



FEEDBACK

September 2013

Your Story:

Do you have a story, humorous or otherwise about amateur radio? If so, please contact the newsletter editor (wr8g@arrl.net) and get it published in FEEDBACK.

You don't have to be a professional writer, or even a writer at all. If you're comfortable with writing, great! If not, relate the story in the fashion that you are comfortable with and let the editor do the rest.

If you would like to place a classified ad to sell or purchase amateur radio related items, please contact the editor.



In the News

- SMARS Membership reaches 89: 69 Primary members and 20 family members, of which 10 are licensed amateurs.
- Upcoming event: Ham Camp: Weekend of September 21st. The event will be held at the Fort Custer Recreation Area (5163 Fort Custer Drive, Augusta, MI) beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday and extending through the day on Saturday and Sunday. You can view the flyer at <http://www.w8df.com>.
- Upcoming event: Ham-In-a-Day: Saturday, September 28th. Registration starts at 9:00am. This will be held at the Battle Creek Public works building located at 150 South Kendall Street in Battle Creek. Cost is \$35.
- According to NASA Science News, there is an upcoming reversal of the Sun's magnetic polarity. This could result in a double peak for cycle 24 with the second peak sometime in the 2014-15 timeframe.
- NASA invites the Amateur Radio community to say "HI" to the Juno spacecraft. The Juno spacecraft will fly by the Earth on October 9th. If enough amateurs participate, the "Waves" radio and plasma wave experiment should be able to detect the message. All transmission are to take place in the 10m band. See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/ov5f95v>

See Page 5 for some more of N8ARR's Field Day Pictures.



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Club Meeting

3rd Thursday of every month
Maple United Methodist Church
342 Capital Avenue NE
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Next Meeting

September 19th, 2013 @ 7 PM

BLB Luncheon

2nd Thursday of every month
Coney Island, N.E. Capital
Battle Creek, MI

Next meeting

October 10th @ 11:30 AM

SMARS Breakfast

1st Saturday of every month
Coney Island, N.E. Capital
Battle Creek, MI

Next Meeting

October 5th @ 8:30 AM

SKYWARN Coffee

1st Saturday of every month
Immediately after Siren Test
Coney Island, N.E. Capital
Battle Creek, MI

Next Meeting

October 5th

Meeting Minutes 08/15/2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Officers present – Gary N8QC, Doc K8OLY, Don W8RVT, Jay KD8OXR. 26 other members in attendance!

Secretary's report accepted. Treasurer's report accepted.

Committee reports:

Hamfest 2014 – Again, no advanced ticket sales next year. Flyers are being reproduced. As usual, setup will be on the Friday before.

RACES – No members present to report.

Field Day 2014 – We will run QRP again next year and a few more long-line antennas will be put up. We hope to be able to operate in the same location at the airport.

VE session – The last VE session had 15 people attending and all passed their exams! There were 3 upgrades and the rest received their Technician tickets. Next session will be August 22nd at 7:00 at the Maple Methodist Church in the Babcock Room.

Other – Planning began on the 2013 Christmas party. We would like to meet at the Old Country Buffet in Battle Creek on December 14th. Louie has been asked to make arrangements. We would also plan for more tables for our use, perhaps utilizing the entire banquet room.

More Other – The Constitution is ready to be presented to the members. It will be posted on the website first, and hard copies should be available at the September meeting for those who don't have internet access. The vote to accept the changes will be at the October general meeting.

Still More Other – Remember that elections will be held in December. Anyone wishing to run for any of the offices should make their feelings known soon. Any member in good standing is eligible for any office.

Old Business: The RACES group will be providing communications for the Corporate Cup activities sometime in September (further information later). Expect a call for volunteers. This will be a good chance for new licensees to get their feet wet!

New Business: We would like to take one trailer out on a weekend day around Labor Day for practice. Proposal made to do it on August 31st. This is the Saturday before the holiday. We will set up beginning at noon, at the Custer Chapel on General Drive. Here is another chance for the new Technicians to come out and work some HF as several General and Extra class operators will be on hand. Come out and enjoy. This will also provide an opportunity to take an inventory of whichever trailer is utilized.

Program – Terry, KD8TCE presented some information regarding the layout and operation of the Internet, that vast wasteland that we all rely on for news and etc. It was well received and a Q&A session followed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Jarrett KD8OXR, Secretary

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Board Meeting 08/31/2013

Attendees: Gary N8QC, Doc K8OLY, Don W8RVT, Jay KD8OXR, John W8JRD, Tom WR8G. Meeting hosted by Doc at his QTH.

Ham Camp – September 20, 21, and 22, at Ft. Custer Recreation Area. Suggestion made that the club bring at least two trailers for information purposes. We would like to demo PSK as well as other modes. We will need people to help set up as well as teardown. Jim W8JMZ will be the host.

Trailer inventory still needs to be done, perhaps two trailers can be done at the Ham Camp?

Treasurer’s report was passed around. Things look good.

New Business – The daughter of John Hogan K8CIS has offered the entire inventory of her father’s shack to the club. The entire family agrees that the equipment should go to the club for its use. The board agrees that we should help the family by taking an inventory, for probate purposes, if necessary, and to help clean out the residence. Doc offers to create a letter of thanks for the family. A suggestion was made that some equipment could be loaned to club members, provided that proper documentation is created to keep track of who has what.

Hamfest 2014 – Decided that 250 flyers should be printed soon for distribution at other Hamfest, provided we can find members who will be visiting. Hamfests will be held soon in Adrian, MI as well as Grand Rapids, Fort Wayne, and Kalamazoo.

Dale Coffman will be contacted concerning the printing. We want the flyer printed on bright colored paper, not white.

Don was asked to please contact the MAC people and, if necessary to reserve the building, the board agreed that he is authorized to place a deposit.

Constitution – The newly updated Constitution will be posted on the website before the next general meeting (September) and the membership will be requested to offer their own ideas so that it can be ratified at the October meeting.

Christmas party – Louie will be asked to make reservations for the 14th of December at Old Country Buffet in on Beckley Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Jarrett, KD8OXR, Secretary

Incom and Expense Statement
8/1/13 Through 8/31/13

Category Description	8/1/13- 8/31/13
INCOME	
50 50 Dues: 2013	13.00 5.00
TOTAL Dues	5.00
TOTAL INCOME	18.00
EXPENSES	
Administration: Corp File	20.00
TOTAL Administration	20.00
Field Day: Food	95.34
TOTAL Field Day	95.34
Meetings: Refreshments	14.44
TOTAL Meetings	14.44
TOTAL EXPENSES	129.78
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-111.78

Hamfests

09/20/2013: W9DXCC Convention
 Elk Grove Village, IL
 Northern Illinois DX Association
<http://www.w9dxcc.com>

09/21/2013: 2013 Hancock Country Hamfest
 Greenfield, IN
 Hancock Amateur Radio Club

09/21/2013: GMARC Fall Trunk Swap & Raffle
 Utica, MI
 General Motors Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.GMARC.org>

09/21/2013: Peoria Superfest 2013
 Peoria, IL
 Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w9uvi.org>

09/22/2013: Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show
 Berea, OH
 Hamfest Association of Cleveland, Inc.
<http://www.hac.org>

09/28/2013: Ozaukee Radio Club Fall Swapfest
 Cedarburg, WI
 Ozaukee Radio Club
<http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>

10/05/2013: The Straits Area ARC Swap and Foxhunt
 Petoskey, MI
 Straits Area ARC
<http://www.w8gqn.org>

10/06/2013: USECA Hamfest
 Madison Heights, MI
 Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association
<http://www.usecaarc.com>

10/13/2013: SEWFARS Swapfest
 Hubertus, WI
 Southeast Wisconsin FM Amateur Repeater Society
<http://www.sewfars.com>

10/19/2013: Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
 Muskegon, MI
 Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services
<http://www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>

10/20/2013: Kalamazoo HamFest and Computer Expo 2013
 Kalamazoo, MI
 Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (KARC) & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART)
<http://KalamazooHamFest.com>

11/02/2013: Grant ARC Hamfest
 Georgetown, OH
 Grant Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.garcoho.net>

11/03/2013: FCARC Swapfest
 Appleton, WI
 Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.fcarc.us/hamfest.php>

11/03/2013: Massillon Hamfest and Auction
 Massillon, OH
 Massillon Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w8np.org>

11/03/2013: WACOM HAMFEST 2013
 Washington, PA
 Washington Amateur Communications Inc.
<http://www.wacomarc.org/hamfest.html>

Do you know of a amateur radio related event that isn't listed in this news letter? If so, please contact the newsletter editor (WR8G, Thomas Goodson, wr8g@omega-link.com, 269-962-8007) with details and I'll try to get it into the next edition of Feedback.

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

Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society

2 Meter Repeater 146.660 MHz
 -600KHz offset, PL 94.8

70cm Repeater 443.950 MHz
 +5MHz offset, PL 94.8

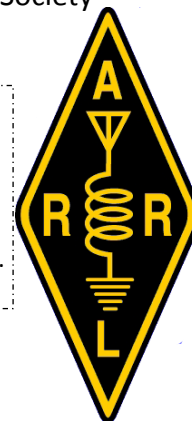
1.25 Meter Repeater 224.240 MHz
 -1.6MHz offset

70cm and 1.25 meter repeaters are linked.
 Also available via echolink.

W8DF-5 144.39Mhz Digipeater/Igate
 Find it on www.aprs.fi

**Other Area Repeaters:
 Skywarn/ARES/RACES**

2 Meter: 147.12, +600KHz offset, PL 186.2
 70cm: 442.350, +5MHz offset, PL 94.8





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Before Lunch Bunch
Monday—Friday 11:30 AM, 146.66

Sunday Evening 8:00 PM, 146.66
Monday 7:00 PM, 147.12 (Skywarn)
Monday 8:00 PM, 224.24 / 443.95
Wednesday 7:00 PM, 224.24 / 443.95
Wednesday 8:00 PM, 28.365
Saturday 8:00 PM, 224.24 / 443.95

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Upcoming events:

Club meeting: September 19th @ 7:00 PM
Ham In a Day: September 28th
VE Testing: September 28th @ 3:00 PM
SMARS Breakfast: October 5th @ 8:30 AM
Siren test: October 5th @ 1:00 PM
SKYWARN Coffee: October 5th after siren test
BLB Lunch: October 10th @ 11:30 AM
Club meeting: October 17th @ 7:00 PM