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Midland County Public Service Net, Thursdays at 9 PM

W8KEA Repeater — 147.000 MHz+ PL 103.5 • W8QN Repeater — 443.325 MHz+ PL 103.5

W8KEA Digipeater — 145.090 MHz

September ARES®/RACES Meetings —Homer Township Hall at 6:00pm.
222 South Homer Rd.

Midland ARC April Meeting — Thursday 7:30 PM

Salvation Army Bldg, 330 Waldo Ave.

Talkin 147.000+



View from the top of the Tower

Lee Hodges, KC8ITI

I'm ready for winter to be gone. I've had my fill of snow, ice and biting blasts of cold wind. I generally don't succumb to cabin fever but this year is different. Although I have plenty of things inside to keep busy, it would nice to be able to go outside without gearing up like I was going on an arctic expedition.

I am sorry that we had to cancel the February club meeting but it seemed like the right thing to do. After following the weather reports all day long it just seemed that conditions were not going to get any better that evening. Rather than ask our club members to risk driving to the meeting it was better to call the meeting off. I hope everyone bundled up and stayed warm.

We are starting to get the newsletter back on track. Paul, N8GEM is doing a great job as editor. If you have noticed the content is a little thin, but this is something you, as club members, can correct. Paul is always looking for articles for publication in the newsletter. If you have worked on some project, write up an article for the newsletter. If you have run across some interesting facet of our hobby and investigated it, write up an article for the newsletter. If you want to get up on your soap box and expound on some ham radio topic, pro or con, write up an article for the newsletter. You get the general idea. It's your newsletter so take a minute and give Paul something to publish.

The March 7th club meeting will be Sky Warn training at the Law Enforcement Center at 7 PM. There will be an ARES/RACES meeting before the sky warn training and a short club meeting after the sky warn session. The next club meetings will be at the Salvation Army Building at our regular time so mark your calendars.

The Technician class started on February 11th with 6 students in attendance. The class will run through March 21st. The people in the class are from all over the area. One student is from Gladwin and another student is coming over from the thumb. All of the students are eager to get the material that will allow them to get the technician license. If you're interested all of the class material is posted on the club web page, w8kea.org. It's under the menu item MARC Classes.

I am working on getting a general class in before summer gets here. As soon as I work out the details I'll get information out on this class.

The MS Walk this year is Saturday, April 27, Chris, KB8UIH chairs this event. Chris will be looking for help and I'm sure he will have more details at the next few club meetings.

The Dow Walk/Run this year has moved back to the first weekend in June. The date is June 1st so hopefully we can get more hams to participate now that the event doesn't conflict with Hamvention. John, W8QN has chaired this event for many years but he emailed me that this year he has family conflicts that will prevent him from working with the organizers. I'm looking for someone to step in and chair this event. John will be available from time to time to work with whoever steps up.

I've contacted the Salvation Army about using the building for our swap this year on June 15th. As I write this I haven't heard back from them but I expect to have their approval by the next club meeting. I've heard some interesting ideas on how we can improve the swap experience and I'd like to hear your comments. If you are interested in serving on the swap committee let me know.

There has been some discussion about field day this year. We have a standing invitation to participate with the Saginaw club again this year but some club members would like to hold our own field day again. Let me know what you think field day should be for our club and how it should work. Field day this year is June 22nd and 23rd so it's time to start planning.

I'll wrap it up for this month. It's time to start planning for all of the activities our club does during the year. It is with your participation that our group can accomplish all of the good things that we undertake and for that I thank you.

Lee - KC8ITI

RACES / ARES

Jack Robinson. K8GTG

Hello everyone. As I write this in February, it is turning out to be quite a winter punch for the state of Michigan during February. I chuckle to think that Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog predicted an early spring. Maybe that's why old man winter decided to give us a bunch of snow days before winter is closed out. Our neighbors on the west side of the state, especially the Grand Rapids area got hit hard with freezing rain, driving snow, and lots of power outages to start February off. Myself and John McDonough (WB8RCR) spent many days monitoring the situation thru updates and the incident management system. As you might have seen in the news, the governor declared a state of emergency in those counties heavily impacted with power outages (over 150k customers), warming shelters were stood up, crews brought in from out of state to assist, and it took several days for everyone to dig out of the winter mess.

This is a great reminder why we have formed local Midland ARES and RACES teams. Through training and preparedness, we're ready if called into action. So did RACES in that area get activated during the above incident? Yes! Specifically, the amateur radio RACES group in that region helped in staffing shelters, assisting the area Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with communications, and helped with well-being checks of folks. You can see how an area as large as the Grand Rapids and surrounding locations would stretch the available emergency resources. As I shovel the driveway and sidewalks yet again, it is easy to envision the same thing happening in Midland. One good ice storm, throw in a snow storm or two, and suddenly our ARES/RACES folks are asked to help with similar tasks.

Just a reminder, the next Skywarn Weather Spotter training class will be held March 7th, 7:00pm at the Midland Law Enforcement Center (main conference room). This class is open to the public, and our ARES/RACES members are especially encouraged to attend.

Jack Robinson (SP) K8GTG

MARC MEETING February 2019

Linda Hodges, KC8MUD

Due to inclement weather the meeting on February 7th was canceled. Net controls were solicited by email.

NET Controls:

February 14th Jack, K8GTG

February 27th Paul, N8GEM

February 31st OPEN

Respectfully submitted,
Linda KC8MUD
MARC Secretary



The Midland MS Walk for 2019 will occur on Saturday April 27th, centered on and around Midland High School. 1301 Eastlawn Drive. The event site opens at 9 a.m.; the walk begins at 10 a.m. Operators will be needed from 9 a.m. until roughly 1 p.m. Plan on using the Midland VHF repeater on 147.00+. Other frequencies may be assigned later.

Please put this date on your calendar. Seventeen operators are requested. If you can help, contact Chris, KB8UIH. Please do contact if you are going to help. I need a head count of who may be available to plan on what positions can be filled that day. Thanks in advance for your help.

If you were interested in the trip, Frankenmuth's walk will be May 11th. Contact the Saginaw Valley ARA to volunteer.

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Area Nets

SVARA; Mn, 147.24 MHz, 2100 ET
Gladwin; Tu, 147.18 MHz, 2000 ET
BARTS; 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
Mi VHF Trffc Net; MWF, 145.15 MHz, 0900 ET
TMMTN; MonSat, 147.30 MHz, 2130 ET
MACS; SunSat, 3953 kHz 1100 ET
MIARPSC; Su, 3932 kHz, 17:00 ET
UPN; SunSat, 3920 KHz, 17:00 ET
MITN; SunSat, 3952 kHz, 1800 ET
QMN; SunFri, 3563 kHz, 1830 & 2200 ET
WSSBN, 3932 kHz, 1900 ET
UPARES; Fr, 3932 kHz, 1930 ET
GLETN; SunSat, 3932 kHz, 2030 ET
SEMTN; SunSat, 145.33, 2215 ET
MiDTN 1900 local Tu, Th, Sat 3.583
+waterfall, Oivia 8/500

Feb 2018 Michigan Section News James Kvochick Section Mgr.

Greetings to all the Amateurs of Michigan, Winter in Michigan has arrived and has not disappointed its many fans. Fun Facts, Future Flashes, and maybe even other alliterations await you in the February 2019 edition of the Michigan Section ARRL Newsletter.

Invite the Section Staff to Your Club Meeting

Consider inviting a member of YOUR Michigan Section Staff to your next meeting, lunch, or breakfast. This could be fun and interesting. Get to know the folks who donate their time and energy to YOUR ARRL Michigan Section.

Battle Creek Distracted Driving Ordinance and What It Means To You

From Larry Camp WB8R:

The Battle Creek Distracted Driving Ordinance 410.04 goes into effect on February 15.

The exemption for licensees of the FCC is only for use of amateur radio equipment and DOES NOT allow amateur radio operators to use their telephones or other electronic devices in a manner contrary to the ordinance.

Our purpose was to obtain an exemption for normal amateur radio mobile communications using mobile and hand-held transceivers.

This ordinance may become 'boilerplate' for other similar ordinances elsewhere in the state and hopefully the FCC licensee verbiage will provide some food for thought.

We had some great grass roots support from Glenn (Smokey) McCray, N5MKY and Bret White, KD8RHB, both from Battle Creek. Without their diligence and great efforts, this ordinance may well have slipped past us and we may have lost our ability to use amateur radio from our vehicles.

Special thanks from your Section Manager to Larry Camp, WB8R and Ed Hude, WA8QJE, who are constantly working the State and local government agencies to insure amateur radio is fairly represented. Additionally, Larry

created a printable copy of the ordinance for all amateurs to save in their vehicle, you'll find this on the Michigan Section Website.

Club Elections

MCRCA (Monroe County Radio Communications Association) had election of officers Thursday, January 17th.

President	N8KUF	Michael Karmol
Vice President	W8PI	W. Paul Trouten
Treasurer	KA8EBI	Fred VanDaele
Secretary	KB8KQC	Brenda VanDaele
Board Mem.	N8DXR	John Copeland
Board Mem.	KD8ZNN	Rodney Haddix
Board Mem.	KC8SKP	Wesley Busdiecker

Michigan ARRL Section Staff Travel Plans

February 17th, 2019 Livonia Swap (WB8TKL)
March 16th, 2019 Crossroads Swap (K8JK)

Hospitality Thanks

January 27th, 2019 Hazel Park Swap (K8JK)
February 2nd, 2019 HARA Swap Negaunee, MI (WA8EFK)

Michigan Public Service Activities

Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) Activities for January 2019

Station Activity Reports (SAR) for January 2019

WB8WKQ 244, WB8TQZ 92, WD8MWD 89, K8BKM 77, N5MKY 76, K8RDN 66, K8ED 54, WD8USA 23, KE8CEH 19, KD8ZCM 12, KB8RCR 10, KE8CYC 8, WB8RCR 6

Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) for January 2019:

KE8BYC 272, WD8USA 238, WD8MWD 165, WB8RCR 156, KC8YVF 126, K8RDN 125, WB8TQZ 110, K8ED 105, WB8WKQ 90, KD8ZCM 82, KE8CEH 51, KB8RCR 50, KB8PGW 50, N8OSL 28

Net traffic for January 2019:

Michigan Amateur Communications System 102
Michigan Traffic Net 52
The Michigan Net 46
Upper Peninsula Net 40
Southeastern Michigan Traffic Net 22
Michigan VHF Traffic Net 22
Northern Lower -Eastern Upper Peninsula Net 7
Michigan Digital Traffic Net 7
Saginaw County ARES Net 3
Michigan Area Radio Public Service Corps 1

Total Volunteer Dollar Value for January 2019: \$ 45,014

More information is available at <http://nts-mi.org/>.

A hearty thanks to the hundreds of volunteers across the State of Michigan who work hard as volunteers to hone their skills month after month to make sure they are ready for any situation that may arise. Our ARPSC and NTS programs are an integral part of AuxComm, which in turn is an integral part of the Michigan State Police Homeland Security Division. Public service is in the DNA of Amateur Radio, one of many reasons we enjoy so many radio frequencies to utilize, experiment with, and enjoy.

Final Thoughts

I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you, and to visit your local club or group. Thanks to all of the radio amateurs who continue to make the hobby great! Get Active, Get Involved, and Get On The Air!
73
Jim K8JK

ARRL Michigan Section
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SUBMISSIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

Contact Paul Tolly, N8GEM at N8GEM@arrl.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,



MARC VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRING IN MARCH 2019

N8WTQ W8QN

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

AC8RT	K0ACP	K2VMH	K6VWE	K8GTG	K8RI
K8VB	K8VFO	K8WSR	KB8PGW	KB8RCR	KB8SOE
KB8UIH	KC8ITI	KC8MUD	KC8VOA	KD0JHX	KD8HID
KD8HIH	KD8MMH	KD8OLC	KD8QAM	KD8ULJ	KE8DON
KE8EOS	KE8JNA	KE8KDP	N8CGP	N8ERF	N8GEM
N8JBW	N8NGT	N8WTQ	NU8U	NX8A	W8LSS
W8NYO	W8PMR	W8QN	WA8LQD	WA8Y	WB8RCR
	WB8WNF	WD8AXR	WD8BPT		

TOTAL 45

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED IN FEBURARY/MARCH 2019

KC8ITI 2/2	W8MGM 2/4	K0ACP 2/7	KE8EOS 2/18
KE8KDP 2/19	KC8VOA 2/21	KC8RTW 3/17	K8VB 3/20
KE8EOW 2/4	AC8RT 3/4	KD8QXL 3/18	W8QN 3/31

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED IN FEBURARY/MARCH 2019

KC8TQS and Julia 2/14	KC8ITI and KC8MUD 3 /6
WN8QGV and Belinda 3/2	WD8BPT and Melody 3 /1 3

Information is from data received 9/6/2018
Any corrections or questions contact Larry, N8CGP



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If you desire to join the Midland Amateur Radio Club, the dues are \$20 per year for an individual membership. A family membership is available for an additional \$5 per year which covers all of the individual's family members. Family members must reside at the same address as the primary member to be eligible for the family member rate. The membership dues help to cover the operating expenses of the Club, and its radio systems. Membership includes Autopatch privileges on the W8KEA repeater (1 47. 000+), voting privileges at MARC meetings, and a monthly newsletter. Please supply the following information:

Name: _____ Callsign: _____ License Class _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

E-mail address _____

Spouse: _____ Callsign: _____ License Class _____

Birthday:(mm/dd) _____ Anniversary:(mm/dd) _____

Desired newsletter format: Paper copy via USPS _____ or via e-mail _____

Are you an ARRL Member? Y/N _____

Do you want an ARES Application? ____ Y/N _____

We request this information so we can communicate with you regarding MARC business, and periodically send you newsletters and congratulatory birthday & anniversary greetings. We do not sell this information nor will we knowingly publicize private information without your permission. Information that is publicly available may be distributed to Club members for various purposes, including membership lists, without prior notification.

You may give this completed form to the MARC treasurer, or you may mail it to:
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