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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



View from the Top of the Tower

Lee Hodges, KC8ITI

With all of the amateur radio activities coming up I hope you are getting geared up for a busy spring and early summer. The season for public service events, hamfests and special events has the calendar filling up fast. Linda and I have two calendars in the house. One is in the kitchen and the other one is in the den. I made the effort to synchronize them the other day. Between both of them there are exactly 2 days for the rest of April that have nothing written down and May isn't much better. June is filling up fast too. There are a few days where there are already conflicts that have to be worked out. Let's give you a run down of what's been happening and what you may want to add to your calendar.

The repeater committee gave a status report at the last meeting and outlined the tasks that still need to be completed. The working groups to support these tasks were organized. Some of the groups looking for members are the mechanical survey group, interior and external cleanup group, materials and construction group, and finally the electrical and installation group.

The results of the technician class at the VE session were one new technician and one new general. Marshall is now KE8LVW. Adam passed the technician and general tests. As I write this Adam's application is pending with an administrative hold. Hopefully his call sign will be issued soon. The other members of the class plan on testing at future VE sessions.

By the time you read this the general license class will have

started. I have 5 students signed up and all of the class material is ready to go. If you are interested in the what the class material looks like you can find all of it at the club web site w8kea.org under the MARC classes menu item.

The Dow Walk/Run this year is June 1st. Linda, KC8MUD and I will be organizing our participation in this year's event. The race course is the same as in years past. The first race starts at 7:30 AM so it looks like we will have to be on assigned stations by 7 AM. The event usually wraps up by noon. This event is large and requires as many operators as we can get. The good news is the date this year doesn't conflict with Hamvention. I'll be meeting with the Dow Walk/Run sponsors to get details for this years event. Expect a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

The Midland Amateur Radio Club swap is on June 15th. Keith, KB8SOE is swap chairman. Setup will be Friday evening. Right now we are planning on having more demos and hands on than in years past. Of course we will be keeping the regular things like the VE session, trunk sales, vendor tables and social areas. If you have any ideas on how we can improve this year's swap let us know. More details to come at the next club meetings.

Field day this year is June 22nd and 23rd.. It looks like we will be participating with Saginaw again this year. This can change if someone wants to step up and organize field day for the club but time is running out to get the planning done. I'm still open to our club doing field day as a club event in future years if we can find a manager or group

that wants to take this on.

Every time I look at either the ARRL or FCC web site there are more proposals open for comment that effect our amateur radio hobby. As I write this there are at least 6 proposals out there that deal with amateur radio in one way or another. It pays to keep up on what the FCC has planned for us and your comments on these do make a difference. Take time to find out what is going on.

I'm still looking for people to fill open club positions. Dennis, N8ERF has agreed to fill in as ARRL Liaison. If you think you would be interested in helping, get in touch with me and I'll let you know what's still open.

Some other things coming up that I have on my calendar that you might want to add to your calendar are:

Cadillac swap May 4th
Electronics and
Wireless Electronics club
balloon launch May 4th
Frankenmuth MS walk
May 11th
MARC exercise TBD
Tall Ships special event station July
18th through July 21st
Lansing hamfest July 27th
Dirty dog run August 24th

I've rambled on enough for this month. If you have amateur radio items on your calendar that I don't have on mine let me know so I don't miss anything that might be interesting. If you have an event or project that you think would be a good fit for a club activity let me know and we will see what we can do.

Lee - KC8ITI

MARC MEETING April 4th 2019

Linda Hodges, KC8MUD

The meeting came to order at 7:34 pm with 20 members and guests in attendance. A sign-in sheet was passed around and introductions were made.

Please bring all corrections and additions to these minutes to the attention of the secretary Linda KC8MUD.

Treasurer's Report-Larry N8CGP- Thank-you to all the members who have renewed their club dues. Larry mentioned about moving club accounts to Huntington Bank.

Ares/ Races Report- Jack K8GTG- Jack gave a recap of last months sky-warn class at the LEC. He told us about an up-coming Emergency Exercise. Then he made a request for \$150.00 to buy yellow emergency vests with club insignia to be used by club members when they are out working a radio event. Will K8VFO made a motion to spend 150.00 on the vests. Dennis N8ERF doubled the amount of the request to \$300.00. Dennis N8ERF seconded the motion. The motion was passed after a very brief discussion. The next discussion was how to interest young people in getting into the amateur radio hobby. He told about a family friendly Drone Fest that is sponsored by the MCFTA on Saturday June 8th at the Barstow Airport and also about a Robotics competition. Radio can be paired with other electronic events like these.

Repeater Site Update-Larry N8CGP- Larry has received main updated pieces of equipment but he needs some help for site clean-up. Chris KB8UIH reported a flat spot on repeater coming to Midland from Saginaw but they

determined it may be a terrain issue. A repeater discussion followed.

School Report-Dennis N8ERF- There are only six weeks left for the club to be in session. They are getting geared up for the May 4th balloon launch. Will K8VFO is working with students on the Nickolas Project. Students can win money for their school and scholarship money if their project is selected.

Feed line- Dennis N8ERF- Lee KC8ITI and Dennis repaired a antenna feed line on the roof of the Midland High School that had been damaged.

General Class- Lee KC8ITI - Starts April 8th at the HS and there are already 4 people signed up.

MS Walk-Chris KB8UIH- The date is April 27th this is a low impact event that starts at the Midland High School on Eastlawn. From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Chris needs about 15 operators. Also don't forget the MS walk in Frankenmuth on the following Saturday on May 11th . The Saginaw Club is looking for help to make that event a success. They need about 20 operators, if you can help contact Ron KC8YVF.

Dow Run/Walk- This event is on June 1st. More info to come.

Swap- The Swap is on June 15th. Kieth KB8SOE has volunteered to chair this event. Volunteers are needed to make it fun for everybody. More info is coming.

Field Day- Is on June 22nd and 23rd. Saginaw Club has offered to host us once again. Discussion followed.

Positions open- Lee KC8ITI- Three positions that need to be filled are Newsletter Editor, Public Information Officer (PIO) and ARRL Liason. If you are interested in helping out the club and would like to learn a little more about filling any of these positions please contact our president Lee KC8ITI.

NET Control:

April 11th Lee KC8ITI
April 18th Paul N8GEM
April 25th Chris KB8UIH

Other Business- Jon KC8USU from the Bay City Club passed out fliers telling about the Tall Ship Celebration on the weekend of July 18th to July 21st. Radio's will be set up from 12 noon to 5 pm near the ships. Contact Lee KC8ITI if you would like to help.

Round the Room- Larry N8CGP- Larry asked the question "What or Who got you into amateur radio?" Everybody in the room had a chance to reply and it was not surprising to hear that it was a dad an uncle or a close friend who interested most hams at a young age. Nearly everybody mentioned that they became interested at a young age. It was an interesting and insightful exercise.

Cadillac Ham Fest- Lee KC8ITI- Don't forget the Cadillac Ham Fest is on May 4th. One of the best in the area and always lots to see.

A motion to adjourn made by Dennis WD8BPT and seconded by Dennis N8ERF.

Meeting Ended at 9:05 pm.
Respectfully Submitted.

Linda KC8MUD
MARC Secretary

RACES / ARES

Jack Robinson -K8GTG

With nicer weather comes some great opportunities to serve our communities with radio communications. As members of the ARRL ARES and RACES teams, we can provide helpful communications during some upcoming events.

May 11 is the Walk MS event in Frankenmuth, and June 1st is the Greater Midland Dow RunWalk. As licensed radio operators, we can volunteer to assist these community events, by providing assistance to participants, accurate communications, and in general, eyes and ears as the event takes place. I've volunteered already for these as in year's past, and they are fun, easy to participate, and a great chance to use your radio to assist the event - and great practice for sending and receiving messages accurately. If you have a chance, please consider volunteering. And if you haven't "worked an event" like this before - don't worry, we can pair you up with an experienced radio operator.

There will be an ARES/RACES meeting the first Thursday of May, Midland Law Enforcement Center, 6:00pm. I've ordered some safety vests from ARRL that identify us as Radio Operators - if they arrive in time for the meeting, I'll bring a few to show you. We'll discuss proper communications for events, plus discuss an upcoming emergency exercise that we will be called into action. Hope to see you there!

Jack Robinson -K8GTG

Sporadic "E"ditorial

Paul, N8GEM

The pace is picking up for summer activities and there is a great deal of news in Amateur Radio this Spring. Check out the articles online at the ARRL website and the various PodCasts available. "This Week in Amateur Radio", "HamNation", etc.

Our Section Leader, James Kvochick -K8JK, has also mentioned some of the local news concerning Volunteer Monitoring, and the impact of the changes in the Distracted driving laws. (Be aware of the local laws as you are driving on vacation and take your billfold size operators license with you.

There are far too many for me to cover in this addition, but I will try to highlight the current issues and updates as they are presented. In the meantime enjoy the upcoming activities and I'll hear you soon,

Paul - N8GEM

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, 1830ET
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

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,

OPEN CLUB POSITIONS

The Midland Amateur Radio Club has the following non-elected positions that need to be filled:

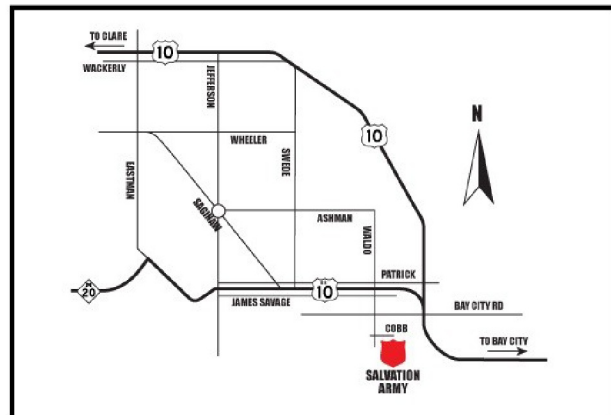
Public Information Officer
Field Day Committee Chairperson
Permanent Newsletter Editor

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to know more about any of them let me know.

Lee - KC8ITI

June 15, 2019
Salvation Army Building,
330 Waldo Ave.
Midland, MI

Admission \$5.00
Tables \$5.00
Trunk Sales \$5.00



- ✓ FCC Exam
- ✓ New & Used Amateur Radio Equipment
- ✓ Parts, Coax & Connectors
- ✓ Large Selection of Vacuum Tubes
- ✓ Seminars/Demos
- ✓ Refreshments



An ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest

Talk-in: 147.00 MHz – Midland Repeater
For More Information & Reservations Mail
MARC Hamfest, PO Box 1049, Midland, MI 48642
or Contact
Keith Johnson, KB8SOE at (989) 488-4337 email: kb8soe@arrl.net

Greetings to all the Amateurs of Michigan,

April never disappoints in Michigan. I'm looking forward to warmer weather, and fixing that pesky dipole of mine! Announcements, Actions, and even Accoutrements are yours for the viewing in the April 2019 edition of the Michigan Section ARRL Newsletter.

Section Staff Vacancies

With the passing of our Section PIO, Patrick Mullet, KC8RTW, we are in seeking a replacement for that position. The job responsibilities of a PIO (Public Information Officer) are listed on the ARRL website, simply do a search for PIO.

We'll also be seeking replacements for other positions throughout 2019. Some vacancies will be created as folks who have served retire, and others may need to be filled to improve activity levels within their offices.

Hamvention Offers Free Admission

Want to save some money on going to the Hamvention? Dayton ARA has announced that Sunday admissions will not require the purchase of a ticket! I predict that Sunday attendance will reach an all-time high!

GLETN Net Manager

Looking for an experienced Net Manager to take over Jack Wiswasser's place in June for the Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net (GLETN). Jack, WA8IAL has been the net manager for the last ten years and desires to be replaced. The net meets nightly at 8:30 PM Eastern time (Pre-net at 8:00 PM) on 3.932 Mhz. If interested, please send an e-mail to Mark Shaw, K8ED at k8ed@arrl.net.

ARRL Signs MOU With FCC

The ARRL and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) have signed the Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) regarding the new Volunteer Monitor program. Now work can begin in implementing this new and enhanced enforcement program.

The memorandum establishes Volunteer Monitors as a replacement for Official Observers. Official Observers are encouraged to participate in the new program.

ARRL has contracted with former Atlantic Division Vice Director Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, a retired Federal Communications Commission (FCC) enforcement official, to oversee the ARRL's role in the development and implementation of the Volunteer Monitor program.

The new Volunteer Monitor program, which was approved by the ARRL Board in July 2018, is a formal agreement between the FCC and ARRL in which volunteers trained and vetted by the ARRL will monitor the airwaves and collect evidence that can be used to correct misconduct or recognize exemplary on-air operation. Cases of flagrant violations will be directed to the FCC by the ARRL for action in accordance with guidelines established by the FCC.

The intent of this program is to re-energize enforcement efforts in the Amateur Radio bands. It was proposed by the FCC in the wake of several FCC regional office closures and a reduction in field staff. "Under this program, the FCC will give enforcement priority to cases developed by the Volunteer Monitor program, without the delay of ARRL having to refer cases through the FCC online complaint process," Hollingsworth said.

Hollingsworth has committed to FCC and ARRL officials to ensure the adequacy of training for the new positions, to review the quality and utility of Volunteer Monitor submissions to the FCC for enforcement actions, and to advocate for rapid disposition of cases appropriately submitted to the FCC.

ARRL officials estimate that within 6 to 9 months the first Volunteer Monitors will be in place and ready to begin their duties.

Distracted Driving Laws In Michigan Coming Soon

The state intends to enact new distracted driving laws statewide, and as always, our liaisons Ed Hude and Larry Camp are hard at work insuring that amateur radio receives an exemption. Stay tuned as this may require each of us to send a note of concern.

Michigan ARRL Section Staff Travel Plans

May 17th , 2019 Hamvention (K8JK)

Come join us on our traffic and public service nets.

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 amateurs interested in filling our open Section Staff positions, and maybe even suggest some new and exciting ways to generate more interest in Michigan. I deeply appreciate the countless hours folks spend in volunteering their energy to make the hobby even better. Thanks to all the radio amateurs who continue to make the hobby great! Get Active, Get Involved, and Get On The Air!

73
Jim K8JK

MARC VITAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRING IN APRIL 2019

K6VWE	K8RI	K8VB	K8VFO	KD8MMH	N8GEM
	N8JBW	W8LSS	WD8AXR		

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

AC8RT	AD8BO	K0ACP	K2VMH	K6VWE	K8GTG
K8RI	K8VB	K8VFO	KB8RCR	KB8SOE	KB8UIH
KC8ITI	KC8MUD	KC8VOA	KD0JHX	KD8HID	KD8HIH
KD8MMH	KD8OLC	KD8QAM	KD8ULJ	KE8DON	KE8EOS
KE8KDP	N8CGP	N8ERF	N8GEM	N8JBW	N8NGT
N8WTQ	NU8U	NX8A	W8LSS	W8NYO	W8QN
WA8LQD	WA8Y	WB8FYR	WB8RCR	WB8WNF	WD8AX
		WD8BPT	WD8ODG		

TOTAL 44

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED IN APRIL 2019

KB8TBI 4/14	KC8IHB 4/19	KD8OLC 4/20	KD8OLC 4/20
WA8LQD 4/27	K8GTG 4/28	KA8EZT 4/28	N8JBW 4/30

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED IN APRIL 2019

AC8RT and Julie 4/26

Information is from data received 3/10/2019
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:
MARC, PO Box 1049, Midland, MI 486411049