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MARC Web Page – www.w8kea.org

Midland W8KEA Repeater — 147.000 MHz +, 103.5 Hz

NEXT CLUB MEETING — Thursday, February 1, 2024
Salvation Army Building, 220 S. Waldo Ave.

March 7th Meeting – Skywarn Training
Law Enforcement Center

Club Website – www.W8KEA.org

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View From the Top of the Tower (I stole this from KC9ITI)

You have not received one of these for quite a while, but this is a special occasion. You see, whenever we want to make changes to the club's bylaws, the current bylaws require that folks get notified of the meeting via the Club Newsletter. Unfortunately, due to the lack of a volunteer to produce a newsletter, we have not had one for a while. We want to make some changes to the bylaws, including allowing notification by email instead of Newsletter, so I had to produce a newsletter to accomplish this task.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a listing of the portions of the current bylaws we want to change and the proposed changes we want to make. There is nothing earth shattering or revolutionary in these proposals, they mostly reflect more accurately the way we do things, like we communicate by email, not by newsletter and we post stuff on our website.

According to the current bylaws, we have to notify you that we are going to propose some bylaw changes in the newsletter at the next meeting, February 1, 2024. At this meeting we will move to change the bylaws. If the motion passes by a vote of active members, we will republish them with any changes made on February 1, in the next Newsletter. Then at the next meeting, we will again move to amend the bylaws and vote on it. If it passes, the bylaws will become effective immediately and will be published on the W8KEA.org web site.

The current bylaws can be located on the www.w8kea.org web site.

Best Regards, Dennis, N8ERF

January 4th Meeting Minutes

The last meeting was the annual Christmas party and there were no formal minutes captured. We had a great turnout, great food and a lot of fun with the White Elephant gift exchange at the Red Oak Lounge in Sanford, MI. Thanks to Linda, KC8MUD and Jack, K8GTG for arranging the event!

MARC Meetings

Jack Robinson is in charge of presentation topics for our monthly meetings and has been doing a great job. If you have a topic on which you would like to present or would like to lead a discussion, please contact Jack at 989-492-4882 or K8GTG@arrl.net.

The February 1st meeting is Show and Tell. This is for everybody! Bring in a gadget or two to show-and-tell. Stump your fellow attendees with items that are perhaps vintage, classic, retro, and just not around any more. You likely have a couple of unique things in your closet or on your desk. Bring those electronic, non-electronic, radio related (or not) gadgets that would wow the folks. Explain what the item does and how it works. Some examples, but not limited to: portable 8-track tape player, vintage / early calculators, early CB / ham radios, circular/straight slide rules, early cameras (remember

the Kodak pocket 110 camera?), a 5 megabyte Winchester external hard drive, a Sputnik replica satellite, a Walkman cassette player, an original Game Boy player, a Geiger counter, a typewriter, a Compaq luggable computer (with DOS), Heathkit gadgets, rotary dial telephone, etc. You get the idea. We can't all go to each other's house, so let's bring some of our prized gadgets for show and tell ! Only rule: wives can not present their husband as her vintage item. :-D

The MARCH meeting will be Skywarn training at the Law Enforcement Center. It is always an interesting and informative presentation.

VE Examination Sessions

If you need to find a examination session please check the ARRL web site for scheduled exam sessions in Michigan at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml?State=MI> Or contact Dennis Klipa by email at KLIPADK@GMAIL.COM or telephone at (989) 948-5427.

We held a special VE Session on Sunday, January 21st, at the request of Midland County Search and Rescue. We had a total of 13 candidates with 9 of them walking out with a new license or license upgrade. The VEs who volunteered their Sunday time were, Mike - KD8MMH, Lee – KC8ITI, Pat – W8PMR, Jack – K8GTG and Dennis – N8ERF. Also thanks to Debbie – KB8J for being on standby in case she were needed.

Items of Interest

MARC Merchandise

MARC items can still be acquired. Check out the W8KEA.org web site for available equipment or contact Lee Hodges, KC8ITI

MARC Help Wanted

Newsletter Editor – We would like to reestablish the W8KEA newsletter but need a volunteer to be editor. The newsletter used to be where we documented all of the great things our volunteers did. It was a record of what we did and who did it. For some time now that record of our history and accomplishments has not been recorded. We have the minutes thanks to Linda, KC8ITI but they are snippets of some of our history, but not a satisfactory accounting, in my humble opinion, and they are not meant to be.

Swap Committee members – A big THANK YOU to Kieth Johnson, KB8SOE for volunteering to run the swap again this year. Please contact Kieth and tell him you want to volunteer to help him out. MARC SWAP will be June 15, 2024 at the Salvation Army Building.

Net Control Coordinator – You probably have noticed that we longer are hosting a Thursday evening net. We need someone to organize net control operators for the net. It is not a difficult or time consuming task. Stand up, take the challenge.

Proposed MARC Bylaw Amendments

2024 Proposed Changes to the Midland Amateur Radio Club By-Laws

Proposed by: Dennis Klipa, James Hitt, Terry Bruner

Highlighted items in the [Current] version will be removed and highlighted sections in the [Proposed] will be added.

Article IV.1 [Current]

1. Nominations and Elections for the four (4) elective offices shall take place each September. Elections shall take place by secret ballot. Special elections may be held to replace officer(s) with prior notification to the membership as provided for in these By-Laws. Persons nominated must give their approval.

Article IV.1 [Proposed]

1. Nominations and Elections for the four (4) elective offices shall take place each September. Elections shall take place by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate for the office where upon the candidate may be approved by a motion to approve by acclamation. Special elections may be held to replace officer(s) with prior notification to the membership as provided for in these By-Laws. Persons nominated must give their approval.

Article IV.2 [Original]

2. The voting on an amendment to these By-Laws may be conducted only if the amendment has been fully discussed at a previous meeting, authorized by a motion passed on the floor, and published in the Club Newsletter preceding the meeting on which it is to be voted upon. A new amendment shall become effective upon passing.

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2. The voting on an amendment to these By-Laws may be conducted only if the amendment has been fully discussed at a previous meeting, authorized by a motion passed on the floor, and published on the Club

Website preceding the meeting on which it is to be voted upon. A new amendment shall become effective upon passing.

Article IV.3 [Original]

3. All members in good standing shall be notified **electronically (or by mail)** of all special and regular meetings and their nature not less than five (5) days nor more than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which there is conducted a regular election; a special election for replacement or removal of officer(s); or the voting on an amendment to these By-Laws.

Article IV.3 [Proposed]

3. All members in good standing shall be notified by **email or by mail and by publication of such notification on the Club Website** of all special and regular meetings and their nature not less than five (5) days nor more than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which there is conducted a regular election; a special election for replacement or removal of officer(s); or the voting on an amendment to these By-Laws.

Article V.6 [Current]

6. The Treasurer shall handle all money and keep a record of all money transactions; maintain records of Club membership, receive dues; file annual tax report (e.g. form 990-N) after the annual business meeting in September; and pay out funds only **on the order of this organization, the Midland High School Advisory Board as prescribed in Article XII, or the President as prescribed in Article V(3).**

Article V.6 [Proposed]

6. The Treasurer shall handle all money and keep a record of all money transactions; maintain records of Club membership, receive dues; file annual tax report (e.g. form 990-N) after the annual business meeting in September; and pay out funds only **upon approval of 1) a simple majority of the members in good standing present at a regular or special meeting of the organization , 2) the Midland High School Advisory Board as prescribed in Article XII, or 3) the President as prescribed in Article V(3).**

Article VI.1 [Current]

1. Membership dues shall be \$20.00 per year for individual membership. A family membership may be acquired for an additional \$5.00 per year. All family members of MARC Life Memberships are eligible for membership for \$5.00 per year. A family membership is limited to those residing at the same mailing address. The family shall have the option of having one copy of the newsletter mailed to their address or receive an e-mail providing a link to the Internet newsletter copy as directed by the membership.

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Article IX.1 [Current]

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Resident Agent, Club Trustees, Life Members and Club Station (W8KEA) Trustee.

Article IX.1 [Proposed]

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Resident Agent, Club Trustees, Life Members, Club Station (W8KEA) Trustee, and School Club Advisory Board Members.

Article IX.2 [Current]

2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice per calendar year and discuss the general status of this organization; reorganize committees where necessary; provide guidance for the general membership as a whole; suggest plans for future improvements of the status of Amateur Radio in the eyes of the General Public. All Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the General Membership. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting should be published in the next Newsletter. The meeting schedule of the Executive Committee is to be at least once during the first three months following elections and at least once during the last three months prior to the September elections.

Article IX.2 [Proposed]

2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the discretion of the President. Any member of the Executive Committee may request that the President schedule a meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet and discuss the general status of this organization; reorganize committees where necessary; provide guidance for the general membership as a whole; suggest plans for future improvements of the status of Amateur Radio in the eyes of the General Public. All Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the General Membership. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting should be published on the Club Website within thirty days of the meeting.

Revised March 7, 2024 Articles IV, V, VI and IX.

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By-Laws of the Midland Amateur Radio Club, Inc. as amended 03/07/2024

Application for MARC Membership

If you desire to join the **Midland Amateur Radio Club**, the dues are **\$20** per year and **\$5** for additional family members. Membership includes Autopatch Privileges and a *Monthly Newsletter*. Please supply the following Information:

Name: _____ Call: _____ License: N T T+ G A E
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____
Birthdate (mmddyy) _____ Anniversary _____ Spouse _____
Telephone-Home _____ Work _____
Are you an ARRL Member? Yes No
If not an ARES member, do you want an application? Yes No

Please send to MARC, P.O. Box 1049, Midland MI 48641

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