



FEEDBACK

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Do you have a story, humorous or otherwise, about amateur radio? If so, please contact the newsletter editor w8kdb@arrl.net and get it published in **FEEDBACK!**

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

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Get Your Amateur Radio License Today!



HAM in a DAY
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • 8:45 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Battle Creek Department of Public Works • 150 S. Kendall Street, Battle Creek MI, 49015
Test for Technician or General License. • Check in begins at 8:45 for those taking the study session.
If you want to take the exam only, please arrive at 2:30. • Exam will begin at 3:00.

Coming up next month is the Ham in a Day (HAID) at the Battle Creek Department of Public Works. If you know of someone who is interested in getting the Ham Tech License, please let them know about the HAID on October 13th at the Battle Creek Department of Public Works on Kendall Street. If you are interested in upgrading from a Tech or General, you can join us for the VE session at 3 PM.

Seeking SMARS Officers Nominations for 2018-2019



WE WANT YOU!

Elections for club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be held at the October 18th membership meeting. The requirements for holding office are few: any current SMARS club member may run for office, and no prior experience is necessary!

Upcoming Radio Contests

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

10 GHz & Up – Round 2 - CW, Ph, Dig
9/15 – 9/16/2018
www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up

EME – 2.3 GHz & Up - CW, Ph, Dig
9/29 – 9/30/2018
www.arrl.org/eme-contest

School Club Roundup - CW, Ph, Dig
10/15 – 10/19/2018
www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup

EME – 50 to 1296 MHz - CW, Ph, Dig
10/27 – 10/28/2018
www.arrl.org/eme-contest

ARRL November Sweepstakes - CW
11/03 – 11/05/2018
www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

ARRL November Sweepstakes - Ph
11/17 – 11/19/2018
www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

EME – 50 to 1296 MHz - CW, Ph, Dig
11/24 – 11/25/2018
www.arrl.org/eme-contest

160 Meters - CW
11/30 – 12/02/2018
www.arrl.org/160-meter

**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>*

If you are interested in running for one of the club officer positions, please email Jay at n8arr@arrl.net with your name and the office for which you would like to run so that you may be added to the ballot.

IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Reports Disappearance of Two 40-Meter Broadcast Intruders

09/12/2018

The IARU Region 1 Monitoring System ([IARUMS](http://www.iarums.org)) reports that two long-time broadcast intruders on 40 meters are gone. IARUMS Coordinator Wolf Hadel, DK2OM, said in the August IARUMS [newsletter](#) that Radio Hargeisa in the Republic of Somaliland on 7.120 MHz, and Radio Ethiopia on 7.140 MHz, departed the band during the last week of August.

“We did not miss them,” he commented.

IARUMS did report increasing military traffic on 7 and 14 MHz, “especially on digital modes from Russia and China.” In addition, a wideband over-the-horizon (OTH) radar in China has caused serious problems on 20 meters, while an Iranian radar on 28.860 MHz “could be heard under sporadic E conditions.” German telecommunications authorities have filed a formal complaint.

Hadel said a Russian Navy system believed to be in Moscow appeared on 7.182 MHz on F1A, a 200 Hz shift, identifying as RDL. German telecommunications authorities were notified.

Hadel also reported “childish behaviour” by hams in western and eastern Ukraine “insulting each other or playing music every day” on 7.055 MHz (LSB). Reports of amateur band intruders can be submitted via the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System [Logger](#).

Article courtesy of <http://www.arrl.org/news/iaru-region-1-monitoring-system-reports-disappearance-of-two-40-meter-broadcast-intruders>

ARRL president suggests that we “re-brand” amateur radio

9/10/2018

Amateur Radio Newline recently reported on a speech given by ARRL president, Rick Roderick, K5UR, at the 60th annual West Virginia State ARRL convention held August 25th at WVU Jackson's Mill Conference Center near Weston. Here are some things that he had to say:

“Are we even relevant anymore as ham radio operators? Well, let's see: We're world communicators. We provide public service. We help

Upcoming Hamfests & Conventions

09/14/2018

W9DXCC Convention

Location: Schaumburg, IL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Northern Illinois DX

Association Website:

<http://w9dxcc.com/>

09/15/2018

Greenfield Tailgate Hamfest

Location: Greenfield, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hancock Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w9atg.org/>

09/15/2018

Peoria Superfest

Location: Peoria, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club Website:

<http://www.w9uvi.org/>

09/16/2018

Adrian Hamfest

Location: Adrian, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Adrian Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8tqe.com/>

09/22/2018

2018 Bloomington Indiana Hamfest

Location: Belvidere, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Chicago FM Club

Website: <http://chicagofmclub.org/>

09/22/2018

GMARC Fall Trunk Swap

Location: Shelby Township, M

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: General Motors Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.gmarc.org/>

in emergencies and disasters. We help save lives. We talk to the jungles of Africa...to the beaches of the South Pacific. We bounce signals off the moon. We talk to astronauts. We promote technology. We do positive things. So absolutely—we are relevant.

We've got to accept change and we've got to adapt if we're going to bridge that gap to that next generation. So the question that I have here that I have challenged my colleagues at ARRL with is this: is it time to rebrand ham radio? Maybe we need to rebrand the American Radio Relay League. That's a pretty profound statement."

Of course, I agree with K5UR on this and said so myself several years ago. Unfortunately, according to the report, he retreated to the same old ideas that the ARRL has been spouting for years:

"Well I think we ought to get out there and stir things up. That's what I think we ought to do. I think you ought to go back and rejuvenate your club. Over the next year, get somebody into ham radio. The second thing I want you to do....I want you to help a ham that needs your help. And the third thing I want you to do is—if you're not a member of the American Radio Relay League, you need to join today...because you know that whether you like us or not, we're all you've got; ain't nobody else in Washington DC helping us. I want you to ask yourself this question: don't you think it's time to give something back? Now I believe as a group, if we all did that we'll make a difference in this hobby as we go forward. Be a champion of ham radio. Let's work together and get it done. Thank you very much."

I'd like to challenge K5UR and the ARRL to really stir things up. There are lots of us out here giving back by teaching classes, conducting exam sessions, and helping hams get on the air. That's not the problem.

What we need from the ARRL is real leadership, not just talk. Exhorting the troops is only going to go so far. For most hams, amateur radio is only a hobby, and they do what they can. It's really up to the ARRL to provide the leadership that ties it all together and provide the framework that will allow us all to be successful.

Saying, "Whether you like us or not, we're all you've got; ain't nobody else in Washington DC helping us" doesn't really cut it. You have to show people that you're really making a difference, not just say you are.

Article courtesy of <https://www.kb6nu.com/arri-president-suggests-that-we-re-brand-amateur-radio/>

Minutes 08/16/2018

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

Officers present – Kyle W8KDB, Jay N8ARR, Jan W8JKG.

21 members in attendance total.

Secretary's report was accepted.
Treasurer's report handed out and accepted.

Committee reports

HAMFEST 2019 –The Ten-Tec receiver is in Jay's possession at this time. Some of the boxes have that musty smell so he is looking to find better for the final packaging and also another location for storage. Tom has offered to store it. Jay will make arrangements.

SKYWARN – Next meeting on Aug 21st.

VE Session – Next will be on 8/23. Expecting at least 1 Tech and 1 upgrade attempts.

HIAD – Next will be 10/13/18 at DPW on Kendall.

Field Day – Paperwork is in the mail.

Repeater – No issues reported. New computers are on site.

HAMCON 2018 has been cancelled due to scheduling problems with MIS. Refunds are available. Information can be found at GLHAMCON.org.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nominations for officers are due in October for November elections. Kyle and Jan will accept running again if nominated but Steph and Jay are not going to serve another year so we must have VP and Secretary candidates.

If you are interested in running, please submit your name to Jay at N8ARR@ARRL.net to be included on the ballot.

The BLB needs to have more coordinators willing to pick up occasionally as Jay has other obligations to take care of.

Meeting adjourned at 1936.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Jarrett N8ARR, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes 09/04/2018

Called to Order: 5:30 PM

Officers Present: Kyle W8KDB Stephanie W8AEZ Jan W8JKG

Others: Tom WR8G John W8JRD Tom KE8GDN

Storing the Club trailers was the main topic of discussion. Tom KE8GDN said he could store all 3 trailers. Insurance for trailers and contents is unknown and will have to be investigated. There should be a plaque (or stencil) designating that the trailers belong to SMARS.

Tom WR8G brought in copies of the 2019 Hamfest flier. He will get with the printer to select a suitable high visibility color. The ARRL sanction for the Hamfest needs to be obtained.

Don W8RVT wishes to retire from the Technical Engineer post. A group of hams have expressed willingness to cover this position. The Fusion repeaters obtained for the club need to be updated and there was discussion about their use.

Adjourned: 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
John Davidson W8JRD, Acting 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

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, and also available via Echolink.

Other Repeaters

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

70cm Repeater 442.350 MHz, +5 MHz offset, CTCSS 94.8 Hz

<p>Club Meeting 3rd Thursday of every month Maple United Methodist Church 342 Capital Avenue NE Battle Creek, MI 49017</p>	<p>SKYWARN Coffee 1st Saturday of every month Immediately after Siren Test Coney Island, N.E. Capital Battle Creek, MI</p>	<p>BLB Luncheon 1st Thursday of every month Coney Island, 962 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI</p>	<p>SMARS Breakfast 2nd Saturday of every month Coney Island, 962 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI</p>
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<p>SMARS Nets: 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</p> <p>Other Nets: Skywarn Net: Tuesday 7:00 PM, 147.12 MHz</p> <p><i>Please see previous page for offsets and CTCSS tones</i></p>	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Club Meeting: Sept. 20th @ 7:00pm BLB Luncheon: Oct. 4th @ 11:30am Board Meeting: Oct. 2nd @ 5:30pm Club Breakfast: Oct. 13th @ 8:30am</p>
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