



FEEDBACK

July 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.

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.

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Field Day 2012

Is over. With adequate membership help, five transmitters were set up, three operating phone and two operating digital. Since VHF does not count as an additional transmitter, we operated as class 4A. Due to low operator participation, 928 QSO points were earned. Alternate power, solar, contacts were made for added bonus points. Thanks WR8G for that. With all bonus points included, our net score claimed was 1748. Field Day 2012 reports have been submitted to ARRL. As all participants survived setup, operating and tear-down, we can claim Field Day 2012 was a success.

W8RVT-Don

Field Day from a first timer

Well, field day has come and gone. Setup went well, with only a few minor hitches along the way, like the antenna that had one element longer on one side than the other. And, of course, there were things that had to be figured out on the fly, like setting up the canopy, since they hadn't been done for a year. There were a few things that had gone missing, like one of the bolts to secure the base of

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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

Jul 19th, 2012 @ 7 pm.

BLB Luncheon

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

Next meeting

August 9th @ 11:30 AM

SMARS Breakfast

1st Saturday of every month

Next Meeting

August 4th @ 8:30

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the crank up towers. The next day before operations began; I arrived in the afternoon and setup the solar panels to get a start charging the batteries. (This should probably have been done much earlier) Later in the early evening, I was able to make a couple of contacts using solar power. The experience has pointed out that I will need to improve the setup of both the solar array and the power distribution system. I split my operating time between 40 meters and 20 meters (about 3 hours in total) and managed to add a few contacts to the log in the process. I also spent about 3 hours acting as a logger and observing one of the better operators (and learning quite a bit in the process). Since this was the first "contest" (I'm more the rag-chew type) that I've been involved with, there clearly were a few gaps in my skills and a few things that I overlooked (like previous operator leaving the RIT offset by several KHz).

Did everything go perfectly: No. Were there things that we could improve: Absolutely. But overall, this was a great experience for me. If there is one thing that I was disappointed with, it was the low turn out. I'm referring to both the number of amateurs present and the complete lack of any public interest. This is something that we will need to work on for next year. Maybe a different location with more public traffic?

73, Tom, WR8G

Humor

Word is that WWV is going to be taken over by Clear Channel Communications, Inc. Of course there will have to be some changes, go to <http://tinyurl.com/wwv-2-cc> and click on the clock to hear what it might sound like.

Hamfests

07/14/2012: Indianapolis Hamfest
Indianapolis, IN
Indianapolis Hamfest Association
<http://www.indyhamfest.com>

07/15/2012: FRRL Hamfest and Electronics Market
Aurora, IL
Fox River Radio League
<http://frrl.org>

07/21/2012: NOARSFEST
Elyria, OH
Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society
<http://www.noars.net>

07/22/2012: Karsfest
Peotone, IL
Kankakee Area Radio Society
<http://w9az.com/>

07/22/2012: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
Van Wert, OH
Van Wert Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w8fy.org>

07/28/2012: 2012 CMARC Trunk Sales/AR & Computer
Equipment Hamfest
Lansing, MI
Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.centralmiarc.com>

07/29/2012: Portage Hamfair '12
Randolph, OH
Portage Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.hamfair.com>

08/04/2012: Angola Hamfest
Angola, IN
Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club
<http://llarc.tripod.com/>

08/04/2012: Columbus Ohio Hamfest
Columbus, OH
Voice of Aladdin ARC (W8FEZ)
<http://www.aladdinshrine.com/hamfest.htm>

08/04/2012: Ohio State Convention
Columbus, OH
ARRL Ohio Section
<http://www.arrl-ohio.org>

08/04/2012: The New West-Central Illinois Hamfest
Carlinville, IL
Montgomery & Macoupin County Amateur Radio Clubs
<http://k9mce.org/>

08/04/2012: UP Hamfest 2012
Escanaba, MI
Delta County Amateur Radio Society
<http://www.dcars.org>

08/11/2012: 2nd Annual LAARC Freefest
Lyons, WI
Lakes Area Amateur Radio Club
<http://sites.google.com/site/laarcradioclub/>

08/18/2012: East Central Illinois Hamfest
Oakwood, IL
Vermilion County ARA
<http://vcara-hamfest.info>

08/18/2012: West Virginia State Convention
Weston, WV
West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council (WVSARC)
<http://www.qls.net/wvsarc>

08/19/2012: Lapeer County ARA's 13th Annual Swap &
Shop
Lapeer, MI
Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association
<http://w8lap.com>

08/25/2012: Sixteenth Annual Circus City Swapfest
Baraboo, WI
Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.yellowthunder.org>

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.

Silent Keys

Gary Kyser, W8USU, 4/9/2012
<http://tinyurl.com/silentkey-w8usu>

Walter VanNocker, WA8LRB, 5/13/2012
<http://tinyurl.com/silentkey-wa8lrb>

Charles (Chuck) Williams, WD8LJF, 5/15/2012
<http://tinyurl.com/silentkey-wd8ljf>

Classified

Classified ads due by 1st Sunday of publication month.

Radio Handbooks, 13th, 16th & 19th editions hard cover. \$5/ea.
 ARRL Handbooks, 1977, 1979, 2004 editions. \$5/ea.
 Also Collins Manuals:
 516E-1 12 volt DC Power Supply \$2.00
 32S-1 Transmitter \$15.00
 32RS-1 Transceiver \$10.00
 KWT-6 Transceiver \$10.00.

Bound 6 issue volumes of QST magazine. Older smaller size books. Free to good home. Most issues from 1968 thru the 1980's when the size was changed to 8.5 x 11 inches.

Contact Charlie, W0CD (269) 964-7982

For Sale

Drake TR-4CW, comes with Drake AC4 power supply, Drake MS4 Speaker, Drake MN 200D and 3 Finals. All for \$495.00
 MFJ-259B, HF/VHF SWR Analyzer..... \$200.00
 Samlex America model SEC 1223 Switching DC Power Supply \$80.00
 Lots of other stuff, too much to mention.

Call Bev Williams, KA8CXS at (269) 964-3197

FOR SALE From Estate of KG8GZ

MFJ 422B-X Keyer \$70

For SALE by W8RVT

Icom IC229 2 Meter Transceiver \$95
 Kenwood TM241 2 Meter Transceiver \$95

Contact Don, W8RVT (269) 963-7797

SMARS Club Meeting June 21, 2012

Called To Order: 7:03 PM

Officers Present: Bob AC8GL Don W8RVT John W8JRD Gary N8QC Doc K8OLY

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Secretary's Report: approved as reported at the Club Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: approved as reported at the Club Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Hamfest: No report.

ARES/RACES: No report.

VE Testing: Next session is June 28 at Maple United Methodist. One upgrade at the otherwise cancelled "Ham in a Day" session.

Old Business:

- SMARS to donate ham radio teaching materials to Willard Library in memory of Marion WA8MFL.
- CW classes need to get going. At least once a week classes would be best.
- The project involving Dudley School and setting up a station there seems to be dead for now.

New Business: none.

Field Day: All 3 trailers to go to the airport. Club will operate 4A this year.

Need at least a couple of computers for logging. The club will give away a HT for participants at FD.

Presentation: none

Adjourned: 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Davidson W8JRD

SMARS Secretary

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

Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society

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

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

1.25 Meter Repeater 224.240 MHz
 -1.6MHz offset

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



SMARS Board Meeting July 2, 2012

Called to Order: 5:22 PM

Officers Present: Gary N8QC Doc K8OLY John W8JRD
Don W8RVT

Others Present: Stephanie W8AEZ

Topics:

- Field Day final points were calculated and Don W8RVT will be submitting.
- There was some discussion about changing operating times for next year.
- Suggestions were made concerning a pamphlet for new hams with info about what to do with their new license.
- Summer club activities might include participating in the Ohio QSO party.
- The Board authorized matching memorial donations for WA8MFL for ham radio books for the library.
- CW classes could start in September. The instructors will need to be contacted for their availability. More action tabled until August.

Adjourned: 6:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Davidson W8JRD

SMARS Secretary

Income and Expense Statement

6/1/12 Through 6/30/12

Category Description	6/1/12 -6/30/12
INCOME	
50 50	12.50
Interest Inc:	
Checking	<u>0.68</u>
Total Interest Inc	0.68
Memorials	215.00
Sales:	
Equipment	150.00
Total Sales	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	378.18
EXPENSES	
Administration:	
PO BOX	29.00
WebHosting	<u>11.97</u>
TOTAL Administration	40.97
Equipment	
Chairs	136.68
Equipment-Other	<u>16.00</u>
Total Equipment	152.68
Feedback:	
Postage	13.50
Printing	13.50
Feedback-Other	<u>-28.50</u>
Total Feedback	-1.50
Field Day:	
Fuel	<u>52.70</u>
Total Field Day	52.70
Hamfest 2012	
Tickets	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL Hamfest 2012	0.00
Meetings:	
Refreshments	10.94
Rent	120.00
VE Rent	<u>60.00</u>
TOTAL Meetings	190.94
Utilities:	
Telephone	<u>133.42</u>
TOTAL Utilities	<u>133.42</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	569.21
TOTAL INCOME - TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>-191.03</u></u>

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



SMARS NETS

Before Lunch Bunch

Monday—Friday 11:30 AM, 146.66

Sunday Evening 8:00 PM, 146.66

Monday 8:00 PM, 224.24

Wednesday 7:00 PM, 443.95

Wednesday 8:00 PM, 28.365

Saturday 8:00 PM, 443.95

Upcoming events:

Club meeting: July 19 @ 7:00 PM

SMARS Breakfast: August 4 @ 8:30 AM

BLB Luncheon: Aug 9 @ 11:30 AM