



# FEEDBACK

October 2013

## *Your Story:*

Do you have a story, humorous or otherwise about amateur radio? If so, please contact the newsletter editor (wr8g@arrl.net) 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.

If you would like to place a classified ad to sell or purchase amateur radio related items, please contact the editor.

## **VE Notes from the September 28, 2013 session**

There was a record turnout of 12 VEs for this session. In fact, there were more VEs than candidates.

That's the way it goes, feast or famine. 2 people passed their Techs and 2 more upgraded to General.

Many thanks to the VEs:

<b>Walter K8AEM</b>	<b>Erv N8YEA</b>	<b>Terry N8LN</b>	<b>Tom WR8G</b>
<b>Stephanie W8AEZ</b>	<b>Bev KA8CXS</b>	<b>Jay N8ARR</b>	<b>Don W8RVT</b>
<b>Doc K8OLY</b>	<b>John W8JRD</b>	<b>Terry AC8NR</b>	<b>Janice W8JKG</b>

The next SMARS sponsored session will be October 24, 2013 at the Maple United Methodist Church at 7 PM.

Don't forget the Kalamazoo Hamfest on October 20th, there will be a VE session there as well.

73,  
John Davidson W8JRD  
ARRL SMARS Team Liaison

## **Articles Needed**

One of the most difficult tasks that any newsletter editor faces is getting articles for the publication. Where do the best articles come from? Simple, they are written by average members of the amateur radio community. In other words, YOU. This newsletter is only as good as you make it. Articles on any subject of interest to amateurs will be published. Did you build an antenna? Get a new radio? Try a new mode? Participate in a contest? All of these and many more would make great articles.

The rules for articles are simple: It must be original or have permission to reprint and it must be of interest to some segment of the amateur community. Submitting an article couldn't be simpler, just email it to wr8g@arrl.net. Mostly any word processor format will work.



### 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 17th, 2013 @ 7 PM

### BLB Luncheon

2nd Thursday of every month  
Coney Island, N.E. Capital  
Battle Creek, MI

### Next meeting

November 14th @ 11:30 AM

### SMARS Breakfast

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

### Next Meeting

November 2nd @ 8:30 AM

### SKYWARN Coffee

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

### Next Meeting

November 2nd

### Meeting Minutes 09/19/2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Conducted by N8ARR for Talk Like a Pirate Day  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Introductions

Officers present – Gary N8QC, Doc K8OLY, Don W8RVT, Jay N8ARR. 26 members in attendance.

Secretary's report accepted by majority vote of Aye! Treasurer's report accepted by majority vote of Aye!

Committee reports:

Hamfest 2014 – No report about the MAC yet. Don says the date is OK. No flyers or tickets ready yet.

RACES – Hamcamp coming up on 9/20 and 21 to get people interested in the hobby. Help needed for setup Friday afternoon and to operate on the weekend. Two trailers will be on site. Talk in and info on the .660 repeater.

Ham In A Day – Held at the Public Works building. VE testing to begin at 3:00 p.m. VEs will be needed.

Field Day 2014 – Plans are in the works; more later.

VE session – Other than the HIAD session, the next scheduled testing will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in October at the Maple Methodist Church in the Babcock Room. Newly certified VEs: Bev, KA8CXS and Rosemary, WA8VXE.

Other – Christmas Party. We have reserved the main dining room for December 14<sup>th</sup> at OCB in BC. Doc also invites everyone to a concert of Christmas music on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Custer Chapel.

More Other – The Constitution is ready to be presented to the members. It will be posted on the website first, and hard copies should be available at the September meeting for those who don't have internet access. The vote to accept the changes will be at the October general meeting.

Still More Other – Remember that elections will be held in December. Anyone wishing to run for any of the offices should make their feelings known soon. Any member in good standing is eligible for any office.

Old Business: Constitution – Copies of the proposed draft were handed out for perusal. It will be posted on the web page for the members to read.

New Business: A vote on the Constitution will be held during the October general meeting.

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10/19/2013: Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest  
 Muskegon, MI  
 Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services  
<http://www.mcecs.net/Hamfest.htm>

10/20/2013: Kalamazoo HamFest and Computer Expo 2013  
 Kalamazoo, MI  
 Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club (KARC) & Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART)  
<http://KalamazooHamFest.com>

11/02/2013: Grant ARC Hamfest  
 Georgetown, OH  
 Grant Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.garcOhio.net>

11/03/2013: FCARC Swapfest  
 Appleton, WI  
 Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.fcArc.us/hamfest.php>

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.

**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

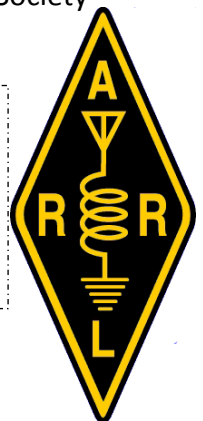
1.25 Meter Repeater 224.240 MHz  
 -1.6MHz offset

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



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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

Please see page 4 for offsets and PL tones

### Upcoming events:

**Club meeting: October 17th @ 7:00 PM**  
**VE Testing: October 24th @ 7:00 PM**  
**SMARS Breakfast: November 2nd @ 8:30 AM**  
**Siren test: November 2nd @ 1:00 PM**  
**SKYWARN Coffee: November 2nd after siren test**  
**BLB Lunch: November 14th @ 11:30 AM**  
**Club meeting: November 21st @ 7:00 PM**