you". Or I would tell him how much I appreciated HIS time.....again, it was never taken for granted. And that's how we ended our calls. And so, today I stand here.....blessed beyond measure, because I know I have no unfinished business with Dan.....and as sure as I am standing here, I also believe within my heart that Dan has taken his rest in the arms of Almighty God, because I know how he conducted his life. Isn't that a GREAT thing to know?

Dan's passing leaves a void, no doubt....but let today be a celebration of a wonderful life, lived by a wonderful man. We weep, because we will not see him until that great reunion on the other side.....we will miss his charm, his Godly attitude and the occasional flashes of the prankster that dwelled within him....and for the Amateur Radio community, we will miss that friendly voice on the other end of the radio, but Dan's passing was nothing less than the greatest promotion one can receive.....a promotion to eternal life in Jesus Christ. Bless you, my friend, and as we say in Ham Radio.....73 and 88.....your course is complete.



[In memory of Dan Harger/W8BCI, we have decided to rerun his "What's My Sign?" article from December, 2008.]

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.

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

Bits N Bytes...First Look



Birthdays

12/02	Duane Cross	K8ATU
12/05	Jason McLaughlin	KC8RBK
12/08	William Smith	KD8INX
12/12	Michael Manning	N8EUQ
12/13	William Torrence	KC8ALL
12/16	Charles Shawnee	N8CYY
12/17	Jack Wiswasser	WA8IAL
12/23	Allen Burk	KD8CBP
12/28	Jamie Kahler	KD8IAP

Anniversaries

12/18	Doris and Ralph	WA8NHD		
12/19	Jane	KC8HJQ & George	KC9DVV	Newton
12/21	Arthur	Cherkinsky	WA8BMT	
12/21	Donna and Bill	WD8NYW	Cote	
12/27	Charles	Stahl	N8DWI	
12/28	Dave	Hayhurst	K8QH	
12/28	Ann and Arnold	Mccardell	WA8CW	
12/31	Daniel	WX8MOJ & Dawn	KD8MWA	Beuchert



Birthdays

1/2	Tammy Burk	
1/12	Tom Cain	KB8ZL
1/24	Pamela Denomme	KB8PSF
1/23	John Ingraham	NG8L
1/11	Louie Larche	KD8BWL
1/1	Jan Bradfield	KC8BFK
1/5	Donald Hinkle	KD8DJH



WB8LZG Key of the Month

The Key of the Month for December is the Chevron Paddle. Made in Great Britain by MOAGA, Kevin Gunstone. The "chevron" is a very precise instrument for those who simply have to have the best. I had the opportunity to try one out at Dayton and these paddles send Morse as beautifully as they look. Kevin produces them one at a time and takes great pride in producing the finest CW key available.

73, Gregg - WB8LZG



Dues Information

A **CMARC** Full Membership is \$15 per calendar year (must be a licensed Amateur to obtain Full Membership) Associate Membership \$5 per calendar year. (Make checks payable to CMARC, please.) Mail Your Check or Money Order To: John Ingraham-NG8L, CMARC Membership Chairman, 2807 Greenbriar Ave., Lansing, MI 48912.

An **LCDRA** Membership is \$15 per calendar year (add a Family member for only \$7.50 per person, per year.) Mail Your Check or Money Order To: Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association, P.O. Box 26281, Lansing, MI 48909-6281

RAD's COFFEE BREAK

Are you looking for something FUN to do on a Saturday night with your fellow Hams and their families? Well, "RAD's Coffee Break" is the place to be! It's a "family friendly", Ham Radio-related get-together that's fun for EVERYBODY. "RAD's" has met EVERY Saturday night for over THREE YEARS and has seen as many as 55 in attendance!! Guests begin arriving at around 7pm at Denny's Restaurant, 7330 W. Saginaw Highway on the West side of Lansing. It's just down the road from the Lansing Mall (out by Horrock's Market), and you can easily get there by taking I-96 Exit 93B. An all-night commitment is NOT required—you can come and go as you please—and you DON'T have to belong to a particular Club to join in on the fun, either. As Don, KB8 "RAD" likes to say, "If you're a HAM, related to a HAM, wanna be a HAM, or just like to eat HAM...EVERYONE'S welcome at RAD's Coffee Break!!"

2011 INGHAM COUNTY SKYWARN TRAINING

The date of the 2011 Ingham County SKYWARN Training has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 5th from 10am until Noon. It will take place at the same venue as in past years—the West Campus of Lansing Community College. More details will be released as they are made known. For any questions you can email Ben Holcomb/WX8BEN at:

ben@bholcomb.com



The next meeting date for the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club will be on
January 14th at 7:30 pm

CMARC Meeting Notes

CMARC BOARD MEETING November 12th, 2010

President Sharon/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. with the following Board members in attendance: Vice President Bob /K8RDN, Treasure Jerry/KD8GLN, Secretary John/KC8QZB, Director Don/KB8RAD, Director Carl/K8YHH, Under 22 Director Corey/KD8BOQ.

Two boxes of items were donated to CMARC. It was suggested that we have a raffle of the two boxes of items at the December meeting and make some money for the club. There are items such as gloves, jewelry, foot massager, and fishing poles.

Erv/W8ERV reported that he got a phone call on November 6th from Amy Norton who is the assistant pastor and co Captain of the Salvation Army. She is concerned that there have been activities in rooms other than what we have permission to be in. She asked Erv/W8ERV to reiterate to the board that she is concerned that we are going down a path that we don't want to be going on. The only night that we have permission to be in the fellowship hall, unless it is approved otherwise, is the 2nd Friday of each month for the CMARC meeting. The other room we have access to is the CMARC radio room. If there are going to be any kind of classes or functions, LCDRA meeting etc. the dates need to be given to Erv/W8ERV in advance so that they may be cleared with Amy Norton. Amy Norton is the person that is in charge of building activities. If there are any activities that will be held at the Salvation Army building then please contact Erv/W8ERV with the information and he will contact Amy Norton. Also we need to get the "radio room" organized, we need to decide what we will keep and what we will not keep. Carl/K8YHH reminded everyone that we are guests here at the Salvation Army and we need to get the "radio room" in order to show our appreciation. Erv/W8ERV suggested that the club make a donation to the Salvation Army. It was pointed out that we used to make an annual donation to the Red Cross as a thank-you. If a check for a donation is written to "The Salvation Army Capital Area" and the donation will stay here, and we can make a donation for this building, and it will stay in this building. Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion that we bring up making a donation to the Salvation Army up to the membership, 2nded by Don/KB8RAD and approved. Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion that we have a cleanup day for the club station room on

December 11, 2010 2nded by Don/KB8RAD and approved.

With all business concluded, The Board meeting closed at 7:29 pm.

CMARC MEETING MINUTES November 12th, 2010

President Sharon/KD8HHK called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 37 people in attendance (35 members and 2 visitors). Our guests were: Dave/KC8ZGZ and Fran Toth, Adrina/KD8OQW, our speaker for the evening; Jim/KC8QWH and Ginny/KD8HPE.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: Greg/WB8LZG worked New Zealand on 15 meters using 5 watts. Greg also had a blast during the sweepstakes contest at the MSU club station (W8SH), he worked Hawaii on 40m in the early morning. He also worked Dave/K1ZZ and W1AW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, December 10th at 7:30 pm which is also the annual CMARC pot luck Christmas party. Please bring a dish to pass.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion to accept the September/October Secretary's Report as printed in the October/November SCOPE was made by Erv/W8ERV seconded by Jim/KC8QWH and approved. A motion to accept the September/October Treasurer's report as printed in the October/November SCOPE was made by Don/KB8RAD, seconded by Dan/WX8MOJ and approved.

Carl/K8YHH reported that four people dug the hole and it was clay. Not only did we have to dig the hole, we had to haul all of the clay away. About a week or so later we put two towers together with clamps to form a diamond shape (a triangle against a triangle) and put the "first section" down in the hole and filled the hole with rocks. Then we proceeded to mix 35 bags of cement by hand. The tower is all up except for the last two sections. We need someone who can climb the tower to put up the last two sections. It would be nice to get the tower up before it gets any colder. They thought that the tribander was a hygain antenna because it had a hygain balun. Ken/w8aax informed us that mosely used hygain baluns for a while. There was

supposed to be 12 caps, there was one, and it said mosely. the tribander is a mosely ta-33 junior. There is about an element and a half to polish up. We need to get the caps and the antenna could be up. Part of our agreement is that we provide emergency communications should the Salvation Army Need it so we need to move on the antenna.

Tom/WA8WPI reported that the morse code class has successfully been completed and that it was fun. Ginny/KD8HPG made a presentation, on behalf of the everyone that attended the morse code class, to Tom/WA8WPI as a thank-you for putting on the morse code class. Tom reported that about 11 or 12 started the class and that they only lost a couple of participants.

NEW BUSINESS: Cory/KD8BOQ reported that we talked about the need to cleanup the club room at the board meeting. The cleanup is on 12-11-2010 at 11am. Corey/KD8BOQ will be there, Erv/W8ERV will be there. Anyone else that would like to come out and help is invited to come.

Sharon/KD8HHK announced that there has been a donation of two boxes of items, so we are going to have a raffle at the December meeting. The items will be divided into various categories of value and will sell tickets based on the value. For instance, \$1, \$2, \$3 maybe and have a raffle at the Christmas party. Sharon/KD8HHK also maybe we could bring nonperishable items to donate to the Salvation Army at the December meeting.

Erv/w8erv reported that when we came into the building we were told that there might be some added expense to their budget and we would be expected to cover that. There has been no added expense to the point that they have come to us and requested it. In the past we have made annual donations to the Red Cross and it was a nominal \$100 to \$150 on occasion. If you would like to make a donation to the Salvation Army that we would make as a group and would be earmarked to stay right in this building, then please feel free to bring that to the December meeting. Every Friday at noon the Salvation Army feeds the hungry. They can always use an extra pair of hands. So if you are willing to come down and help then get in touch with Erv/W8ERV, also they are having a Thanksgiving meal on November 23 2010, if you would like to help contact Erv/W8ERV. Erv/W8ERV encouraged more hams to join the "SATERN", the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network.

Greg/WB8LZG had two keys that were made by Jerry/K8RA.

Morgan/KD8IWT reported that he was on vacation with his family to Mackinaw City. They got to go on the recently decommissioned icebreaker Mackinaw.

He met someone that worked there. He was given the privilege to stray off of the tour path and go into the radio room. He got to see the two repeaters that they have up there and also got to listen to the radio for a little bit.

Bob/K8RDN reported that (1) Abe/W8HVG became a silent key this past week. On Sunday evening at 9pm (11-14-2010) on the link system there will be a silent key memorial service on the air on 145.470 107.2pl (Lansing link). (2) On page 57 of the December 2010 QST there is an article this could explain how important the knowledge of being able to handle traffic it is going to be someday.

Erv/W8ERV made a motion to open nominations for the 2011 central michigan amateur radio club board, 2nded by Don/KB8RAD and approved.

The board members whose terms are up are: Bob/K8RDN, John/KC8QZB, Sharon/KD8HHK, and Cory/KD8BOQ.

Julie/KB8ZXR nominated Cory/KD8BOQ

Erv/W8ERV nominated Dan/WX8MOJ

Sharon/KD8HHK nominated Ron/WD8BCS (Ron was not at the meeting so Ron needs to be asked if he accepts.)

Erv/W8ERV nominated John/KC8QZB

Erv/W8ERV made a motion to close nominations 2nded by Dan/WX8MOJ and approved.

Julie/KB8ZXR introduced our new fund raiser Adrina/KD8OQW.

UNDER 22 REPORT: Cory/KD8BOQ reported that the Michigan Radio Youth Net(MRAY) has been going really well. We brought on echolink during the net with Chris/KD8MJJ at the start, now the echolink is with KD8BOQ. We also have a live webcam at mraynetwork.com. Right at the beginning of the net there is a chance for in and out check-ins and we would really like to hear from some people. there is a security meeting for the radio club at school coming up soon.

50/50 DRAWING: Erv/W8ERV 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/KC8QWH and Ginny/KD8HPE were our speaker for the evening. They put on an interesting program on cold emergencies.

With all business being concluded, we adjourned at 8:55 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC Meeting Notes

CMARC BOARD MEETING December 10, 2010

President Sharon/KD8HHK brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. with the following Board members in attendance: Vice President Bob /K8RDN, Treasurer, Secretary John /KC8QZB, Jerry/KD8GLN , Director Carl/K8YHH , Under 22 Director Corey/KD8BOQ, . Excused were: Director Don/KB8RAD.

Erv/W8ERV donated two refurbished USB wifi units (one for each computer). Corey/KD8BOQ said there are two people that have volunteered to help cleanup the club room and will ask for more at the general meeting.

The persons nominated at the November meeting for the election of CMARC board officers: Cory/KD8BOQ, John/KC8QZB, Dan/WX8MOJ, Sharon/KD8HHK.

With all business concluded, Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry/KD8GLN and approved. The Board meeting closed at 7:16 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary

CMARC MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2010

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 44 people in attendance (44 members and no visitors).

NEW LICENSES, UPGRADES and VANITY CALLS: no new licenses or upgrades this month.

CARDS AND FLOWERS REPORT: Sharon/KD8HHK reported that a sympathy card was sent to Rocky/K8DRB's family.

Ron/WD8BCS reported that Dan/W8BCI has been moved to Lansing and is in sparrow rehab now.

Sharon/KD8HHK reported that Julie/KB8ZXR is not feeling well and is in the hospital where tests are being run, so far they have not found anything.

INTERESTING DX CONTACTS: Erv/W8ERV worked Estonia on 20m and worked the sweepstakes contest for the first time in about nine years and got just shy of 16000 points, 121 contacts and 66 sections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next CMARC meeting will be on Friday, January 14th at 7:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Cory/KD8BOQ said that we talked about the need to cleanup/organize the club room to show that we are thankful to be here. We need to clean-up the room a little bit and keep that space clean. Cory/KD8BOQ and Erv/W8ERV will be here and asked for volunteers to help with the cleanup. Volunteers are, John/N8SUA, Bob/K8RDN, Carl/K8YHH, Dan/WX8MOJ, Jerry/KD8GLN. Ron/WD8BCS volunteered to store anything that is large at his house. Cory/KD8BOQ said that we will meet at the Salvation Army at 11am on December 11 2010.

The Raffle is courtesy of John/N8YCM and Adrina/KD8OQW. The tables on the left are for the one dollar raffle tickets, the tables in the middle are for the two dollar raffle tickets, the tables on the right are for the three dollar raffle tickets. The proceeds will go to the club treasury.

Cory/KD8BOQ made a motion to open nominations 2nded by Erv/W8ERV and approved. Erv/W8ERV nominated Chris/KD8MJJ, Chris accepted. Jim/KC8QWH made a motion to close nominations 2nded by Jerry/KD8GLN and approved. The election for club officers was held. The election committee: Erv/W8ERV, Dick/KI8C, and Jim/KC8QWH, went to count the votes. Charlie/WD8PVS made a motion to adjourn until the election committee returns with the results 2nded by Chris/KD8MJJ and approved. The election committee returned with the results. we would like to congratulate Sharon/KD8HHK, John/KC8QZB, and Dan/WX8MOJ. The new board went to decide on positions for the officers.

The officers for 2011 are:
President---- Sharon/KD8HHK
Vice President--- Dan/WX8MOJ
Secretary-----John/KC8QZB
Treasurer-----Jerry/KD8GLN
Director-----Carl/K8YHH
Director-----Don/KB8RAD

The raffle was held and everyone had a good time and a lot of stuff moved from the tables.

NEW BUSINESS: Erv/W8ERV said that we have not had any access to the internet since we have been here at the Salvation Army, he picked up two wireless adapters and is donating them to the club.

MAIN PROGRAM AND/OR SPEAKER: we had our annual christmas party this month and there was lots of goodies to choose from. With all business being concluded, John/N8SUA moved to adjourn 2nded by Erv/W8ERV. We adjourned at 9:30 pm.

John/KC8QZB – Secretary



Ladies of CMARC News



Tea Time Ladies' Days

December

Dec. 19th—Janet/KC8HIQ & George/KC8DVV Newton's 30th Anniversary (M=1980)

Dec. 31st—Dawn/KD8MWA & Dan/WX8MOJ Buchert's 3rd Anniversary

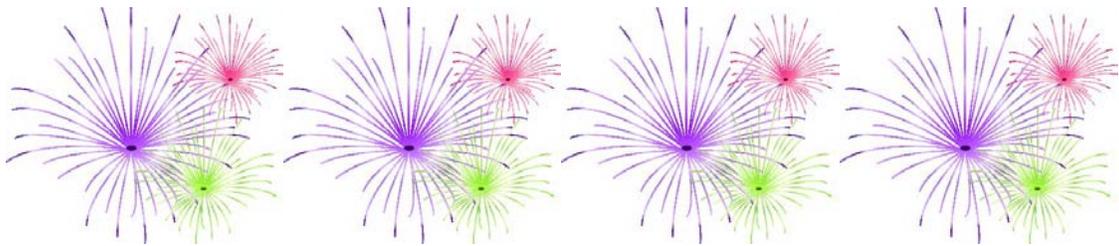


January

January 2nd – Tammy Burk (Allen/KD8CBP's wife)

January 17th – Leota Strobel (Bob/KB8DQQ's wife)

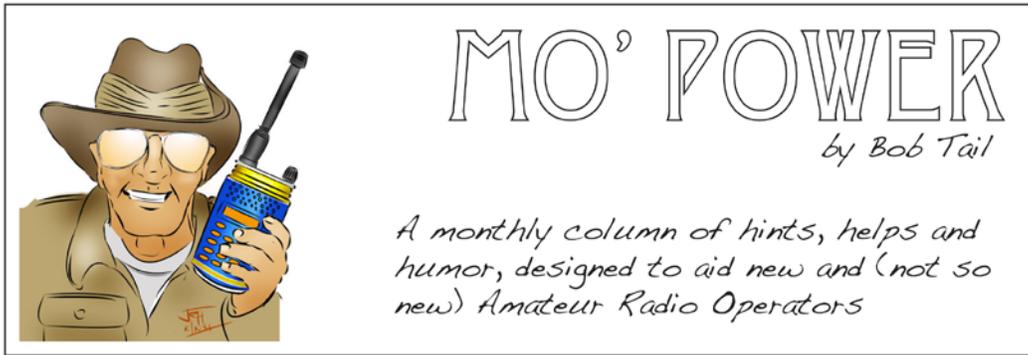
January 23rd — Mary Lou Tillitson (Don/WB8NUS' wife)



JANUARY LADIES TEA TIME LUNCHEON

Please be sure to join us on Saturday, January 22nd at 12:30 pm for our first Ladies Tea Time Luncheon for the year 2011! We will be meeting at "Bob Evan's Restaurant" located at 900 American Road 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! To make sure we can all sit together, please let me know if you're planning to attend by Friday, January 21st. You can contact me at: (517) 694-0812 or KB8ZXR@AOL.COM. I hope you'll be able to join us, because we always have a good time getting together and I'm sure you will, too!

~Julie McLain, KB8ZXR
Ladies Tea Time Luncheon Coordinator



G'Day again mates,

I live out of town a ways and don't get to the big city much any more. Happened to visit Adelaide with some friends recently and got quite a surprise. Seems everywhere I looked someone was talking on a cell phone. Seems these days people want to be in communication continuously. Nearly every other person had a phone "glued" to the ear. Yet many of us take for granted all the modern means of communication. It got me to thinking, it wasn't that long ago, we didn't have any of these electronic gadgets. It appears that the youngsters of today can't socialize without one. I fear that the "electronic" generation is losing many very important communication and social skills. Most of what I overhear eavesdropping is "blithering drivel". Not communication at all. Don't believe me? Just listen in while walking in a mall, down a crowded sidewalk, or on the local 2m repeater for that matter.

I remember a time when you only got a "ring" when there was important news or information to convey. Or to call your Mum on her birthday. Ringing a friend on the phone wasn't even an option. We simply walked down the road to visit, or it would "wait until school day next" as me Mum would say.

This got me to ponder how we as Hams communicate. As radio operators we have always had a special knack for communication. The art of communication by radio is a thing of which we take great pride. We practice the radio art to hone our skills, and attempt to achieve a level of high proficiency.

So I asked myself, "how can I be a better communicator, And how can we as Hams better ourselves" ? The answer ? LISTENING.

Listening is the most important part of communication. Listening is more than simply "hearing". It is active participation in what is being said. Giving polite attention to the one talking, so as to understand accurately the information being conveyed. It's only through good listening, can one truly become a good communicator. Of course, as with most skills, practice makes perfect. Practice listening and you'll learn to communicate more clearly, effectively, and the people with whom you converse will think better of you for it.

Many times I make comparisons to the Aborigine tribes. They only chose their leaders and decision makers from the wisest elders. Those entrusted to this honor are held in the highest regard. These wise men know that only through listening will they be able to guide the tribe to a better life.

Food for thought as they say. The next time you press that PTT button on the microphone, before you speak, ask yourself. Did I really understand the fellow on the other end of the circuit? Did I think of an intelligent response before activating the exciter? Can I be a better communicator? YES YOU CAN.

Till next month, "Watch me platypus duck, Bill."

73, Bob Tail



Local & Special Interest News

CMARC TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2010 Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 55.02
Business Checking	\$2043.53
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (3/10/09)	\$1025.04
Net Worth	\$4122.62
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$ 189.24
Building Fund* (Club Station)	\$ 9.09

*separate from CMARC Funds

December 2010 Treasurer's Report

Primary Share Acct. (Humphries Fund)	\$ 55.04
Business Checking	\$2383.53
NuUnion Certificate of Deposit (3/10/09)	\$1026.01
Net Worth	\$3461.58
Youth Fund Balance* (as of 02/28/10)	\$ 189.09
Building Fund* (Club Station)	\$ 9.09

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Submitted,
Jerry Waite, KD8GLN
CMARC Treasurer

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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!

Weekdays 7am (Monday through Friday) - Breakfast Club. Join Don (KB8RAD) for a daily wakeup net on the 145.390 repeater, as you travel to work (or from).

Sunday 9:00pm - Central Michigan Slow scan Net. Join Carl (K8YHH) on the 145.390 for lots of fun!

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.

Wednesday 8:00pm - Central Michigan Information Net. Join Don (KB8RAD) for this weekly gathering on the 145.390 repeater. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday 8:00pm - Michigan Radio Amateur Youth (MRAY) Net, with Corey (KD8BOQ). This net starts out taking only youth check ins and then later opens up to EVERYONE! Drop by and show your support for our youth hams.

As with all Nets, 3rd party check-ins are welcome, but must have Control Operator present at check-in time.



VE Testing & Special Announcements

Lansing V.E. Testing Session

Ingham County Sheriff's Department - Mason

The next testing session of the "Ingham County VE Group" will be on **Saturday, January 8th**, at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Mason. The exams will be given in the Sgt. Paul Cole Training Room. **Registration starts at 11:00am** and walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, you can reach Team Contact Person Don McLain/KB8RAD at:
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Meetings: 2nd. Friday of every month at the Salvation Army-Capital Area, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing at 7:30pm.

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Lansing VE Session

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