



FEEDBACK

March 2013

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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2013 Crossroads Hamfest

Well, it's that time again. That's right, the 2013 Crossroads hamfest is Saturday, March the 16th. Once again all of the tables have been sold, so we expect a packed house. Thanks in advance to all of the volunteers that make this event possible.

Skywarn coffee

The second meeting of the Skywarn coffee group, which meets immediately after the siren test on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Coney Island on Capital Avenue NE, was a great success. I counted 24 people in attendance. This location can accommodate even more people so be sure to attend.

SMARS Breakfast

The SMARS club breakfast was once again a full house. About 15 people in attendance. In fact this great turn out has prompted consideration of a new location. If you have suggestions, please contact a board member.

In the news

- Accordingly to an article on the ARRL web site (<http://tinyurl.com/arrl-net-blocked>) Microsoft is blocking forwarded email from address ending in @arrl.net from their domains Hotmail.com, msn.com, live.com and outlook.com. Officials from ARRL are working to get delivery restored.
- In an article on the ARRL web site (<http://tinyurl.com/ham-radio-works>), it was reported that amateur radio was used to summon help when he became stuck in the Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area in Florida. He was able to contact the local repeater when there was no cell phone service.
- A new law in Montana prohibits local governments from regulating Amateur operations from a motor vehicle and establishes a 100 foot height below which local governments may not regulate Amateur Radio towers. (<http://tinyurl.com/montana-ham-law>)



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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

March 21st, 2013 @ 7 PM

BLB Luncheon

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

Next meeting

April 11th @ 11:30 AM

SMARS Breakfast

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

Next Meeting

April 6th @ 8:30 AM

SKYWARN Coffee

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

Next Meeting

April 6th

Board Meeting 03/05/2013

Attendees: Gary N8QC, Don W8RVT, Tom WR8G, Jay KD8OXR, Stephanie W8AEZ, John W8JRD.

Don presented a copy of the financial report.

The telephone bill was discussed again and it was decided, again, that a phone is still needed to have remote control of the repeater. This item will be on-going until a viable substitute can be found.

Hamfest. Discussed prizes needed. Doc will seek purchase of a couple of HTs, one "high-end" (Wouxon) for 1st prize, and another, less capable (Baofeng), for second. Some of the vendors have offered to provide prizes also. There will also be some ARRL swag available.

All tables are sold and the website has been updated to reflect this. Emails will be sent to all vendors explaining the teardown time restrictions since our contract with the MAC only runs until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Various tasks were brought up and assigned/accepted including: retrieving the fence posts from one of the trailers, office supplies to be purchased, and extension cords to hang from the ceiling.

It was agreed that more cash would be available for ticket sellers to account for the number of \$100 bills that are proffered early in the morning, as well as covering the concession stand.

A plan was devised to create a grid marking system for the tables to help the vendors find their proper locations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Jarrett, KD8OXR, Secretary

Meeting Minutes 02/21/2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Officers present – **Gary N8QC, Doc K8OLY, Don W8RVT, Jay KD8OXR.**

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

Committee reports:

RACES – SKYWARN training class will be held on March 30th at 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Lakeview Middle School auditorium. Only the introductory class will be held. Reminder that the Eaton County SKYWARN training will be held March 22nd and 23rd at Olivet College.

Ham In A Day – May 4th 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 150 S. Kendall. This being a Saturday, parking should not be a problem. Also note that this is a siren test Saturday, too.

Field Day – Attempts by Jay to find information/source for a steam engine have met a brick wall. The gentleman who was supposed to know about steam engines had lots of information, mostly distressing, but had a name and address of "someone who knows all about steam engines." The name, address and phone number given have all proven to be incorrect. The information gathered suggests that a 3-4 hp steam engine will be much larger than we might think it should be, will require a large boiler, and access to lots of water. To purchase something like this will cost "really a lot of money" and we don't want to buy one anyway. A second avenue to be pursued is to contact someone in the Kal. Co. Antique Engine Club. If anyone has information to help out, please contact **Jay, KD8OXR!**

VE Session – There will be a VE session at the Hamfest on March 16th.

Hamfest – As of the time of the meeting, 69 tables had been sold. As of this writing, ALL have been sold and the website has been updated to reflect that information. A volunteer list passed around and many have volunteered for setup, teardown, ticket sales and VE Session. Thanks

to all.

Word has spread well as Jay has heard mention of the Hamfest on several nets in surrounding counties. We will try to get articles in the BC Shopper and the Marshall paper also, to run just before the 16th.

Remember, setup begins at 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Old Business:

Code class is in progress and some are making great headway, others, not so much. The camaraderie and support, however, is great. Many thanks to George, K8GG for his time and effort.

New Business:

Facebook pages have been created for SMARS as well as one for Amateur Radio in Calhoun County. Please visit and, if so moved, "Like" them.

Presentation: Don, W8RVT made a presentation introducing us to Echolink, which was very informative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Jarrett KD8OXR, Secretary

Classifieds

For sale: Circuitmate 9020 Dual Channel 20MHz Oscilloscope by Beckman Industrial. This scope has seen a great deal of use, but is still in good condition. I upgraded to a more modern unit, so this one has to go to make space. Asking \$50.00. Contact Tom, WR8G at 269-962-8007 afternoons and evenings.

Hamfests

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

03/17/2013: Hamfest 2013

Jefferson, WI

Tri-County Amateur Radio Club (W9MQB)

<http://www.w9mqb.org>

03/17/2013: TMRA Radio/Computer/Electronics Hamfest

Perrysburg, OH

Toledo Mobile Radio Association

<http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

03/23/2013: MOVARC HamFest

Gallipolis, OH

Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club

<http://sites.google.com/site/midohiovalleyarc>

03/30/2013: A.R.G.Y.L. Hamfest

Lowell, MI

Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell

<http://www.argyl.org>

04/05/2013: AES SUPERFEST 2013

Milwaukee, WI

Amateur Electronic Supply

<http://www.aesham.com>

04/13/2013: 59th Annual Hamfest

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.cfar.org/hamfest2013.html>

04/13/2013: Columbus Hamfest

Columbus, IN

Columbus Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.carcnet.org>

04/13/2013: Madison Hamfest

Stoughton, WI

Madison Area Repeater Association

<http://www.qsl.net/mara/swapfest.html>

04/20/2013: Jackson County ARC Hamfest

Jackson, OH

Jackson County ARC

04/20/2013: Milford Swap-N-Shop

Highland, MI

Milford ARC

04/20/2013: North Central Indiana Hamfest

Peru, IN

Cass County ARC, Miami County ARC, Grant County ARC,
& Kokomo ARC

<http://nci-hamfest.net>

04/21/2013: Arthur Hamfest

Arthur, IL

Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub

<http://www.qsl.net/mark/>

04/28/2013: Athens Hamfest

Athens, OH

Athens County Amateur Radio Association

<http://ac-ara.org/>

05/04/2013: Cadillac Hamfest

Cadillac, MI

Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.wexaukeearc.org>

05/04/2013: Ozaukee Radio Club's May Hamfest

Cedarburg, WI

Ozaukee Radio Club

<http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org>

05/05/2013: Jackson County WV Hamfest

Ripley, WV

Jackson County Amateur Radio Club

05/05/2013: THE DEKALB HAMFEST

Sandwich, IL

Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.karc-club.org>

05/17/2013: Dayton Hamvention

Trotwood, OH

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

<http://hamvention.org>

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.

VE Examination Session

March 16, 2013

For anyone interested in getting or upgrading their Amateur Radio license, the next session will be March 16, 2013 at the Crossroads Hamfest. Testing will start at 10am promptly. There is no entrance fee for the VE session, but you are encouraged to buy a ticket to the hamfest and take a look around. It is a lot of fun.

Candidates must bring:

- \$15 for the examination fee (cash or checks only, please).
- A photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport are fine. Under 18 or without a photo ID, please call me for information.
- A copy of your current Amateur Radio license.

Candidates may also bring:

- A non-programmable calculator.
 - Pens and pencils.
- Smart phones are not allowed at the testing session. If in doubt, ask!

Anyone interested in helping at this session with current VE credentials, or anyone interested in becoming a VE, please contact me.

73,
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Income and Expense Statement

2/1/13 Through 2/28/13

Category Description	2/1/13-2/28/13
INCOME	
50 50	25.50
Dues:	
2013	50.00
Dues-Other	11.00
TOTAL Dues	61.00
Hamfest Inc:	
Tables	760.00
Tickets	185.00
TOTAL Hamfest Inc	945.00
Interest Inc:	
Checking	0.28
TOTAL Interest Inc	0.28
TOTAL INCOME	1,031.78
EXPENSES	
Hamfest:	
Facility	750.00
TOTAL Hamfest	750.00
Meetings:	
Rent	50.00
VE Rent	0.00
TOTAL Meetings	50.00
Utilities:	
Telephone	79.11
TOTAL Utilities	79.11
TOTAL EXPENSES	879.11
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	152.67

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

Upcoming events:

2013 Crossroads Hamfest: March 16th, 8:00AM-Noon
(VE Testing starting at 10:00AM)

Club meeting: March 21st @ 7:00 PM

SMARS Breakfast: April 6th @ 8:30 AM

SKYWARN Coffee: April 6th after siren test

BLB Luncheon: April 11th @ 11:30 AM

Club meeting: April 18th @ 7:00 PM

VE Testing: April 25th @ 7:00 PM