

MARC MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Midland W8KEA Repeater — 147.000 MHz +, 103.5 Hz

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Salvation Army Building - 330 S Waldo Ave at 7:30 pm on May 7th, 2026.

Spring! Warmer temperatures and longer days bring new opportunities to enjoy the hobby. It's a great season to get antennas back up, take on outdoor projects, and refresh your setup after winter. Whether you're experimenting with portable operations, joining local nets, or getting ready for field events, there's always something exciting happening on the airwaves as everything comes back to life.



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View From the Top of the Tower

This last month was BUSY!!

The May meeting of MARC will be at the Salvation Army Building on 330 S Waldo Ave at 7:30 pm on May 7, 2026. This month we will have two presentations! Al Montoye, W8RBF, will share with us his experiences with Winter High Altitude Activations in Utah! I am sure your attention will be frozen on what he has to share! Lee Hodges, KC8ITI, will be doing a short presentation on Antenna Cross Polarization!



Planning for Field Day, June 26th and 27th, 2026, is underway. Ric, KD0RMK, has been under the weather lately, so Art, K0ACP, and Mitchell, W8DOD, have taken over planning and coordination of Field Day. I am sure we will hear more about that at the May meeting, and information will be posted on Discord. Contact Ric for access to Discord. We are looking for volunteers to help get everything organized. It is going to be a fun time. It is also going to be a learning experience as we re-engage in the Field Day experience, so I ask for mercy as we learn.

The Midland Swap is coming up on June 20th. Planning is well underway for that event thanks to Keith, KB8SOE, and Lee, KC8ITI.

What happened since the last newsletter: We had a VE Session on April 18th, with all 6 applicants being successful. Congratulations to all, including one of our students, and thanks to the volunteer examiners! See the VE article in this newsletter. Art led a POTA activation near Edenville, the results of which can be found in this newsletter as well. The Cadillac Swap happened on May 2nd, about which Lee will probably give us an update at the May meeting. And the big event (for me, anyway) was the High-Altitude Balloon launch with the Middle School Electronics Club. Wow, what a day filled with fun, excitement, technology, suspense, brief disappointment, followed by euphoria, and a celebration. See the article in this newsletter for more details and the surprise ending.

Progress continues to be made on the W8KEA repeater, about which John will have an update at the May meeting. I am hoping we will get an update on the new CMEN repeater on the Bullock Creek tower, whose frequency will be 147.22 MHz.

I look forward to seeing you at the Saturday morning breakfasts at Bob Evans (8:00 am), on the Thursday night net (7:30 pm), and the Sunday night 10M (28.380 MHz) net at 7:00 pm.

Best Regards,
Dennis, N8ERF
MARC President

School Clubs Report

We are nearing the end of another year of successful school electronics clubs. As always, it has been an interesting and fun experience. One set of students is nearing the completion of their multiband WSPR transceiver. We have completed another successful balloon launch. We have one new ham radio operator and a few more expressing the desire to get their licenses. We have new equipment to make the experience for everyone more enjoyable. A big highlight is that our Vice President, Kanushi, KE8RNA, has completed her project of building a wireless fencing scoring system. She should be giving us a demonstration and presentation at the June meeting. I am looking forward to that!

2026 High Altitude Balloon Flight

Every year, as we approach the balloon launch, I get a bit of a knot in my stomach, thinking about all of the things that must happen to make this go right and trying to anticipate what might go wrong and what can be done to mitigate those things. But then I think about all the talented, well-experienced friends who have taken on various technology responsibilities, and I relax knowing that they have their responsibilities under control, and I only need to worry about my technology areas and overall planning. I have been thinking about the flight since last fall, when we started up the new school year.

About five weeks ago, we introduced the students to the balloon flight and the different technology teams. They made their choices, and we started training them on what needed to be done. The teams included the Payload team led by Will, K8VFO; the Launch Vehicle team led by Brian Brown, retired math teacher; the Flight Prediction Team led by Jackie, N8NNA, who also served as the staging manager; the Radio Direction Finding (RDF) team led by Tim Kipfmiller, faculty sponsor; the APRS team led by Dennis, N8ERF; and the photography team led by Carman Kessler, retired teacher, and Bryan Haskins, K8VB. One student even designed a T-shirt for everyone to commemorate the flight experience.

The morning of May 2nd arrived with clear blue skies, low winds, and very cool temperatures. Everyone arrived at Northeast Middle School by 7:30 am for the pre-flight briefing. The predictions were finalized. The payload had been assembled except for a few last-minute additions. The RDF and APRS teams had their equipment ready to go, and the Launch Vehicle team finally learned how much helium to add to the balloon and were ready to assemble the components of the launch vehicle. After a Safety Moment, the post-flight celebration location, the command center location, the landing zone, and the launch site were announced. For the first time since we started doing balloon flights, the launch was going to happen at Northeast Middle School. That was great news for the launch team, except for the fact that instead of driving for an hour or two to the launch site, they had to sit around for an hour waiting to start filling the balloon—and they complained about it! Well, only in jest.

The recovery team headed to Sebewaing and the parking lot of the Lamplighter restaurant, where we set up the W8KEA command and communications trailer, which was staffed by Jack, K8GTG, and Al, W8RBF, as net control and assistant net control. Keith, KB8SOE, and Jason, WD8VTO, with Midland County Search and Rescue and MARC, offered to plot the RDF bearings as they were reported into net control. We would later have our celebratory lunch at the

Lampighter for the third year in a row. The launch went smoothly except for a small delay to reset one of the APRS transmitters. Shortly after liftoff, the APRS trackers showed movement on APRS.fi. Shortly after that, the APRS team, located in Sebewaing, was picking up the transmissions directly as the balloon gained altitude. At about the same time, the RDF teams, with Art, K0ACP, and Mitchell, W8DOD, acting as communicators, started to pick up signals from the 2M FM beacon on the national Fox Hunting frequency of 146.565 MHz at their assigned observation locations.

Liftoff occurred at approximately 10:23 am with an expected landing at about 12:15 pm. Both APRS transmitters were following the predicted path, but at 16 minutes into the flight, N8NNA-11 stopped transmitting at 20,000 ft. This is a problem we have experienced on a few previous flights, but thought we had resolved. Apparently, we have more to learn. According to the W8MHS-11 APRS transmitter, the balloon reached a peak altitude at 11:25 am with the burst of the balloon at about 80,000 ft, and began its descent just before floating out over the waters of Saginaw Bay. The W8MHS-11 APRS transmitter continued to transmit position updates until 11:38 am at an altitude of 71,000 ft, descending toward the landing zone but still well out over Saginaw Bay. So now we have lost both of our APRS trackers and would have to rely on the RDF folks. Shortly after noon, the RDF folks reported that they had both lost the 2M FM beacon. We were expecting a 12:15 landing, so this was a bit earlier than planned. When we checked with Keith and Jason, it turned out that the RDF bearings indicated that the balloon was back in Bay City. The RDF teams had done a stellar job during training and practice sessions, so we will need to figure out what went wrong in the field.

So now what? All our technology had come up empty. The APRS team and I had been hanging out near where we expected the balloon to land based on the prediction. We were hoping that the RDF bearings would give us a place to start the search for the 2M beacon. Without that, we needed to regroup and come up with a new search plan. I had just requested net control to have everyone return to the command center in Sebewaing and started driving north when I got a phone call. The caller said, "Is this Dr. Klipa?" I said yes, and he said, "You can come by and pick up your package."

First of all, I was gobsmacked and then elated. We got the man's address and headed his way. He was only 3.5 miles west of the predicted landing spot. The payload, parachute, and what was left of the balloon landed 100 ft from his barn at 12:00 noon, and his nephew had spotted it shortly after it landed. They went out into the field and found the placard that the Payload Team put on the side of the payload with our contact information. We drove over and met with Mr. Brent Harrington, the farmer who owns the property, and collected the payload.

But it gets better. On November 3, 2015, the first year of the Northeast club, the high school club flew a balloon from Big Rapids on a very windy day. We did not have launch and recovery teams for that flight, so it took us three hours to pack up and drive from Big Rapids to the landing zone. The single APRS transmitter on that flight also failed due to an antenna problem. Unfortunately, by the time we got to the landing area, the alkaline 9V battery on the 2M FM beacon had died. We should have used a lithium 9V battery. We could not find the payload and went home empty-handed and disappointed. Fast forward five months to April 12, 2016, when I got a phone call from a farmer who had found our lost payload from the previous November in his field. I

drove over that very afternoon to pick up our payload with everything intact, including the GoPro camera. That was the first time I got to meet Mr. Brent Harrington.

We took the recovered balloon back to Sebewaing and joined the celebration lunch already in progress. We are now working on the data analysis and seeing what we can do to improve the APRS and RDF reliability.

What is the chance of landing in the same field 10 years apart?

Dennis, N8ERF
MHSARC Advisory Board Chair

Kanushi Desai, KE8RNA, Recipient of 2026 YLRL Scholarship

Congratulations to Kanushi, KE8RNA, for earning one of the two 2026 the Young Ladies Radio League scholarships of \$2,500. Kanushi will be attending Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, this fall and will be pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. For the last six years, Kanushi has been a delightful addition to the local amateur radio community. She is our newsletter editor and is currently serving as our vice president. She is also the Section Youth Coordinator for the Michigan Section. She has been doing an excellent job of arranging for engaging programs at our monthly meetings. She has been an active member of the school electronics clubs for seven years, has participated in several public service events, and got to experience the Dayton Hamvention last year. Kanushi intends to continue as our newsletter editor. Yeah!!!

Johns Hopkins does not yet have a collegiate amateur radio club on campus, but Kanushi has already checked out the nearby local ham radio club and has been invited to join them.

Kanushi has been a delight to know and will be missed. But I know she will be successful in whatever career path she chooses to pursue. Please congratulate Kanushi when you see her and wish her well.

- Dennis Klipa, N8ERF

April 18, 2026 VE Examination Session

Six applicants tested for new or upgraded licenses at our VE Session on April 18th at the Salvation Army Building. All six of the candidates were successful. Locally, Greg, KE8AZN, upgraded to Amateur Extra Class. Congratulations, Greg! We have two new Technician Class licensees: (Calton) Bruce Spivey, KF8GJG, and Abigail Bond, KF8GKG. I want to ask Jack, K8GTG, what the likelihood of those call signs would be! Abigail is a student in our high school electronics club.

I want to thank the following Volunteer Examiners for their participation: Lee, KC8ITI; Art, K0ACP; Michael, KD8MMH; Jack, K8GTG; and Fred, KE8QCO.

- Dennis, N8ERF
ARRL VE Liaison



From the Midland County EC...

Ric Sauer KD0RMK

We need to be prepared to support the community in various scenarios. This can only be accomplished successfully if we have clearly defined capabilities and common operational knowledge. I'm still looking for an individual to prepare and present formal training sessions as they relate to emergency services and community support. Much of the training is available on the ARRL website. Self-training is not the same as a group session with collaboration among the attendees. I see this as a first step to being better prepared. This is an opportunity for the team to share knowledge and be prepared to support the community.

Communication Options

Digital communication is key in many situations. I'm looking for interest from the group to see if they are interested in supporting a digital net. I have received questions about having a digital net from a couple of people, and feel that this is a viable option that I will support in achieving as a team goal. Please send questions or comments to KD0RMK@gmail.com.

[Michigan Section Digital Radio Group](#)

This is a Michigan Section organization promoted to digital radio. Whether packet, JNOS, VARA-FM, APRS, DMR, Fusion, IRLP, AllStar, D-STAR, P25, microwave linking, or other, this is the place to congregate and exchange ideas. Here are a small sample of groups:

[DRG-AMPRNet](#)

All TCP/IP networking for amateur radio.

[DRG-DigitalVoice](#)

List for all digital voice modes group.

[DRG-Winlink](#)

For discussion of Winlink Global Radio Email group.

Anyone that wishes to assist in promoting any of these groups, please let me know.
KD0RMK@gmail.com / Ric Sauer

Public Service

Any assistance from the group is truly appreciated. We are looking for volunteers to support amateur radio visibility at public events, community activities, training sessions, and MARC events. This is more than just volunteering—it's an opportunity to share the experiences and expertise of amateur radio operators. It's also a chance to spark interest among younger people and demonstrate how we communicate effectively when the need arises.

It doesn't matter how much experience you have. If you want to help perpetuate amateur radio, learn more about this fascinating hobby, or teach others, this is the place to be. Amateur radio offers the opportunity to learn something new all the time.

Contact Ric Sauer at KD0RMK@gmail.com or send a message on Discord to learn more about these activities or to volunteer. Don't be bashful—you may get a call for assistance anyway.

10 Meter Net

This net has been running between 10 and 15 minutes on Sunday evening at 7:00 pm local time, on a frequency of 28.38 MHz USB. This net is also listed on Discord. Feel free to join us on Sunday evenings on 10 meters for a couple of quick rounds of information sharing.

Net Control Training

We are looking for someone with formal net control training to build and provide a training session or two for this group. If you are interested in helping this effort, please contact Ric Sauer at kd0rmk@gmail.com

DISCORD

MARC has a DISCORD server. Discord is a free communication platform for voice, video and text chat that was originally built for gamers but is now used by many different communities. Users can join or create “servers,” which are communities centered around specific topics, like gaming, hobbies, amateur radio, or friend groups. Within a server, users can chat in real-time and organize themselves into different channels for specific conversations.

As previously stated, the service is free; we have augmented capabilities that occur at a fee. We also have an API that automatically posts information from the National Weather Service on the SKYWARN® channel of our Discord site. This posting typically occurs within 10 minutes of notice from the NWS.

As the EC, I would like to use this platform for ARES training and links to emergency communications services. We can have scheduled or impromptu text, voice, and video for as few as two people and many more than the size of our current organization. (DISCORD LINK IN MARC ITEMS OF INTEREST SECTION)

Midland County RO Report...

April has been a busy month! Lisa Hall, Director of Midland County 911 Dispatch, has announced she will retire effective 04-17-2026. She has been a great partner to MARC and the ARES group, and she will be missed by all. Many radio-related surplus items have been donated to MARC over the years, with Lisa making it happen. She is being replaced by Troy Irving, an experienced dispatcher who has been with Midland for quite a few years and will be taking Lisa's place. Best wishes to Lisa in retirement, and good luck to Troy (we mean that in a good way) in his new Director role.

Thanks to the generous donation by the club, CMEN will begin installation in Midland County. This will likely take a couple of months to purchase and install the equipment at a number of locations, and we'll keep you aware via this newsletter and the Discord forum. The Michigan Area Repeater Council has approved the frequency for CMEN Midland to be 147.220 MHz with a positive offset (147.820 MHz) and a PL tone of 131.8 kHz. The main repeater will be installed at the 400' Bullock Creek tower, with remotes installed at Edenville, Coleman, Shepherd, and a fourth remote TBD. Under normal circumstances, the CMEN Midland repeater will be linked with the other CMEN repeaters throughout the state. A few club members (TBD) will be given the ability to unlink the CMEN Midland repeater to accommodate local events as needed. This new repeater will be focused primarily on public safety/public service events, while the MARC Midland repeater (147.000) will continue to serve the ham community with ragchew and hobby needs of the hams in the area. Look for expanded articles describing CMEN Midland in future newsletters and club presentations.

Midland County has launched a project to replace the outdoor sirens throughout the county. These current sirens are past their useful life and are rather basic in functionality. Newer sirens have the ability to report back to Central Dispatch if they are properly alerted. In addition, it will be easier to only sound sirens in a geographic area if it is not necessary to alert the entire county for an event that may be limited in location. This project should take place in the coming months, and more details will be available soon.

-Jack Robinson, K8GTG

April 2nd MARC Meeting Minutes...

The meeting was brought to order by Dennis, N8ERF, at 7:35 pm with 25 members and guests present. Introductions were made, and a sign-in sheet was sent around.

Treasurer's Report – John, W8QN – There has been a lot of activity over the last two months, including the sale of club items, paying bills, and receiving grant money. Thank you to those members who have renewed their dues.

Motion – Dennis, N8ERF – A motion on the floor was made by Dennis, N8ERF, to approve March's minutes. Seconded by Lee, KC8ITI. Passed.

E/C Report – Ric, KD0RMK – Ric's report included a test of the Midland County siren system.

School Club – Dennis, N8ERF – The clubs are doing well. Dennis spent grant money on needed tools, supplies, and soldering stations for the students to use. He also purchased an oscilloscope for the club. Training for the balloon launch that takes place on May 2nd (weather permitting) has begun.

Saginaw Club – Mike, KD8MMH – Their club meetings are on Friday night at the Harry Brown Airport.

QSO Party – Dennis, N8ERF – Don't forget the QSO Party on April 18th, and there will also be exams on April 18th.

Repeater Update – John, W8QN – Adjustments to the repeaters are being made. We can use the West Midland Community Center site for the remainder of the year, and then it will be torn

down. The repeater equipment there will have to be relocated. Equipment has been purchased, and remote receivers should be usable by the first of May.

Request – Mitchell, W8DOD – Mitchell requested \$288.00 for repeater site equipment. After a short discussion, the request was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion – Art, K0ACP – Art made a motion to allocate \$150.00 for pavilion rental at a POTA event that goes from noon until 6:00 pm. Mitchell, W8DOD, seconded. Discussion followed. Passed.

Motion – Paul, K8PLM – Paul made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the CMEN group. Art, K0ACP, seconded it. Much discussion followed.

Discussion – Jeff, KB8SWR (CMEN Representative), Pat, W8PMR, Dave, N8LBF, Wendy, K8WSR, Mike, KD8MMH, Dave, N4DBR, Jack, K8GTG, Art, K0ACP, Paul, K8PLM, Larry, N8CGP, Dennis, N8ERF, Ric, KD0RMK, John, W8QN, and Kevin, W8QOI all voiced their opinions, concerns, and comments.

Amendment to the Motion – John, W8QN, made an amendment to the original motion asking the CMEN group to add an agreement that they would give our group knowledge on how to implement the voting system John has. Doug, N8NTN, seconded the motion. Dennis, N8ERF, brought the amendment up for a vote, and the amendment was voted down.

Vote – Paul, K8PLM, made a motion to give \$5,000 to the CMEN group. Art, K0ACP, seconded the motion. The members voted by paper ballot, and the motion passed 17 to 7.

Presentation – Via Zoom, Anthony Luscre gave an excellent PowerPoint talk all about the finer details of a successful ARRL-sanctioned Field Day. Anthony's talk included pointers on setup and teardown, what equipment to use, locations, new rules, logging techniques, and just plain having stress-free fun. Thank you to Kanushi for her hard work in finding these knowledgeable speakers.

Side Note – Fred (CMEN Group) will supply John with the information he requested in his amendment.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda, KC8MUD
MARC Secretary

Midland Amateur Radio Club



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Saturday June 20th 2026

Set-up 6:30 AM

Show time 8AM – Noon???

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Phone (989) 948-5427 or
email n8erf@arrl.net
Preregistration required

Amateur Radio Newslines Highlights – Report 2531

May 1st, 2026 (<https://www.arnewslines.org/>)

The Amateur Radio Newslines Report 2531 covered a wide range of important developments in the amateur radio community. A major highlight was the recognition of two DXpeditions—the KP5/NP3VI Desecheo operation and the PJ6Y Youth DXpedition to Saba Island—by the Northern California DX Foundation with the DXcellence Award. These activations stood out for their technical innovation, particularly the use of remote operations. The KP5 operation was especially notable as a fully solar-powered, 100% remote DXpedition, demonstrating how advanced planning and technology can minimize environmental impact while maintaining high performance.

The report also emphasized the importance of education and outreach, featuring a program in Karachi, Pakistan, where amateur radio operators introduced 45–50 university students to both the history and practical applications of radio communication. Students participated in hands-on demonstrations using repeaters and digital modes like DMR, learning how amateur radio can play a critical role in emergency communication. The strong response from students has led to plans for future field activities, highlighting continued growth and interest among younger generations.

In international news, the amateur radio community marked the passing of Ennio Tonon, IØFHZ, a highly respected Italian operator and leader who contributed extensively to VHF, UHF, and SHF operations and helped mentor generations of operators. His leadership within Italy's ARI organization left a lasting legacy.

Technological advancement was another key theme, with the Hamlib project receiving the 2026 Amateur Radio Software Award. Hamlib has been a critical tool for over 25 years, enabling communication between radios and software applications such as WSJT-X and Fldigi. The report also included updates from AMSAT, highlighting ongoing CubeSat missions like GOLF-TEE, which aim to expand amateur radio capabilities in space through improved transponders and high-speed downlinks.

Public service and community engagement were also featured prominently. In Canada, special event stations VB3COPS and VB3EMS will operate throughout May to honor police and emergency medical personnel while promoting safety awareness. Meanwhile, opportunities for youth involvement continue to grow, including nominations for the Young Ham of the Year award and increased participation of young operators in major DXpeditions and leadership roles.

Finally, the report highlighted ongoing global activity in amateur radio, including multiple DX operations and special event stations. Japan is preparing a year-long on-air celebration using special callsigns to mark the 70th anniversary of its Antarctic research program, further demonstrating the global reach and continued relevance of amateur radio in science, communication, and community building.

MARC Items of Interest

!! DISCORD !!

Please join the members who have already become part of the server to collaborate with others who have Amateur Radio as part of their passion. <https://discord.gg/CEX7kn6ev6>

MARC Merchandise

Did you know that McCreadie Sales has the artwork for MARC? They can put our logo on shirts, jackets, hats, and more. Don't just represent our club, represent it in style. You can go to mccreadiesales.com to place an order with the MARC logo. Contact McCreadie Sales Printwear & Promotion at (989) 631-7650 or visit the store at 601 S Saginaw Rd, Midland, MI 48640!

MARC Help Wanted!

Club Quartermaster - We have been looking for someone to take over for Lee (KC8ITI). This is a great opportunity!

Field Day Committee - We are looking for someone to fill this open position! Contact Dennis Klipa N8ERF at n8erf@arrl.net for more information :)

Newsletter Deadline

Contact KE8RNA at ke8rna@arrl.net if you would like to submit anything— articles, images, events, ideas, etc. – to the newsletter. The deadline for items for inclusion in the newsletter is the last Thursday of the month!

MARC Meetings

Kanushi Desai is in charge of presentation topics for our monthly meetings. If you have a topic on which you would like to present or would like to lead a discussion, please contact her at ke8rna@arrl.net. To volunteer for **net control**, contact Ric Sauer KD0RMK at kd0rmk@arrl.net

VE Examination Sessions

If you need to find an examination session, please check the ARRL website for scheduled exam sessions in Michigan at: [Http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml?State=MI](http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml?State=MI)
Or contact Dennis Klipa by email at N8ERF@arrl.net or call at (989) 948-5427.

Global Ham Radio News

If you're interested in staying up to date on amateur radio news beyond our local activities, be sure to check out Ham Weekly at <https://daily.hamweekly.com/>. It's a convenient way to keep a pulse on what's happening in the broader amateur radio world.

MARC VITAL STATISTICS

Memberships Expiring in May 2026

K8PLM KF8DSP W8DOD

Memberships Expiring in June 2026

K6VWE KE8ZKS KF8BYT N8GEM

Current Active Club Membership

KC8ITI* N8CGP* N8ERF* W8QN* K8VFO* KC8MUD* KB8SOE K0ACP KE8DON
K8GTG N8LBF N8GEM K6VWE KE8ZKS KF8BYT W8PMR KB8PGW W8PMR K8PLM
KF8DSP AB8PS W8DOD K8VB KF8DSK N8NTN KE8MND KC8YVF KD0RMK AC8QF
WB8WNF KD8MMH KE8RNA N8NNA, W8QOI K8WSR KF8FGO W8RBF N4DBR,
KF8GJG,

*Life Member

Memberships Recently Expired

K8VB KE8MND WD8VTO

New Memberships

Renewed Memberships

N8LBF

Birthdays Celebrated in May 2026 🎂

KC8MUD KF8FGO KE8DON

Birthdays Celebrated in June 2026 🎂

KD8MMH

Information based on data received May 3rd, 2026

About the Midland Amateur Radio Club

W8KEA is the Amateur Radio call sign assigned to the Midland Amateur Radio Club (MARC) by the Federal Communications Commission. MARC, established in 1948, holds monthly meetings of its members at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of every month at the Salvation Army Building located at 220 S Waldo Ave, Midland, Michigan. MARC is dedicated to the support of the Amateur Radio community in the Midland area, to providing public service and emergency communications to the community, and to educating the public in all aspects of Amateur Radio. MARC provides communications support for community events such as the annual Dow Run and the MS Walk on a completely voluntary basis. MARC also works closely with the Midland County Department of Emergency Services, the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army to provide voluntary emergency communications support in times of emergency, disaster, or severe weather events. MARC offers classes to anyone interested in earning an Amateur Radio License. The club repeater, W8KEA, operates on a frequency of 147.0000 MHz with a positive offset. The PL tone is 103.5. MARC also offers examination sessions so you can take your FCC examination here in Midland. MARC advisors lead the Electronics and Wireless Communications Clubs at Northeast Middle School and Midland High School.

Interested in knowing more about Amateur Radio? Come on down to our next meeting. Everyone is welcome, and we would be happy to get to know you.

MARC is a 501(c)(3) organization. The club's articles of incorporation and bylaws are available for review.

You can learn about amateur radio by visiting the American Radio Relay League website.



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

Name _____ Call: _____ N T G A E _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Birthdate (mmddy) _____ Anniversary _____

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

⬛ **!!STOP RIGHT THERE!!** ⬛

This is the end... for now. I hope you enjoyed this edition!

Be Radio Active! 73!

