



# FEEDBACK

November 2023

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### Club News

## Membership Renewals

Just a friendly reminder that Membership Dues are coming up. These can be paid at a Club Meeting (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month) or sent in to the Club's PO Box. The amount is still \$15.00 for one year, \$125 for 10 years, \$250 for 20 years, and \$300 for Lifetime. Donations to the club can also be sent into the PO Box or taken care of at the Club Meeting.

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P.O. Box 934  
Battle Creek, MI 49016

## Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is going to be at the same location as last year, the Wastlake Presbyterian Church (415 S. 28<sup>th</sup> St. Battle Creek, MI) on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 PM. Members are welcome to bring a dish to pass and Melanie will coordinate the food. More information will be discussed at the November Club Meeting.

### Other News

## How to Engage Youth with Amateur Radio STEM Education

ARRL Education and Learning Manager, and IARU Region 2 Youth Coordinator, Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, gave the keynote address at the 2023 ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention, also known as Pacificon.

Goodgame was a public-school teacher for 21 years. He carries his experience of bringing ham radio into the classroom into his role at ARRL. "It is safe to say I've learned a thing or two about reaching youth along the way," he quipped.

His presentation, to a packed audience, was a highlight of the convention. Goodgame's passion and vision for promoting youth involvement in the hobby shined in his speech as he discussed STEM education and the importance of inspiring youth and teachers to engage in amateur radio and wireless technology.

Watch "A Vision of the Future of Amateur Radio" on the ARRLHQ YouTube Channel [https://youtu.be/fTi8LDz4dS4?si=GQfSd3k2BS\\_\\_ERMy](https://youtu.be/fTi8LDz4dS4?si=GQfSd3k2BS__ERMy) to learn how to grow the next generation of radio amateurs from one of the leaders in the space.

### **About Amateur Radio and ARRL**

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## Upcoming Radio Contests

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

### EME Contest

Bands: 50 to 1296 MHz  
Mode: Phone, CW, Digital  
Date: 11/25 – 11/26  
URL: [www.arrl.org/eme-contest](http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest)

### 160 Meter

Bands: 160 Meters  
Mode: CW  
Date: 12/01 – 12/03  
URL: [www.arrl.org/160-meter](http://www.arrl.org/160-meter)

### 10 Meters

Bands: 10 Meters  
Mode: Phone, CW, Digital  
Date: 12/09 – 12/10  
URL: [www.arrl.org/10-meter](http://www.arrl.org/10-meter)

### Rookie Roundup

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 Meters  
Mode: CW  
Date: 12/17  
URL: [www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup)

*\*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>*

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Article courtesy of <https://www.arrl.org/news/how-to-engage-youth-with-amateur-radio-stem-education>

## Deadline Extended to November 28, 2023 for 60-Meter Comments

The deadline to file comments on the 60-meter band proposal has been extended by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to November 28, 2023. Replies to comments will be due December 28, 2023. The public comment period was originally to close October 30, 2023.

[ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®](http://www.arrl.org) strongly encourages all amateurs to submit comments expressing support to the FCC for the current 100 W ERP power limit (instead of reducing the power limit to 15 W EIRP) and continuing secondary access to the current channels.

ARRL has assembled a web page with instructions on how to submit your comments, as well as background information on the issue: [www.arrl.org/60-meter-band](http://www.arrl.org/60-meter-band).

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## Upcoming Hamfests & Conventions

**11/18/2023 – 11/19/2023**

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo, ARRL Central Division Convention

Location: Fort Wayne, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

URL:

<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

**12/03/2023**

FCARC WinterFest

Location: Archbold, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

URL: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

**02/17/2024**

Livonia Amateur Radio Club Annual Swap & Shop

Location: Livonia , MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club

URL: <http://livoniaarc.com/larc-annual-swap-and-shop>

## Changes in the ARRL Pacific Section

Section Manager of the [ARRL Pacific Section](#) Joe Speroni, AH0A, has retired from the position. Speroni served in the role for 7 years. He was active with ARRL in a variety of positions dating back to the creation of the Volunteer Examiner program in 1984. He has also been an instructor and Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC). His contributions to emergency communications and management in the Hawaiian Islands have long been recognized by the amateur radio community.

ARRL Field Services Manager Mike Walters, W8ZY, said, "With 40 years of service as a volunteer, he is one of the best examples of making the world a better place through amateur radio." Speroni is an ARRL Life Member.

The Section Manager position is being filled by Alan Maenchen, AD6E, for the remainder of the term. Maenchen is also an ARRL Life Member and has served as an ACC, an Assistant Section Manager, and a DXCC Card Checker. He assumes the duties of Section Manager with experience in emergency communications and a background of assisting amateur radio clubs in the Section.

Article courtesy of <https://www.arrl.org/news/changes-in-the-arrl-pacific-section>

## Meeting Minutes 10/19/2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

**Officers in attendance:** Paul KE8MOI, Zach W8MAN, Mike KQ8N, Melanie KE8TPQ

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made to accept, Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** We currently have \$3743.43 in the bank.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Hamfest** – Kalamazoo ham fest 5 to 600 visitors 83 vendors 203 tables good turn out. Brought up question whether we should raise prices for tickets and tables at our next ham fest.
- **Skywarn** – Siren test Avenue a worked Marshall Township still having issues waiting for follow up 94 is still out but scheduled for fixing they had a good turn out Tuesday night. Ben did a presentation VarAC on Tuesday using RF communications on 2 meter similar to win link. Ham in a day October 21 9 AM testing at 3 PM five signed up so far
- **Field Day** – Nothing to report.
- **VE Session** – VE session 28th of October 7 PM United Methodist Church
- **Repeaters** – Nothing to report from either repeater.
- **POTA** – We are second place in QSO and first place in activation

### OLD BUSINESS

- No old business to discuss this evening.

### NEW BUSINESS

- New officers have been picked.
  - New President Gary NK2M
  - New Treasurer Dan KE8DW
  - New Secretary Melanie KE8TPQ
  - New at Large Dan WB8KC

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie Lake, KE8TPQ  
SMARS Secretary

## **Board Meeting Minutes 11/03/2023**

Change in board members to reflect as of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

New Board Meeting to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month

New President Gary NK2M  
Returning Vice President Zack Mann W8MAN  
New Treasurer Dan KE8DW  
New Secretary Melanie KE8TPQ  
New at Large Dan WB8KC

Account amount at transfer \$3804.42

Hamfest Date March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Need more info from Paul contacts.

Feild Day – Calhoun Country Fair Grounds. More to follow. June 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Mike Russell for venue contacts.

VE Session Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie Lake, KE8TPQ  
SMARS Secretary

# 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, CTCSS 94.8 Hz

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.

All repeaters are available via EchoLink (70cm and 1.25m are W8DF-R; 2m is W8DF-L)

## Other Repeaters

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

70cm Repeater 442.350 MHz, +5 MHz offset, CTCSS 186.2 Hz

<b>Club Meeting</b> 3rd Thursday of every month Maple United Methodist Church 342 Capital Avenue NE Battle Creek, MI 49017	<b>SKYWARN Coffee</b> 1st Saturday of every month Immediately after Siren Test Coney Island, N.E. Capital Battle Creek, MI	<b>BLB Luncheon</b> 1st Thursday of every month Coney Island, 962 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI	<b>SMARS Breakfast</b> 2nd Saturday of every month Coney Island, 962 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI
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<b>SMARS Nets:</b> 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  <b>Other Nets:</b> Skywarn Net: Tuesday 7:00 PM, 147.12 MHz  <i>Please see previous page for offsets and CTCSS tones</i>	<b>Upcoming Events:</b>  Club Meeting: November 16th @ 7:00pm BLB Luncheon: December 7th @ 11:30am Board Meeting: December 1st @ 6:30pm Club Breakfast: December 9th @ 8:30am VE Session: December 28th @ 7:00pm  Christmas Party: December 2nd @ 5:00pm
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