



FEEDBACK



July 2018

We are in need an editor for the **FEEDBACK** newsletter beginning this September. If you're able and interested, please contact **W8AEZ** or **W8KDB**.

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Field Day 2018



(Visible, from the left: Kathy, Bev KA8CXs, Kyle W8KDB, Jay N8ARR, Don W8RVT and Smokey N5MKY take a break to grab a bite to eat)

Despite a rainy start which temporarily slowed down setting up Friday afternoon, everything was ready for operations to commence on Saturday afternoon. Other than the usual break in the action during the overnight period (even HAMS need their rest!), there was a fairly steady stream of operators.



Kyle W8KDB logs a contact on 20m.



Tom WR8G looking for activity on 10m.

We would like to recognize all who came out to Fort Custer to assist with setting up, running stations, and tearing down at the end of operations.

Special thanks go out to Smokey N5MKY for helping secure our location at Fort Custer; Terry N8LN, Kyle W8KDB, and Tom KE8GDN for transporting trailers, Jay N8ARR and Kathy for running the "commissary" and picking up Saturday's dinner from OT's Up-N-Smoke BBQ; Bev KA8CXs for the delicious brownies; Tom WR8G for setting up the logging computers; and Kyle W8KDB for use of his generator.

RadioShack "Express Stores" to Open in

Upcoming Radio Contests

Looking for a little action on the airwaves? You might want to check out these upcoming contests!

Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge

– CW, Ph, Dig

7/21/2018

wia.org.au/members/contests

Jakarta DX Contest 40m – Ph

7/21/2018

jakartadxcontest.com

Feld Hell Sprint – Dig

7/21/2018

sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub

North American QSO Party, RTTY –

Dig

7/21-7/22/2018

www.ncjweb.com

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest – CW,

Ph, Dig

7/21 – 7/22/2018

<http://www.cqww-vhf.com>

CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush - CW

7/22/2018

www.coloradoqrclub.org

NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest –

CW, Ph, Dig

8/02/2018

www.nrau.net

10-10 International Summer Contest,

SSB - Ph

8/04/2018

www.ten-ten.org

European HF Championship- CW, Ph

8/04/2018

<http://lea.hamradio.si/scc/>

ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance

Contest - CW, Ph, Dig

8/04 – 8/05/2018

www.arrl.org/222-mhz-and-up-distance-contest

*A more thorough listing of upcoming Contests can be found on the ARRL's web page [ContestCalendar](http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar), <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

HobbyTown USA Locations

07/18/2018

According to a July 13 [article](#) in the *New York Post*, [RadioShack](#) is planning to open “express stores” within [HobbyTown USA](#) locations. The nearly century-old, twice-bankrupt retailer has signed a deal with HobbyTown USA to put a mini-RadioShack outlet in some 50 HobbyTown USA stores across the country that would sell items that might appeal to radio amateurs and experimenters. Those locations will be identified with RadioShack signage. HobbyTown markets remote-controlled cars and boats as well as drones and other hobby-related merchandise.

RadioShack shuttered all of its company-owned retail outlets. Its last unsuccessful effort to bail itself out of debt involved a deal with cellular provider Sprint. HobbyTown USA has 140 retail outlets, and, according to the *Post* article, RadioShack eventually could carve out a presence — on the order of 500 square feet — in all of them. HobbyTown USA stores in Parker, Colorado, and Mooresville, North Carolina, will be among the first to host RadioShack express stores.

“HobbyTown is purchasing the RadioShack merchandise and offering it to its hobbyist customers who need the tools, wires, and other accessories that RadioShack makes,” the *Post* article said. The article quoted Steve Moroneso, chief executive of General Wireless Operations Inc. — an affiliate of hedge fund Standard General which acquired RadioShack in 2015 — as saying that RadioShack’s strategy now is not to own brick-and-mortar stores. RadioShack came out of bankruptcy in January with 400 dealers, an online retail presence, and a distribution center. General Wireless acquired the 1,743 retail outlets that survived RadioShack’s 2015 bankruptcy.

Moroneso also told the *Post* that there is “plenty of interest from dealers who want to open a full-line Radio Shack.”

Dating its founding to 1921, RadioShack once offered a broad array of name-brand Amateur Radio equipment — even beams and towers — along with home entertainment gear and discrete components, including transistors, resistors, and capacitors. Its iconic 1960s-era catalog ran to more than 300 pages. In later years, it sold a fairly popular 2-meter handheld transceiver for a time, as well as Citizens Band equipment, 10-meter single banders, and shortwave receivers. RadioShack’s retail website remains open, marketing many of the same items once available in its retail outlets.

Article courtesy of <http://www.arrl.org/news/radioshack-express-stores-to-open-in-hobbytown-usa-locations>

Meeting Minutes 06/21/2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Officers present – Kyle W8KDB, Steph W8AEZ, Jay N8ARR, Jan W8JKG.

19 members in attendance total.

Secretary's report was accepted.
Treasurer's report was not available; deferred to next meeting.

Committee reports

HAMFEST 2019 – A chairperson is needed! Tickets will be increased to \$7 to help defer advertising costs, and to bring in to line with other hamfests. Tom agreed to be chair if someone would volunteer to be co-chair. Smokey volunteered. The Ten-Tec receiver has been acquired from Linda Holden and is in Jay's possession at this time. Some of the boxes have that musty smell so he is looking to find better for the final packaging.

SKYWARN – ARES Connect is now out of Beta testing. CERT members were called out to dispense water due to magnesium contamination in the local water supply. Next CERT meeting will be in July. Bret is trying to schedule another HIAD for October. The World's Longest Breakfast Table was shortened due to heavy rain. Looks like BC won't have the record this year.

VE Report – Next session will be on 6/28. Expecting at least 5 Tech and 2 upgrade attempts.

Field Day – Trailer pickup at Jay's at 3:00. Setup at 3:30, weather permitting. Grass should be mowed by the time we get there. We will operate at full power this year to see how it goes. Food has all been arranged and computers are all programmed and ready.
Diane KD8WXA has offered a 1500 watt generator to the club!

Meeting Minutes 06/21/2018 (continued)

Field Day – (continued)

The board will discuss at the next club meeting (Note: The July board meeting was cancelled because of the 4th of July holiday.) Will have to be brought up at the August board meeting. Question is where it should be stored, if accepted.

Repeater – Don has asked that the club approve the purchase of two newer computers for the operation at the repeater (one active, one backup). The board members approved expending up to \$300, expecting that they can be purchased for \$100 each plus shipping.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Jarrett N8ARR, Secretary

Board Meeting 07/03/2018

The July board meeting was cancelled because of the 4th of July holiday.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th.

Upcoming Hamfests & Conventions

07/28/2018

Central Michigan ARC Hamfest
Location: Lansing, MI
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
Website:
<http://www.centralmiarc.com/outdoorhamfest.php>

08/11/2018

Angola Hamfest
Location: Angola, IN
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY FEEDBACK

S.M.A.R.S. W8DF Club Repeaters

2m Repeater 146.66MHz, -600KHz offset, CTCSS 94.8Hz

2m DStar 146.79 MHz, -600 KHz offset

*1.25m Repeater 224.240 MHz, -1.6 MHz offset

APRS Digipeater/igate, 144.39 MHz

*70cm Repeater 443.950 MHz, +5 MHz offset, CTCSS 94.8 Hz

70cm DStar Repeater 442.7625 MHz, +5 MHz offset

***Note:** 70cm & 1.25 meter repeaters are linked, and also available via Echolink.

Other Repeaters

2m Repeater 147.120 MHz, +600 KHz offset, CTCSS 186.2 Hz

70cm Repeater 442.350 MHz, +5 MHz offset, CTCSS 94.8 Hz

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| <p>Club Meeting 3rd Thursday of every month Maple United Methodist Church 342 Capital Avenue NE Battle Creek, MI 49017</p> | <p>SKYWARN Coffee 1st Saturday of every month Immediately after Siren Test Coney Island, N.E. Capital Battle Creek, MI</p> | <p>BLB Luncheon 1st Thursday of every month Coney Island, 962 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI</p> | <p>SMARS Breakfast 2nd Saturday of every month Coney Island, 962 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI</p> |
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| <p>SMARS Nets: Monday—Friday 11:30 AM, 146.66 MHz Sunday Evening 8:00 PM, 146.66 MHz Monday 8:00 PM, 224.24 / 443.95 MHz Wednesday 7:00 PM, 224.24 /443.95 MHz Wednesday 8:00 PM, 28.365 MHz Saturday 8:00 PM, 224.24 / 443.95 MHz</p> <p>Other Nets: Skywarn Net: Tuesday 7:00 PM, 147.12 MHz</p> <p><i>Please see previous page for offsets and CTCSS tones</i></p> | <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Club Meeting: July 19th @ 7:00pm BLB Luncheon: August 2nd @ 11:30am Board Meeting: August 7th @ 5:30pm Club Breakfast: August 11th @ 8:30am Club Meeting: August 16th @ 7:00pm VE Session: August 23rd @ 7:00pm</p> <p>*Great Lakes HamCon: October 6th @ Michigan International Speedway</p> |
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