



# FEEDBACK

December 2012

### Your Story:

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

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## CW Class

The SMARS club will be sponsoring a CW (Morse code) class starting February 5th and commencing every Tuesday night for 12 weeks. The club will cover 1/2 the room cost. The participants cost will be based on how many individuals we have sign up. The class will be held at the Maple United Methodist church, same as the location for the club meetings. **George, K8GG** and **Larry, W8VVG** will be teaching the class. Enrollment will be limited to no more than 12 persons. Club membership is required to take the class. Please contact **Gary, N8QC** if you plan on attending.

## Elections

Club elections were held at the December meeting. Returning as President is **Gary, N8QC**. Also returning as Treasurer is **Don, W8RVT**. Newly elected is **Jay, KD8OXR** as Secretary. Jay will be taking over for **John, W8JRD**; who served in the office for 6 years. Many thanks to John for his long and dedicated service. The office of Vice president is vacant until someone can be appointed by the board to fill the position.

## In the News

- Tickets for the Hamfest will be available at the meeting. \$5 each and exact change is appreciated.
- The back-log at LOTW (Logbook Of The World) should be much less now that the new servers are online. The new servers were brought online on 1/7/2013.
- Comments on the proposed rule making by the FCC dated 12/27/2012 are due no latter than 2/25/2013. Among the things that would be affected are the change of the 1900-2000KHz segment as primary and a new LF band 135.7—137.8KHz as secondary.
- Retired Colonel Paul English, WD8DBY has been appointed to the number 2 position of MARS.
- **Astronaut Eileen Ochoa, KB5TZZ** has been named the 11th director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.
- The national radio societies of Azerbaijan and St. Vincent and the Grenadines have been added as members of IARU. According to the *ARRL Letter*, the Federation of Radio Sport of Azerbaijan (FRSA) counts all of the country's 50 licensed amateurs among its members.



### Board of Directors

#### President

Gary Williams, N8QC  
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#### Vice President

Vacant

#### Secretary

Jay Jarrett, KD8OXR  
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#### Treasurer

Don Larkin, W8RVT  
w8rvt@arrl.net

#### Past President

Bob Kingsbury, AC8GL  
kings-boo@yahoo.com

### Club Meeting

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

### Next Meeting

January 17th, 2012 @ 7 PM

### BLB Luncheon

2nd Thursday of every month  
Mancino's  
1791 W. Columbia Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49015

### Next meeting

February 14th @ 11:30 AM

### SMARS Breakfast

1st Saturday of every month  
Homespun, 210 E. Columbia Av  
Battle Creek, MI

### Next Meeting

February 2nd @ 8:30 AM

Meeting Minutes 12/21/2012

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

Officers present – **Gary N8QC, Don W8RVT, John W8JRD.**

Secretary's report accepted.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Committee reports:

- RACES – Dave reports that the group needs to create a mentor for the RACES/SKYWARN and to find 4 or 5 volunteers.
- VE Session – will be held on Thursday 12/27 at the meeting center @ 7:00 p.m.
- Field Day – no one present to report.
- Flyer – Tom distributed a preliminary copy of the flyer, to the acceptance of club members.

Old Business:

- Christmas Party held on 12/08 with about 38 members present. It went very well.

New Business:

- Hamfest – With Doc under the weather, someone has to take up the slack. Tom volunteered to be contact person, receiving applications and sending confirmations. Don will retrieve from the Post Office box, remove the checks and forward the rest to Tom.
- Dale will print the tickets (1200) as well as 100 more flyers; in the past we have run out.
- The MAC hasn't sent Don the confirmation yet, but he has verbal agreement.
- Meeting location – the agreement with the church is up for renewal. The club agrees to renew for the next 6 months, regardless of possible increase.
- Elections – no one steps forward for the President, Vice-President or Treasurer positions. Election is held and Gary is re-elected President, Don is re-elected Treasurer and Jay is elected Secretary. The office of Vice-President is currently in limbo, with Doc being listed as VP pending future situations.
- Finally, Bob has announced he wishes to stop providing refreshments. No one steps up to replace him.

Presentation: A presentation by Don W8RVT shows a simple homebrew antenna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Jarrett KD8OXR

Board Meeting 01/07/2013

Attendees: **Gary N8QC, Don W8RVT, Tom WR8G, Jay KD8OXR.**

Discussion regarding purchase of a 400W wind powered generator for QRP Field Day. Board approved purchase to begin plans for mounting, etc. Cost: approx \$400.

**Louie WB8WXS** has been asked to approach the airport management to secure access to an area just west of Helmer Road. This area is fenced but free of obstructions and is more readily visible to the public. Jay will approach Meijer's management regarding access to the old Meijer property on Columbia for use also.

The board also discussed the need to monitor the 2m repeater during Field Day setup and operation in case people need to be talked in to the location, wherever it may be.

Gary reported that the Maple Methodist Church is not raising the rent for our meetings! **George K8GG** would like to use the church meeting room to conduct CW training. The tentative schedule is for Tuesday nights for 12 to 13 weeks. Each class would cost \$20 for rent. It was decided that the club would pay for one-half of the rent and all interested students would share the other half of the cost. The more students enrolled, the lower their cost. The real requirement is that all enrolled attend all classes.

Hamfest tickets will be available on 01/08/2013 and will be brought to the next general meeting so they can be purchased by club members. With the health problems that **Doc K8OLY** is facing, it seems that the club needs to find a member willing to take over the chair of the Hamfest committee. This will be a priority. Tom has been handling the incoming requests at present.

Tom announced that his wife has volunteered to work in the concession stand this year. Details of who will provide the concessions still need to be worked out.

It was also announced that the QRP Club will be using one of the MAC meeting rooms for their meeting, as has been done in the past.

It seems that **Terry KD8TCE** knows a person who can wrap the club trailers and this avenue will be pursued. The board feels that at least one of the trailers needs to have club identification applied before Field Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

## Humor

Two elderly hams had been friends for many decades.

Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures on the ham bands. Lately, their activities have been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me.....I know we've been friends for a long time.....but I just can't think of your name and your call.! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember them.

Please tell me what they are."

His friend glared at him. For at least three minutes he just stared and glared at the gray haired old man..

Finally he said, "How soon do you need to know?  
(Found at [www.hamuniverse.com/humor.html](http://www.hamuniverse.com/humor.html))

**Field day:** An annual event where hams get together to prove that they can't remember the lessons that they learned last year.

**Gain:** You put this in the washing machine to get your cloths clean.

**Homebrew:** Ok, I have no idea what this is, I don't drink.

**Hz:** Hertz doesn't it?

**Lowfer:** Somebody that doesn't do anything.

**PEP:** Put a little pep in your step.

**Repeater:** Someone that says the same thing over and over again.

**Slug:** Often found under rocks and in damp locations

**Straight Key:** Likes keys of the opposite sex.

**Ticket:** What you get for driving too fast.

**XXYL:** What she will be if you call her XYL to often.

**Wouff Hong:** An device for correcting the behavior of hams who do not follow generally accepted rules of courtesy on the air. The invention of the Wouff Hong attributed to ARRL cofounder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, as a means to combat poor operating. (Ok, this one isn't a joke.)

**Hamfests**

01/20/2013: SCARF's 17th Annual Hamfest  
Nelsonville , OH  
Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation

01/20/2013: Hazel Park ARC's 47th Annual Hamfest  
Hazel Park, MI  
Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.hparc.org>

01/20/2013: WCRA Mid-Winter Hamfest  
St. Charles, IL  
Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs  
<http://www.w9ccu.org>

01/27/2013: Tusco ARC Hamfest  
Strasburg, OH  
Tusco Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.tuscoarc.org>

02/03/2013: Winter Hamfest at NEW LOCATION!  
Elyria, OH  
Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society  
<http://www.NOARS.net>

**02/09/2013: Cherryland ARC**  
**218 Vine Street**  
**Traverse City, MI**  
**8 AM—Noon**  
**Contact: Joe Novak, W8TVT 231-947-8555**

02/09/2013: The Capital City Hamfest  
Fitchburg, WI  
New Era Repeater Technocrats  
<http://www.wd8das.net/hamfest.html>

02/16/2013: Mid-Winter Interclub SwapFest  
Brookfield, WI  
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club & Milwaukee Area Amateur Radio Society  
<http://www.w9rh.org>

02/16/2013: Brownsburg, Indiana Hamfest  
Brownsburg, IN  
Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society  
<http://www.hcars.org>

02/16/2013: Mid-Winter Interclub SwapFest  
Brookfield, WI  
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club & Milwaukee Area Amateur Radio Society

<http://www.w9rh.org>

02/17/2013: Livonia ARC's 42nd Annual Swap & Shop  
Livonia, MI  
Livonia Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.livoniaarc.com/swap.htm>

02/17/2013: Mansfield Mid Winter Hamfest  
Mansfield, OH  
InterCity Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.w8we.org>

02/23/2013: CABIN FEVER HAMFEST  
LaPorte, IN  
LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club  
<http://lpcarc.org>

02/23/2013: IBRO Hamfest & Computer Show  
Brookville, OH  
International Brotherhood of Radio Operators  
<http://www.kd8knx.org>

03/03/2013: SRFARS Hamfest  
Sterling, IL  
Sterling Rock-Falls ARS  
<http://w9mep.org>

**03/09/2013: 2013 Terre Haute Hamfest & Computer Expo (9:00 AM—2:00 PM EST)**  
**Dede Activity Center, Indiana State University**  
**(39° 28' 16" N, 87° 24' 39" W)**  
**<http://www.w9uuu.org>**

**03/16/2013: 2013 Crossroads Hamfest**  
**Marshall, MI**  
**Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society**  
**<http://www.w8df.com/>**

03/23/2013: MOVARC Hamfest  
Location: Gallipolis, OH  
Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club  
<http://sites.google.com/site/midohiovalleyarc>

Do you know of a amateur radio related event that isn't listed in this news letter? If so, please contact the news-letter 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.

(Listing in **bold** have provided information about the Marshall Hamfest to their members)

## CALL FOR 2013 DUES

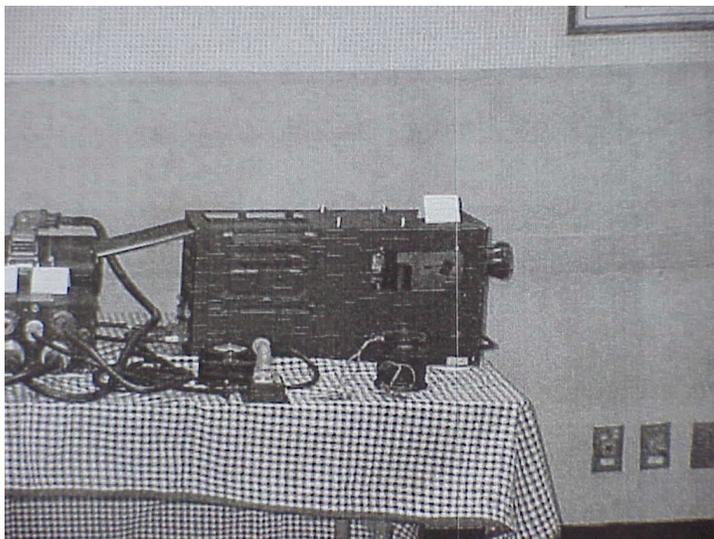
Listed below are members that have paid club dues for 2013. As in past practice, January is the last month past members will receive the club newsletter FEEDBACK. The SMARS club also has activities eligible only to current club members. Check the membership list and assure you are included.

|              |        |               |             |
|--------------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| AC8GL        | K8AEM  | KA8CXS        | KA8MZM      |
| KB9IAR       | KC8HET | KC8MUF        | KC8NZY      |
| KC8QNQ/KD8WB |        | KD8OXR        | KD8JBT/LYNN |
| KD8JGO       | KD8RWD | KD8RWJ        | KD8SDX      |
| KD8TCE       | KD8TJO | KE8SRT        | N8QC        |
| N8MVV/N8TIA  |        | N8UU/MARILYNN |             |
| N8YEA        | W8RDX  | W8RVT         | WB4BKO      |
| WB8WXS       | WA8VRA | WD8DVQ        | WR8G/JANICE |

### Classified

Wanted Dead or Alive

About 1960 I had a camera like this also a power supply built on a large blue metal chassis with a rounded cover. Last seen near Wattles Park!!!



I sure would like to reconnect with this old friend, it ushered me into a life of television.

Ted Hartson WA8ULG

[ted@7vsb.com](mailto:ted@7vsb.com)

480 683 2007 (Scottsdale) or 928 635 1927 (Parks)

## Income and Expense Statement

12/1/12 Through 12/31/12

| Category Description           | 12/1/12-12/31/12 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                  |                  |
| 50 50                          | 12.00            |
| Dues:                          |                  |
| 2013                           | 52.00            |
| <b>TOTAL Dues</b>              | <b>52.00</b>     |
| Hamfest Inc:                   |                  |
| Tables                         | 60.00            |
| Tickets                        | 15.00            |
| <b>TOTAL Hamfest Inc</b>       | <b>75.00</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>            | <b>139.00</b>    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                |                  |
| 5050 Payout                    | 147.00           |
| Administration:                |                  |
| Checks                         | 19.24            |
| PO BOX                         | 29.00            |
| <b>TOTAL Administration</b>    | <b>48.24</b>     |
| Feedback:                      |                  |
| Postage                        | 76.95            |
| Printing                       | 95.64            |
| <b>TOTAL Feedback</b>          | <b>172.59</b>    |
| Utilities:                     |                  |
| Telephone                      | 69.18            |
| <b>TOTAL Utilities</b>         | <b>69.18</b>     |
| Uncategorized Expenses         | 0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>          | <b>437.01</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b> | <b>-298.01</b>   |

### 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](http://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



# SOUTHERN MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

## FEEDBACK



SMARS

P.O. Box 934

Battle Creek, MI 49016

## FIRST CLASS MAIL



### SMARS NETS

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

### Upcoming events:

**Club meeting: January 17th @ 7:00 PM**

**SMARS Breakfast: February 2nd @ 8:30 AM**

**BLB Luncheon: February 14th @ 11:30 AM**

**Club meeting: February 21st @ 7:00 PM**

**VE Session: February 28th @ 7:00 PM**