



FEEDBACK

October 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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Elections Soon

Elections are coming up in December. Since all of the current officers have served at least 2 years and one serving for 6 years, please consider stepping forward to be a candidate for an office.

On a related note: It is getting to be that time of year again. Yes, it's almost time to pay your dues. Beat the rush, pay early. It's only \$10 and \$1 for family members.

SMARS Breakfast October 6, 2012

We had a very good turnout this month with a total of 13 hams. The restaurant wasn't as crowded as it has been other months, so people had a chance to move around and chat.

Present this month: Jay KD8OXR; Gary KD8JBT; Lynn; Louie WB8WXS; David KC8NZY; Bob WA8MOA; Gary N8QC; Chris; Bev KA8CXs; Rosemary WA8VXE; Stephanie W8AEZ; John W8JRD; and Ken KC8QNQ.

The Next Breakfast will be November 3, we hope to see you there!
73,
John W8JRD

Humor

Some lesser known Q codes:

QFH - This frequency is MINE! - go elsewhere.

QFH? - Is this frequency hogged?

QLF - I am sending with my left foot.

QLF? - Are you sending with your left foot?

QET - Phone home.

QET? - Has anyone called me from another planet?



Board of Directors

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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

October 18th, 2012 @ 7 PM

BLB Luncheon

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

Next meeting

November 8th @ 11:30 AM

SMARS Breakfast

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

Next Meeting

November 3rd @ 8:30 AM

Electronics corner

This month's electronics corner will appear next month due to scheduling issues.

From the Editor

You may notice that this month's Feedback is shorter than normal. This is because of a lack of articles being submitted in time for publication. This is in part my fault, since I didn't have time to hound the usual suspects (and indeed, not even the time to write my own article, which will return next month). So, if you have an idea for an article, please contact me at wr8g@omega-link.com or call 269-962-8007 and let me know.

SMARS Club Meeting September 20, 2012

Called To Order: 7:00 PM

Officers Present: Bob AC8GL Don W8RVT John W8JRD Gary N8QC

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: Date is OK, tickets are in progress.
- ARES/RACES: A Special Event station N8O is going to be set up at Fort Custer.
- The SET is October 6. There will be a free Child ID event at Sears on October 13 from 9 until 1.
- Field Day: No report.
- VE Testing: John W8JRD and Stephanie W8AEZ went to the Kalamazoo session on September 15. There will be 3 sessions in October: the 21st at the Kalamazoo Hamfest, the 25th regular SMARS session, and at the Ham in a Day on the 27th.

Old Business:

- SMARS set up one of the club trailers for an afternoon outing for the Ohio State Park contest.
- Reminder the SMARS monthly breakfast is October 6 at the Homespun Restaurant.
- Need to pin down a date for the SMARS Christmas party.

The CW classes will start shortly. There is practice code transmitted on the W1AW station.

New Business:

- There is a new Fort Custer Museum being set up. This might make a good field trip for SMARS.
- Presentation: Stephanie W8AEZ discussed her ARRL sponsored trip to Rocklin, CA.

Adjourned: 8:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
John Davidson W8JRD
SMARS Secretary

Hamfests

10/13/2012: Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest
Muskegon, MI
Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services (MCECS)

10/14/2012: SEWFARS Swapfest
Hubertus, WI
Southeastern Wisconsin FM Amateur Repeater Society
<http://www.sewfars.com>

10/21/2012: Kalamazoo Hamfest
Kalamazoo, MI
Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (KARC) & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART)
<http://www.KalamazooHamfest.Com>

10/28/2012: Massillon Hamfest
Massillon, OH
Massillon Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w8np.org>

11/03/2012: Milwaukee Repeater Club Hamfest
Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee Repeater Club
<http://www.mrc91.org>

11/04/2012: WACOM 2012 Hamfest
Washington, PA
Washington Amateur Communications
<http://www.wacomarc.org>

11/17/2012: Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo)
Fort Wayne, IN
Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society
<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

12/02/2012: LCARC Amateur Radio Swap/Hamfest
Harrison Township, MI
L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.n8lc.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.

SMARS Board Meeting October 1, 2012
Called to Order: 5:25 PM
Officers Present: Gary N8QC John W8JRD Don W8RVT
Others Present: Chris Williams Stephanie W8AEZ
Topics:

- Don brought up the suggestion about signs for the trailers. He will get with Tom WR8G about his source.
- Discussion about the contents of the packets handed out at VE sessions.
- John W8JRD needs commitments from VEs for the Ham in a Day session. If needed, there are a couple of Kalamazoo VEs that can help.
- Hamfest date is locked in.
- Christmas party still not set.
- The Board discussed getting a trailer out for the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air which is the same weekend as the Kalamazoo Hamfest.
- Reminder about the SMARS breakfast on Saturday October 6.

Adjourned: 6:31 PM
Respectfully Submitted,
John Davidson W8JRD
SMARS Secretary

As of press time, no income and expense report had been received.

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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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

Wednesday 7:00 PM, 443.95

Wednesday 8:00 PM, 28.365

Saturday 8:00 PM, 443.95

Upcoming events:

Club meeting: October 18th @ 7:00 PM

Kalamazoo Hamfest: October 21st @ 8:00 AM

(VE Testing held at Noon)

SMARS Breakfast: November 3rd @ 8:30 AM

BLB Luncheon: November 8th @ 11:30 AM