



FEEDBACK

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Equipment to Sell or Swap?

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

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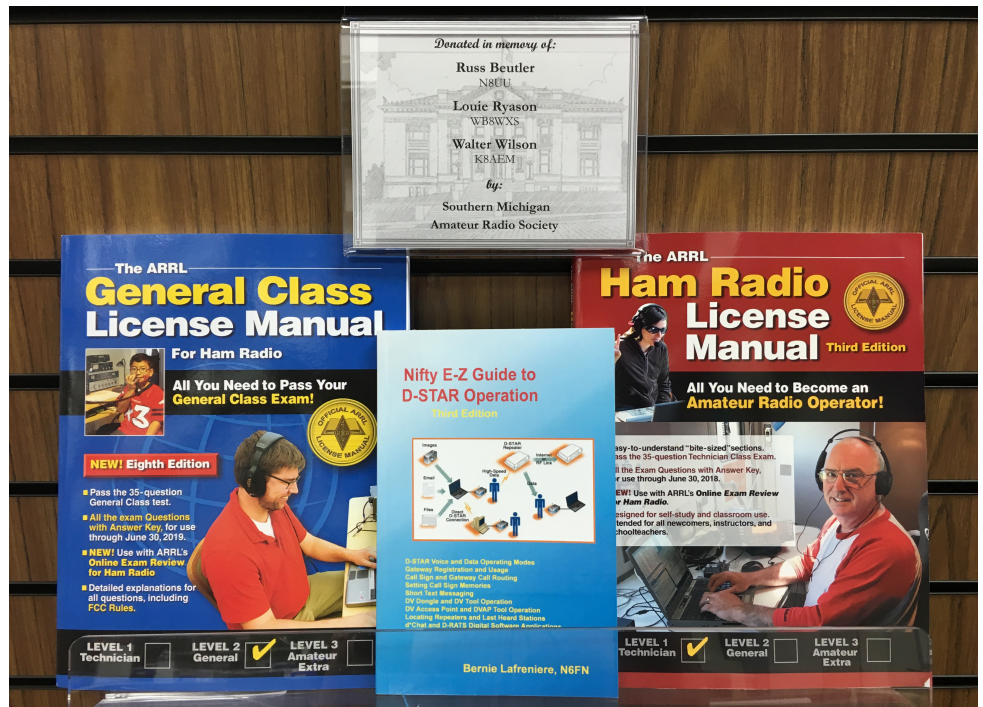
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“New” General Class Materials!



With the release of the new General Class test pool in July 2016, the study books we had placed on file at Willard Library were rendered obsolete. We also learned from the library that the Technician study books SMARS had purchased last year had come up missing from their inventory.

New ARRL study books were purchased for both the General and Technician classes as replacements. Having two operative D-Star repeaters now in our neighborhood and a growing group of local amateur radio operators using D-Star as their form of communication, it made sense to add a reference book for this as well.

A plaque in memory of silent keys Russ Beutler N8UU, Louie Ryason WB8WXS, and Walt Wilson K8AEM has been placed in these books. Their dedication to amateur radio and the many years they served as Volunteer Examiners has paved the way for generations of new HAMS (myself included).

Many thanks to April Dillinger at Willard Library and for her assistance in creating a memorial book plate for these books and John Davidson W8JRD for being a “go-between” in coordinating the donation to the library.



Editor's Note:

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

ESTATE SALES:

The family of **Russ Beutler N8UU**, still has several HAM-related items for sale.

For an updated list of equipment that is still available, please contact **Scott** at **(269)317-4139**

Michigan State Parks on the Air!



The Northern Michigan Amateur Radio Service Team (NM8RT) has announced that it is working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Division to operate a three-year HAM Radio event. The "Michigan State Parks on the Air" is set to kick-off in June 2017 in conjunction with Field Day. Check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MSPOTA2017> and stay tuned for more information!

ATTENTION ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN GETTING THEIR FIRST (TECHNICIAN) AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE...

Instructors Mike KQ8N and Terry N8LN have scheduled another 6 week Technician level class! A total of 31 prospective hams have passed through (and passed) Mike and Terry's class, a testament to their dedication and thorough instruction.

The next class begins MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th at 6:00pm (1800 hours). Classes will meet at Computer Resource Training, 131 E. Columbia Ave., in Battle Creek. Over the course of the six weeks, every Technician level question and answer will be discussed, visual aids used when needed, and practice tests are given. Mike and Terry ask that students purchase the Gordon West 2014-2018 Technician Class Study Guide. The guide is available from several on-line sources (about \$22.00) OR new books will be available at class to purchase. There is NO COST FOR THE CLASS.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mike KQ8N or Terry N8LN at: calhoun.hamclass@gmail.com. To assure they have enough space and materials for class participants, they ask that all interested persons contact them BEFORE Monday, September 19th.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry N8LN and Mike KQ8N

ESTATE SALES (continued):

John Davidson W8JRD has equipment available for sale:

Kenwood TS-830S: 10-160m coverage. Matching external speaker and desk mic included, \$400

Yaesu FT-7900R 2M/70CM mobile rig. Includes external speaker and separation kit \$175

Kenwood TM-231a: 2m mobile \$50

Power supply for either above mobile \$20

Kenwood TM-631: 2m/1.25m mobile rig \$150

For more information or to make an offer, contact **John** at (269)339-1908 or via email w8jrd@arrl.net

SMARS Officer Elections!

Nominations for club officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) are still open! All club members are encouraged to run for office. Nominations will be taken now through the September 15th club meeting. Elections for club officers will occur at the October 20th club meeting.

HAM Humor

You might be (and probably are) a HAM if...

...you'd rather help another HAM hook up new equipment or put up a new tower, than mow your own lawn!

...you've gotten an RF burn from your own antenna!

...you've put a GPS tracker in your XYL's car or on the riding lawn mower, just so you could watch it on APRS!

...you've tapped out "CQ" or "HI" on the car horn in Morse Code to another HAM!

...your teenager has refused to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine!

...you refer to your HAM friend by their call signs instead of their real names!

(Excerpt from <http://www.qsl.net/wtarc/youreaham.htm>)



SMARS Meeting Minutes 08/18/2016

Meeting called to order at 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Officers present: Gary N8QC, Steph W8AEZ, Brian W8BDM, Janice W8JKG

20 members in attendance

Secretary's report was accepted as published in the "Feedback."

Treasurer's report was accepted as circulated.

Committee reports:

Hamfest - Need to get flyers printed
Skywarn - Most of the members are supporting the fair. Both a county SET and Ham-in-a-Day are coming up.

VE Session: Sept 17th (Ham-in-a-Day) at the Emmett Township Building Training Room.
VE session to begin @ 3pm.

Silent Keys: None

Old Business:

-Received Books for Library (Technician & General Study Guide, D-Star)

New Business:

-Need to get 500 flyers and 1000 tickets printed for 2017 HamFest.
-Dayton Hamfest changing to new location next year.
-SMARS Christmas Party will be at Clara's again. Stephanie will work to finalize arrangements.

Initial Nominations for Officer Positions next year:

President: Gary N8QC
Vice President: Stephanie W8AEZ
Secretary: Jay N8ARR
Treasurer: Janice W8JKG
Member at Large: Tom WR8G

Presentation: None

Quote of the Meeting: "I am a citizen in good standing"

Closed: 19:32

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Marsh W8BDM, secretary

Treasurer's Report

Income & Expenses 5/01/16-8/18/16:

Total Income:	99.93	Dues & dividends
Expenses:		
5/20, 6/7, 7/29	217.00	AT&T
5/24 & 6/22	44.88	Refreshments
6/27	1300.00	2 nd payment to Wings for Hamfest
6/17 & 6/20	488.91	Trailer parts & tires
7/29	90.00	Flash Sanitation
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Total Expenses:	2240.72	

Respectfull submitted,

Jan Goodson, W8JKG

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY FEEDBACK

<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 page 3 for offsets and CTCSS tones</i></p>	<p>Upcoming Events: *Club Meeting: September 15th @ 7:00pm Skywarn Ham-in-a-Day: September 17th (Emmett Twp. Training Room) Technician class (hosted by N8LN and KQ8N): September 19th @ 6:00pm Siren Test: October 1st @ 1:00pm Board Meeting: October 4th @ 5:00pm BLB Luncheon: October 6th @ 11:30am SMARS Breakfast: October 8th @ 8:30am Club Meeting: October 20th @ 7:00pm SMARS VE Session: October 27th @ 7:00pm</p>
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