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Next CLUB Meeting — Thursday September 1, 2011, 7:30 PM  
Salvation Army Building, 330 Waldo St.  
Talk-in 147.000+

**September 2011**

## ***View from the Top of the Tower***

***Lee Hodges, KC8ITI***

Where has summer gone? It just seems like we were planning all of our events to start the summer and now we are looking for the kids to go back to school. Ah, readin', 'ritin', 'rithmetic and RADIO.

Thanks to Chris, KB8UIH for his slide show of pictures from the recent countywide exercise and the video of the storm clouds that produced the tornado over Sanford Lake at the last meeting.

I've been remiss in thanking all of you that helped out with the county exercise in late June. Although we didn't play a major part in the exercise it was nice that amateur radio was part of the planning.

The group working on the repair and/or replacement of the club generator is examining our requirements. They range from whether the club needs a generator (because it seems everyone has one now) to a high wattage trailer unit. They are also considering the repair of our 60+-year-old unit. Another option we are considering is several lower wattage units. Thanks to Dennis,

**When all else fails ...  
...Amateur Radio!**



N8ERF, Denny, WD8BPT and Pat, KD8IVZ for their time and effort on this project.

Speaking of Dennis, N8ERF, it was my privilege at the last club meeting to present him with the club's Certificate of Life Membership. This was done with the full support of the current life members and the consent of

#### **MARC MEETINGS**

Chris Rose, KB8UIH, is in charge of special events and topics for the MARC monthly meetings. If you have any agenda items, or topics for the meetings, please contact Chris at (989) 832-7179, or via e-mail: kb8uih@arrrl.net

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Pat Mullet, KC8RTW, is in charge of communications and publicity for the club. If you have any questions or ideas regarding these areas, please contact Pat at kc8rtw@arrrl.net

#### **EXAMINATION SCHEDULE**

*Saginaw* - All future VE testing will be done on an appointment basis only.

*Corunna* - Contact Thomas Carpenter (517) 579-0599 ki8as@charter.net.

*Bay City* - All future VE testing will be done on an appointment basis only.

*Isabella/Clare Counties* - Contact Gus Glass, K8GUS at k8gus@arrrl.net

With all examinations, your original license, a copy of that license, a second photo identification (drivers license, etc.) and a check or money order for \$15.00 made out to "ARRL/VEC" are required.

The address listed below gives testing sessions scheduled for Michigan. <http://www.arrrl.org/arrrlvec/exam-search.phtml?State=MI>

#### **AUTOPATCH**

All Midland Club members have autopatch privileges. If you do not have the instructions, contact N8CGP for a copy. Please do not pass on your copy.

#### **SUBMISSIONS FOR NEWSLETTER**

Contact Pat Mullet, KC8RTW at kc8rtw@arrrl.net if you want to submit anything for the newsletter.

I need your items by the 15th of the month. Anything received after that may not make it into the newsletter for that month.

If you prefer to download the MARC newsletter from our web site, or have trouble with delivery via USPS, contact Keith, KB8SOE, at kb8soe@arrrl.net.

#### **MEDIA HITS!**

Have you seen or heard mention of the Midland Amateur Radio Club in the news or in the paper? If so, please forward it, or mention of it to either Pat, KC8RTW (kc8rtw@arrrl.net) or Lee, KC8ITI (kc8iti@arrrl.net)

the club members. Dennis was instrumental in developing the club's bylaws and filing the club's incorporation papers. He has held many of the club's elected offices and served on many committees. Dennis is now serving as our VE liaison. Congratulations, Dennis.

Over the last few months, there have been a lot of bits and pieces along with some equipment donated to the club. On August 13th I moved all of the stuff plus some of my own surplus to the garage and had a "pay what you think its worth" sale. Those that made it over had a good time sorting through the various parts and equipment. I had hoped to have more people show up and really hoped to clear more stuff off of the tables. It looks like I'll have quite a few boxes to store away again. The sale did make some money for the club treasury. Maybe we will try this type of event in the future.

We will be holding club elections at our September meeting. Elected offices are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these four positions or you know someone that is willing to serve let any of the current club officers know. Right now, the offices of president and vice president are open.

The club has decided to participate in Porter Township Safety Day on September 10th. In years past we have set up a station or two and handed out amateur radio literature. More details at the next club meeting. If you would like to help, contact John, W8QN or myself.

There is a VE testing session scheduled for September 11th. This is a Sunday with a 4:00 PM sign-in time with 4:30 PM testing time. We will be using the Law Enforcement Center on Rodd Street for this VE testing session.

The MARC Fall Picnic is September 17th at Homer Township Park on South Homer road. Start showing up around 11:00 AM. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, drinks and anything you would like to grill. Charcoal grills will be fired up for your use. Please come and join us for the day.

That does it for this month. With fall approaching it's time to start putting our amateur radio class schedule together. I really think that our technician class takes up too many class sessions so I want to condense it some. Also, the general question pool has changed so I have to rework our general class presentation to match the new information. Add to this getting the house ready for winter, not to mention checking all of the outside radio antenna equipment and it looks like I'll have some full days ahead of me. The good news is that once all of this gets done I might get some time to work on things destined for the workbench plus get some on the air time. Somehow it seems that my priorities have been knocked out whack. I've got to figure out how to move my radio interests higher up the list. Try to move your radio interests up your priority list.

Best regards, Lee - KC8ITI

## **MARC Minutes Linda Hodges, KC8MUD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Lee KC8ITI with 26 in attendance. A sign-in sheet was passed around and introductions were made. Welcome to the new people and visitors.

- The minutes are published in the newsletter. If there are any corrections are additions please bring it to the attention of the secretary.

- Treasurer's Report- John W8QN- Thank you to all who have joined the club or renewed their memberships.

- EC/RO Report- John W8QN- The June 22nd Emergency Training, the Sanford Lake tornado and the Porter Township Safety Day activity on September 10th were all topics of discussion. If you

can help with Porter Township Safety Day event please see John W8QN or Lee KC8ITI.

- Old Business- Lee KC8ITI- Motion to purchase a new generator is still tabled until more research is done.

- Michigan Section Outing- Chris KB8UIH- Chris gave a report on activities from this year's event. He says there is an opening for Michigan Section Manager.

- Mini Swap- Lee KC8ITI- Lee is having a "Pay what you think its worth" sale at his home at 134 N. Homer on Saturday, August 13th.

- VE Sessions- Dennis N8ERF - On Sunday, September 11th there will be a VE Session at the Law Enforcement Cen-

ter. Registration is at 4:00, testing begins at 4:30 P.M. A discussion about teaching classes followed.

- Fall Picnic Linda KC8MUD- Mark Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for our annual MARC Fall Picnic at the Homer Township Park. The time is 11:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to pass and table service. Charcoal grills will be fired up for your use.

- Great Lakes Convention-Lee KC8ITI- The convention is being held in conjunction with the Findley Hamfest on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

- FCC- Lee KC8ITI- Wavier request before the FCC to allow licensing element credits to be retained forever.

- Edenville Water Tower- John W8QN- A discussion about whether or not to add a remote receiver to the new tower in Edenville. A motion on the floor made be Dennis N8ERF to add remote receiver to the top of the tower. Seconded by Dorie N8WTQ. Passed.

- Life Membership- Lee KC8ITI- Lee presented Dennis Klipa N8ERF with his Lifetime Membership Certificate. Congratulations Denny.

#### NET CONTROL:

Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jack NX8A
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	John W8QN
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	Keith KB8SOE

- Lee KC8ITI- Lee has an e-mail address of a Saginaw ham who has some radio gear for sale. Gordy WA8KJR has donated an Extra Class manual.

- Returned items-Dorie N8WTQ- Dorie returned two items left over from Field Day.

- Field Day discussion-Steve WA8Y- Discussion included software logging and using private property to store club equipment.

- Presentation-Chris KB8UIH- Chris brought in a slide show of the recent Terrorist SET in Midland and a video of the tornado over Sanford Lake.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wendy KD8IWB and seconded by Chris KB8UIH.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda KC8MUD  
MARC Secretary

#### Upcoming Events

9/10	Porter Twp Safety Fair
9/11	Findlay Hamfest/ GL Division Convention
9/17	MARC Picnic

#### Michigan Hamfests

8/21	Port Huron
8/27	Owosso
9/10	Grand Rapids
9/18	Adrian
10/16	Kalamazoo
10/23	Sterling Heights
2/19/2012	Livonia

\* denotes tentative date based on 2010 event

#### Area Nets

SVARA; Mn, 147.24 MHz, 2100 ET  
Gladwin; Tu, 147.18 MHz, 2000 ET  
BAARC; Tu, 145.31 MHz, 2100 ET  
Canadian Lks, Wed, 146.8, 2100 ET  
Edmore, Th, 146.8, 2000 ET  
MARC; Th, 147.00 MHz, 2100 ET  
District 3 ARPSC; Su, 145.31 MHz, 1830 ET  
W Mi Trffc Net; MWF, 145.15 MHz, 0900 ET  
TMMTN; Mon-Sat, 147.30 MHz, 2130 ET  
MACS; Mon-Sat, 3953 kHz 1100 ET  
MIARPSC; Su, 3932 kHz, 17:00 ET  
UPN; Sun-Sat, 3920 KHz, 17:00 ET  
MITN; Sun-Sat, 3952 kHz, 1800 ET  
QMN; Sun-Fri, 3563 kHz, 1830 & 2200 ET  
WSSBN, 3932 kHz, 1900 ET  
UP-ARES; Fr, 3932 kHz, 1930 ET  
GLETN; Sun-Sat, 3932 kHz, 2030 ET  
SEMTN; Sun-Sat, 145.33, 2215 ET

## My Two Cents

**Pat Mullet, KC8RTW**

I thought I'd never get the time or opportunity, much less decent weather, to allow me to swap out the dual band J-pole I've been using for the last few years for the new tri-bander I bought at the Swap.

The dual bander, patterned off the solid aluminum model made by Arrow Antennas, is composed of three 3/8" solid aluminum rods, two of which are welded to a piece of aluminum angle stock, while the third is threaded and screwed into a standard antenna mount. The threaded rod acts as the common driven element for both a 2 meter and 70cm j-pole, allowing a single coax to feed both. This antenna has served me well enough over the years, but I hadn't been able to get into the Saginaw repeater reliably, much less the Bay County 310 machine. In addition during the Spring and Summer I seemed to be experiencing a lot of crackling noise during and just after damp weather. Part of the problem, I knew, was the fact that I

was feeding the antenna with 50 feet of lossy RG-58—not the greatest set-up, I know, but it was what I had and it got me on the air. I also suspected that moisture was getting into the feedline, probably at the connectors.

I'd been looking for a replacement antenna for some time, and since I was going to replace the current set up, I thought I'd go the extra mile and get something that would allow me to use the 6 meter section of my Alinco DX-70 and start exploring the so-called "magic band."

Now, of course, the yardstick of antennas that fit that bill is Comet's GP-15 vertical with gain of 3.6, 6.2 and 8.6db on 50, 144 and 440MHz, respectively—a good antenna with a price to match. MFJ has an antenna with similar specs at a lesser price, so it looked like a good deal. And, since Denny at Dentronics handles MFJ merchandise and would be at the Hamfest, if I waited until then to make

#### MARC MERCHANDISE

T-Shirt	S- XL	\$10
	2X - 3X	\$12
Long-Sleeve Tee	S- XL	\$12
	2X - 3X	\$15
Crew Sweatshirt	S- XL	\$18
	2X - 3X	\$20
Hoodie	S- XL	\$24
	2X - 3X	\$26
Zipper Hoodie	S- 3X	\$30
Winter Coat	S- XL	\$42
	2X - 3X	\$45
Spring Jacket	S- XL	\$32
	2X - 3X	\$35
Hat		\$10

All garments are royal blue with white print and embroidered name and number. Extended sizes available.

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my purchase, I could save the cost of shipping!

At the Hamfest, I found that Denny did indeed have a triband antenna, but it was sold under the Jetstream brand, not MFJ. The specs were similar, as was the price, so I put my money down.

I'd originally planned to use some leftover RG-8X to feed the antenna, not only because it had less loss than RG-58, but it would still allow me to bring it in over my windowpane without leaving a huge gap in the insulation I was using to seal the gap. On checking my store of coax, however, I found I had a sufficient length of RG-213 left from the installation of my G5RV to reach the window

sill, and more than enough of the air-core 9913 I'd mistakenly ordered to run from the window to my rig. If I used a 6" jumper of RG-8x to get through the window, I'd be golden!

The installation went off without a hitch, though I found routing the 9913 behind furniture in my bedroom-based "shack" a bit of a hassle—9913 is stiff stuff. I also found, while cleaning up after the installation, that the RG-58 had a number of spots where the insulation had been cut and the shield was exposed. That particular cable had been run over by a lawnmower and cut when I was using it during the time I was at Tendercare. A quick repair courtesy of W8QOI

and W8LSS had put me back on the air, but no one had noticed the gaps in the insulation.

On checking out the new antenna, I found I was getting at least two additional S-units on my usual repeaters, and was able to get good signals into both Saginaw and Bay County. Not only that, but I was bringing up Gladwin and Big Rapids. Unfortunately, conditions weren't good enough to bring up Cadillac. Still, I'm quite happy with the new stick, and should have an easier time exploring the airspace in the center of the State.

73, Pat, KC8RTW

## ***MARC Fall Picnic***

Mark your calendar on September 17<sup>th</sup> as the date for the MARC fall picnic. Bring a dish to pass, your table

service, drinks and anything you would like to grill. Charcoal grills will be fired up for your use. The location is the

Homer Township Park on South Homer Rd. Plan on meeting around 11 AM for an afternoon of fellowship.

## ***VE License Test Set for Sept. 11th***

Formed earlier this year, the Midland County Search and Rescue organization has the mission of finding missing persons and evidence in Midland County and the surrounding areas.

A big part of the Search and Rescue process is maintaining reliable communications between teams and with search coordinators, the preferred method being ham radio.

To facilitate this capability, members of the Midland Amateur Radio Club are

giving the group training which will allow MCSAR members to earn their Technician license, and have scheduled a testing session, which, though scheduled to accommodate MCSAR, is open to anyone seeking to earn or upgrade their amateur radio license.

The exam session will be held Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the Midland Law Enforcement Center, 2727 Rodd St. Registration will begin at 4:00 pm, with testing commencing at 4:30.

Walk ins are welcome.

Candidates are reminded to bring two pieces of identification, pencils, and photocopies of any current licenses. Calculators are allowed. The test fee is \$15.00. Checks should be made out to ARRL/VEC.

Contact Dennis Klipa, N8ERF, at (989) 636-7704 for more information on the testing. You may email Dennis at [n8erf@arrl.net](mailto:n8erf@arrl.net).

## ***General Class Q&A Now Available for Kindle***

(ARRL Letter—August 11, 2011) The fourth edition of ARRL's General Q&A is now available from Amazon.com for the Kindle. This e-book is your authoritative guide to every question in the General (Element 3) question pool -- everything you need to pass your General class license exam. When you use ARRL's General Q&A, you can be sure that you are using the best way

to review for the 35 question exam. The e-book includes every question -- and answer -- in the General class question pool, utilizing a multiple-choice format similar to the one on the actual exam. The current General class question pool is valid through June 30, 2015.

Kindle is shaped much like a book, with a paper-like screen that displays text and pictures. You do not need a

Kindle to download and purchase the General Q&A: those who have the Kindle application installed on their Apple iPhone iPod touch, Android smartphone -- or even on their computer -- can download the book for use on these devices. Each version of the Q&A lets you review questions and answers from that element's entire question pool so you can pass your exam. The Tech

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## ***Vanity Call Sign Fee to Go Up in September***

(ARRL Web August 10, 2011) On August 10, the FCC announced via a Final Rule in the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 90 cents, from to \$13.30 to \$14.20. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 9, 2011, the first day the new fee is in effect. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

"The Commission tries to keep the regulatory fee for Vanity call signs as minimal as possible," explained the FCC in its Final Rule. "Between FY 2007 and FY 2010, the regulatory fee for Vanity

call signs increased from \$1.17 (per year) to \$1.33 (per year), an increase of \$0.16 per year or \$1.60 over a ten-year license period. We do not believe this increase is inequitable, and the Commission will continue its efforts to keep this fee as minimal as possible. The fees that are collected from Vanity call signs are used to offset the cost of monitoring and researching new call sign requests to prevent the issuance of duplicate call signs."

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program --from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In FY 2011, the FCC expects to grant 14,600

vanity call signs, bringing in \$207,320 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$336,599,048 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal five years ago. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program.

## ***Technical Topics and Information***

***Ward Silver, NØAX***

(ARRL Contest Update—July 20, 2011) Heavy masts can be difficult enough to wrangle on the ground and even more-so at the top of a tower where your leverage is severely limited. How should you raise a mast to its final position? Assuming you've lifted the mast to the top of the tower and it's in the sleeve or thrust bearing, a gin pole often runs out of steam at this point. Stan K5GO suggests this approach - "I have always used a come-a-long attached to the top rung of the tower and a muffler clamp around the mast (as the lift point - Ed.), wrapping the cable with the hook around the mast below the clamp. Loosen the bearing so it will slide through and have a short 2x 8 board handy to rest the mast on to reposition the clamp to go higher." Roger K8RI suggests a variation on this theme to increase the mechanical advantage. He attaches a pulley to the mast and runs the come-along cable back up to another rung on the tower. This makes for a more symmetrical lifting force on the mast and reduces tower rung loading.

- Phillystran non-conductive guy line is marvelous stuff but it is not as hard as steel. This can be a problem when using ceramic insulators to join

Phillystran to EHS steel guy wire. Tim K3LR fills us in on the right way to do things - use a metal Preform Guy Grip made for Phillystran to connect to the ceramic insulator. The hard ceramic with the tight-radius bend can over-stress Phillystran (guy wires have minimum radius specifications for bends, too) and the sharp ridges often present in molded ceramic insulators will cut through Phillystran and rope, too. The rule is to have metal on ceramic whenever a load-bearing line is attached to an insulator.

- The shipping costs for steel push-up masts can be fierce - more than the cost of the mast! This is at least partly because the masts are too long for standard parcel services. At least one solution exists in the form of the Rohn 9H50 - a 50-foot push-up mast but with a

99-inch collapsed length that UPS will deliver! (Thanks, Rob K5UJ)

- If you are trying to match the special paint on an old radio, Glen K9STH may have the solution. Go to a paint store and have the paint "computer matched". He uses acrylic paint that runs under \$13 for a quart, there is no charge for the matching, and a number of attempts have all been "spot on".

- Weed whacker line can be used to space air-wound coils for mobile antennas, traps, loading inductors and so forth. It comes in a number of diameters similar to copper wire and since it is non-conductive, once you're done winding you can leave it in place to keep the windings from moving. (Thanks, Mark KA6WKE)

- If you haven't checked out the Force 12 Loop-Fed Antennas, this might be a good opportunity to do so. Not a Quagi-style antenna, the VHF/UHF LFA uses a loop for the driven element, but in the same plane as the directors and reflectors. The same web page describes an OWL - the Optimized Wide-band Low-Impedance Yagi. Both antennas are designed for 50-ohm feed point impedance and direct-connection of the feed line.



## ***Anchorage VEC Asks FCC to Grant Lifetime Credit for Expired Licenses***

(ARRLWeb—04/27/2011) In a *Petition for Rulemaking* filed with the FCC on April 15, the Anchorage VEC—one of 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinators in the US—asked the Commission to give permanent credit to radio amateurs for examination elements they have successfully passed. This would, in effect, create a license exam credit that would be valid throughout an amateurs' lifetime, never expiring.

Currently, Amateur Radio licenses are good for 10 years. Hams may renew their license not more than 90 days before it is set to expire. If a ham fails to renew their license before it expires, but less than two years after it expires (called a grace period), they can reapply for their license and call sign and do not to retake any examination for the license. Under the current rules, hams may not apply to renew the license after the two year grace period. Instead, they must start all over and take new examinations to receive an Amateur Radio license.

In its *Petition*, Anchorage does not think that this is fair. "It does not matter that the person had at one time passed one or more examination elements," it stated. "This fact is ignored. Does the passage of time somehow invalidate a person's knowledge? We think not. We believe that any applicant who can demonstrate that they have passed certain elements at some previous date or who have held a license grant for a particular class of license, again on or before various applicable dates, should not have to be re-examined on those elements before a new license can be granted. It seems unfair to allow some applicants to claim element credit for items previously passed and not others."

The Anchorage VEC also believes that if a person can show proof of having held a license grant for a specific class of license, they "[have] in fact demon-

strated that they have earned credit for having passed the elements required for that class of license." Anchorage's plan calls for the 14 VECs to handle these applications.

Noting that the questions on the various exam elements have changed over the years to reflect changes in both technology and FCC rules, Anchorage maintained that a license granted in 1960 and a license granted today are both valid licenses "even though they were examined on material that anyone can see is significantly different. Again, we believe that an applicant for a re-issued license should receive credit for each and every element passed, without regard to when it was given. Requiring an applicant for a re-issued license to re-take an element just because it has changed in detail over the years is unfair, based on the fact that a license which has been continuously renewed and is still active implies that the long-term license holder does in effect receive credit for material passed long ago, and a person desiring to reactivate an expired license apparently does not."

Anchorage, however, stated that even though an expired license is granted without examination after the two year grace period, the call sign need not follow the license. Noting that the call sign might not be available for a number of reasons, Anchorage proposed that applicants applying for their license after the two year grace period be granted "a new sequential call sign appropriate for the area where they currently reside. Once the new license grant has been issued, the applicant could then apply for a different call sign if they so desired, including a previously held call sign if it is available, by making use of the vanity call sign program."

According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the *Petition* filed by the Anchorage VEC does not ad-

dress amateurs who had their licenses suspended or revoked. She said that if this *Petition* was looked upon favorably by the FCC, a provision should be made that no examination credit should be given if the operator license was ever suspended or revoked, or if the operator license was surrendered to avoid enforcement proceedings.

In January 1994, the ARRL filed a *Petition* (RM-8418), asking that a former licensee be allowed to obtain a new amateur operator license without passing the requisite qualifying examinations again. The objective was to encourage former amateur operators to become involved again in the opportunities provided by the amateur service. But in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in 1995, the FCC offered its own proposal, namely that the holder of an expired license could apply to a VE team for examination credit for the examination elements previously passed. The ARRL filed comments against this, arguing that the Communications Act of 1934, as amended did not allow the delegation of what amounted to the renewal of a license. In its Report and Order issued April 1, 1997 the Commission did not address that argument, but cited general opposition in deciding not to adopt its own proposal.

"We believe that our procedures provide ample notification and opportunity for license renewal," the FCC put forth in the 1997 *R&O*. "The license expiration date is shown on our licensee data base, so that it can be obtained through the Internet even if the license document is lost. Providers in the private sector often use this information to remind licensees that expiration is about to occur. For those persons who inadvertently fail to renew, a two-year grace period is allowed. At the conclusion of the grace period, the record of the former licensee is purged from the data base and the call

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sign becomes available for reassignment in the vanity call sign system. Further, we have made the license renewal process as simple as possible by expanding our electronic filing procedures to include license renewal. With respect to

the lifetime operator license suggestion, the operator would still have to renew the station license every 10 years. We would, therefore, have to develop and maintain a separate data base specifically for the purpose of maintaining indefin-

itely records of amateur operators who allow their station license to expire. It would not be in the public interest to expend resources for such increased record retention."

## ***Wanted - MARC Newsletters***

Looking for any newsletters prior to January 1984 as well as the following:  
February 1984  
March 1984  
May 1984

June 1984  
July 1984  
August 1984  
September 1984  
August 1985

September 1985  
January 1986  
If you happen to have any of these newsletters contact Dennis - N8ERF or Lee - KC8ITI

## ***Swap 'n' Shop***

**For Sale:** Yaesu FT897D. \$700.

**Wanted to Buy:** Power tubes such as but not limited to 4CX series, 3CX400 and larger. 4-250 and larger, 3-500 and larger. Sockets for same and particularly for 4CX1500B and 4CX3000A7. Old Repeater amp that

used a Push pull pair of tubes. I could use some 7/8" to 1.5" Helix with connectors, but need a minimum of 200' for each run. Looking for HV power transformers in the range of 2400, 2600, 2800, and 3000 VAC, 2KVA and up as well as 800VAC to 1 KV AC for screen

supplies. 6V@10A (4CX1500B), 9V @ 8.5-9A (FU728F), 9.0V @ 41.5A (4CX3000A7), and 10V@10A, filament transformers. High power tuning caps including vac variables.

Contact Roger, K8RI (K8RI@roger-halstead.com)

## ***MARC Vital Statistics***

### Memberships Expiring in August

KC0CJC

N8FUZ

W8CVZ

### Memberships Expiring in September

KC8RTW

WB8YAG

### Memberships Expiring in October

KD8HIC

KC8MUD

Current Active Club Membership 59

### Birthdays Celebrated in August/September

N8XD 8/1  
KB8QWO 8/3  
KB8QYB 8/9  
N8LBF 8/17  
WD8BPT 8/18  
W8JB 8/23

KD8MRB 8/24  
WB8FYR 8/24  
KD8IWB 8/27  
N8DHF 8/29  
KD8EUR 8/31  
KC8ZMQ 9/6

N8STF 9/9  
N8FUZ 9/17  
KB8PGV 9/17  
KB8SOE 9/19  
KB8WEE 9/24

### Anniversaries Celebrated in August/September

WB8FYR and WD8ODG 8/13  
KA0KPP and Gail 08/19  
W8JB and NT8Y 08/21

N8LBF and KB8QYC 9/6  
W8JBD and ??? 09/10  
KC0CJC and Sally 9/12

K8RI and N8JBW 9/26

Information is from data received 8/1/2011

Any corrections or questions contact John, W8QN

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Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_  
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