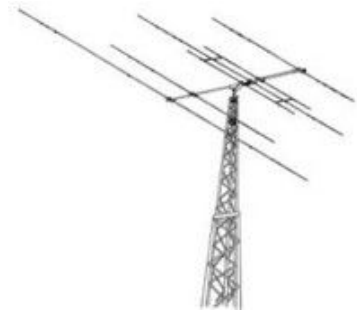


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*Emergency Coordinator. AEC: Assistant EC													

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Editorials

The President's Corner

The results from the Member Survey are in, and a summary is contained in this month's Waveguide. We'll be taking the feedback into consideration for future activities for sure. Thank you to all those who responded - this is your club, and your voice is an important part of helping the club deliver a good signal-to-noise ratio.

Field Day planning will get under way in the next couple of months, and I'm already looking forward to the warmer weather and firmer ground. The survey certainly indicated that the club found it worthwhile, and it should be a strong event again this year.

Regards,

Gerret, KD8YUK

Notes From the Desk of the Secretary

Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes Jan 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Gerret, KD8YUK. Fifteen members and guests were present.

Hospital Report: Gordon KD8TXW, Mike KB80TZ and Dave K8DLW will have procedures.

Announcements: General License class will be offered by the Genesee County Radio Club and taught by Amy Pender. Contact WA8MY for details.

Good General Test Study Guides were discussed. Check out the ARRL, Gordon West, or for a video resource KE00G.

Ed Oyster W8NCJ obtained a very nice Zenith Oceanic short wave radio.

Lee N8LJ reported availability of an inexpensive 40 meter SSB transceiver. Details at www.hfsigs.com

Secretary Report: Minutes as published in the WaveGuide were approved by the

members present.

Treasurer's Report: Presented and approved by the members present.

E.C. Report: Skywarn Training on April 20 at 7:00 pm at the PIX Theatre. At the Jan 18th ARES meeting Kevin KB8TAR will present the Goals and Calendar of events for 2017.

The medical facilities are requesting additional communication capabilities. One of the 2017 goals will be to identify communication locations and communications required.

Old Business: The position of WaveGuide Editor is still open. Contact Gerret KD8YUK for details.

Operation Care coordinator will be open after this year's events. Tom is willing to train someone to take over next year. Without this event, next year's dues will certainly go up.

New Business: None reported.

50/50 winner Mike KN8Z

Meeting Adjourned 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Reported

Lee N8LJ

Treasurer's Report

Greetings to one and all. I am going to keep it short. It's winter! Nothing is going on! Get ready for spring! The treasury is fine nothing new to report. I am about to pay for the insurance on the club's equipment and I expect that the bill for the liability insurance will be coming shortly. Those are the big bills for the year, everything else is [just] piddly stuff.

You have nothing better to do than come to a meeting, so get out and let us see your face.

Respectfully,
William Miller, KD8VP
Treasurer

Repeater Trustee's Report

Hello W8LAP Supporters,

There were no technical problems with the repeater this month, or any matters concerning use of the W8LAP club call.

Backup Power

During the week of January 23, a member reported that a downed power line near the repeater caused a DTE outage, beginning at about 2 AM. Several checks of both repeaters showed that our backup power configuration functioned well for the time external power was lost (three hours).

See you at the next meeting,

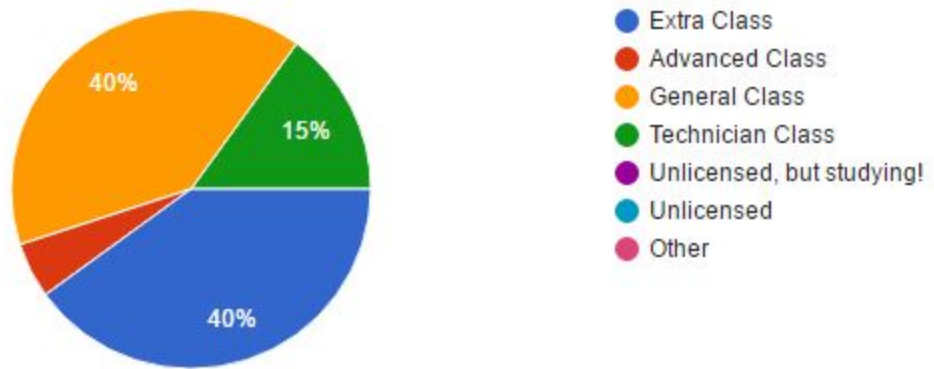
Mike, KN8Z (kn8z at arrl.net)

Club Items

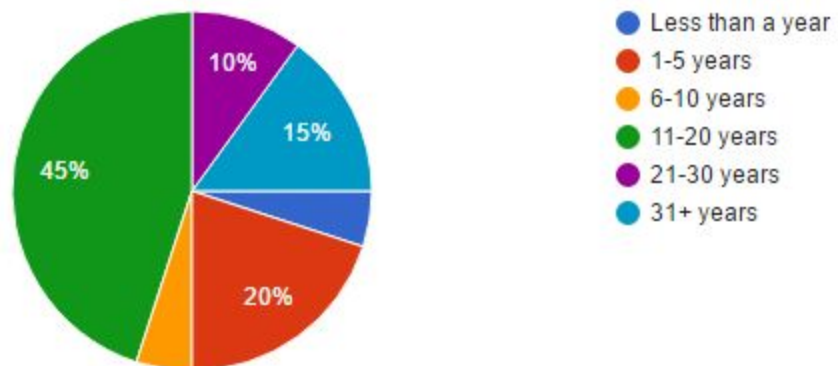
LCARA Member Survey Results are In!

Thank you to everyone who responded to the LCARA member survey! Surveys can be a challenge, but the hams of LCARA stepped up to the challenge with over twenty respondents submitting their feedback. Below are the highlights, and we'll have more insights at an upcoming club meeting.

What is the highest license class you hold? (20 responses)



How long have you been a licensed ham? (20 responses)



What are our members interested in? Just about everything, as it turns out!

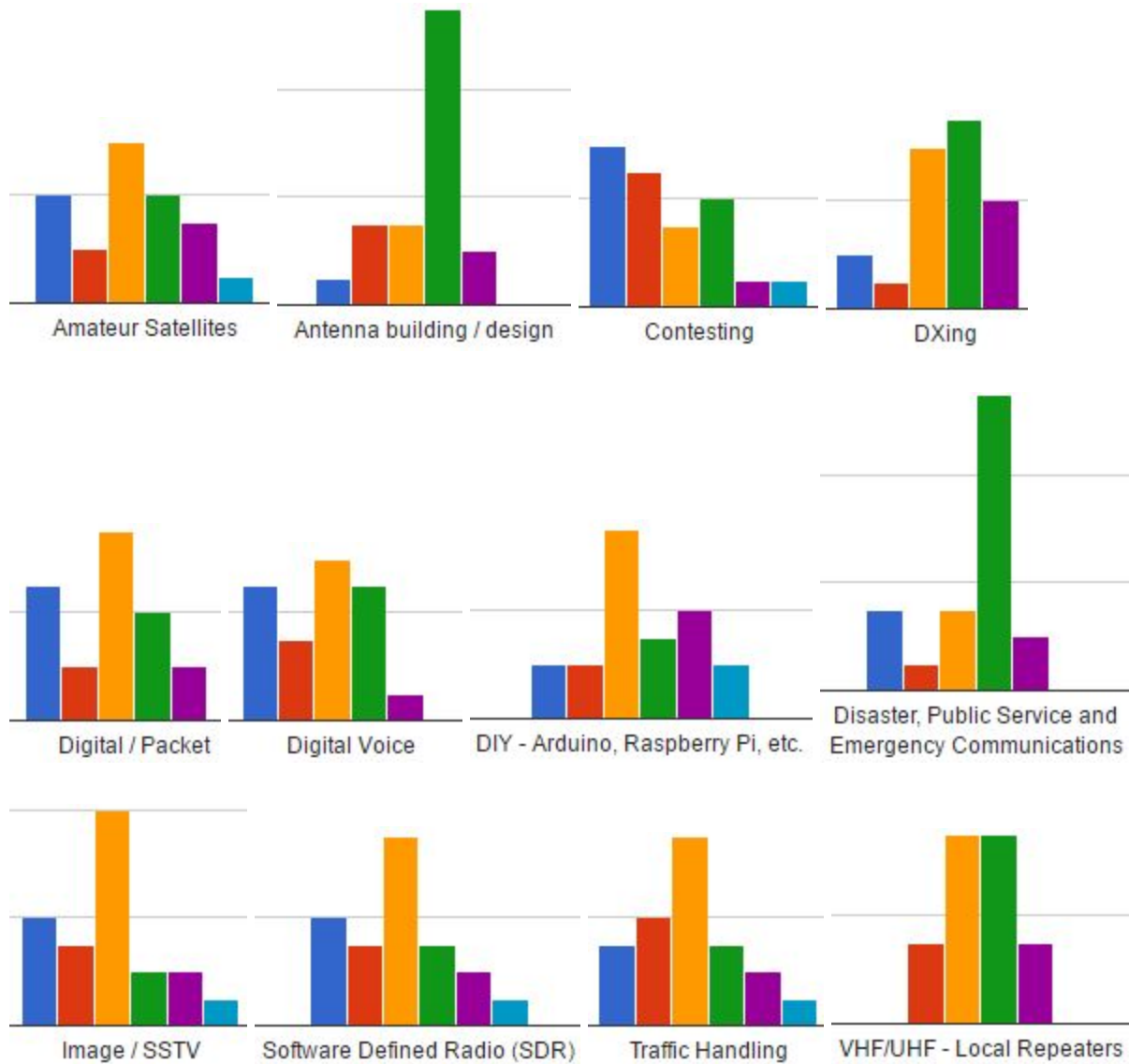
The question read: "It's not uncommon for hams to pick new segments of the hobby from time to time. What's got your interest right now?"

1 2 3 4 5 No interest

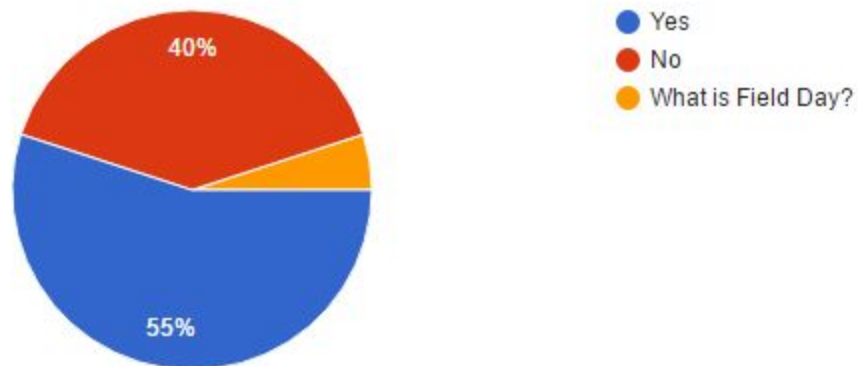
1: I'd read an article about it.

3: I'd attend a presentation on it.

5: I'd travel to another state to learn more!

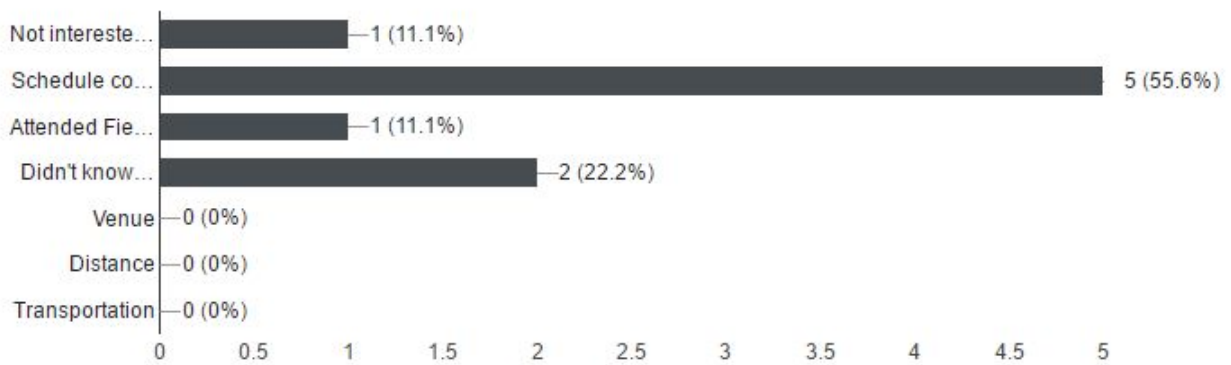


Did you attend LCARA Field Day 2016? (20 responses)



A good portion of the respondents attended Field Day last year, and for those that were unable to attend, it was mostly schedule-related.

If No, what held you back from attending? (9 responses)



Wanted: Newsletter Editor

If you're worried about your "computer savvy" being a hindrance, don't! If you can use Facebook, send email, or tap out instant messages on your phone, you can edit the newsletter. Training is free and may come with a free beverage, too.

Volunteer Position	Waveguide Newsletter Editor
Key Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Publish the monthly newsletter electronically● Request, edit and incorporate monthly editorial articles from LCARA board members, call sign trustee, and emergency coordinator● Select and include occasional feature articles related to the Amateur Radio hobby.● Edit submitted text for basic spelling / grammar
Equipment Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Computer● Google Chrome Internet Browser (Free)● Reliable Internet Access - home or library, up to you.● Reliable email account
How to Apply	Send email with interests and qualifications to gso@w8lap.com . A member of the leadership team will get in touch with you promptly!

Calendar of Events

- External Event (not LCARA-sponsored)

A - ARES Team Event

Also see schedule of weekly nets on page 1.

February 2017

February begins on a Wednesday, so the club meeting and ARES meetings are in the same week.

- 02/14, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Business meeting, no presentation this month.
- A 02/15, 7:00pm - ARES Training, Lapeer EOC
- A 02/18, Time TBD - ARES tour, contact Kevin Boxey for details.

March 2017

March begins on a Wednesday, so the club meeting and ARES meetings are in the same week.

- 03/11, Lapeer ARES Exercise
 - Presentation TBD
- 03/14, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
- A 03/15, 7:00pm - ARES Training, Lapeer EOC
- # 03/25, 10:00am-12:00pm - Skywarn Training, Genesee County

April 2017

- 04/11, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Presentation TBD
- A 04/19, 7:00pm - ARES Training, Lapeer EOC
- # 04/20, 7pm-8:30pm - Lapeer County SkyWarn / Tornado Class
Lapeer Pix Theater (downtown) No registration necessary.
Additional Information about the SkyWarn class here:
https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23

May 2017

- 05/09, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Presentation TBD
- 05/26-29, 8am-8pm, Operation C.A.R.E.
 - Rest Area I-69E, just past Wilder Road
 - 4-hour shifts

June 2017

- 06/13, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC

- Presentation TBD
- 06/24-25, ARRL Field Day - LCARA will participate
 - Much more to come!

July 2017

- 07/xx - Dates TBD, 8am-8pm, Operation C.A.R.E.
 - Rest Area I-69E, just past Wilder Road
 - 4-hour shifts
- 07/11, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Presentation TBD

August 2017

- 08/08, 6:30pm - Club **Picnic**, Cramton Park, Lapeer MI
 - Presentation TBD
 - Officer Nominations Due

September 2017

- 09/01-04, 8am-8pm, Operation C.A.R.E.
 - Rest Area I-69E, just past Wilder Road
 - 4-hour shifts
- 09/12, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Presentation TBD

October 2017

- 10/10, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Presentation TBD

November 2017

- 11/14, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Presentation TBD

December 2017

- 12/12, 6:30pm - Club Holiday Dinner
 - Date + Location Tentative (same as club meeting)

Upcoming Hamfests

A tip of the microphone to Kevin, KB8TAR for passing this list along.

2/19/17	Mansfield	Mansfield, OH
2/19/17	Livonia	Livonia, MI
3/4/17	Cave City	Cave City, KY
3/11/17	Lowell ARC	Lowell, MI
3/18/17	Crossroads	Kalamazoo, MI
3/18/17	MOVARC	Gallipolis, OH
4/8/17	Cuyahoga Falls	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
4/29/17	Jackson County	Jackson, OH
4/30/17	Athens	Athens, OH
5/6/17	Cadillac	Cadillac, MI
4/22/17	Chassell Hamfest	Chassell, MI

L.C.A.R.A. Membership Application

Call Sign: License Class:	Name:
Address:	
City:	
State:	Postal Code:
Email Address:	
ARRL Member (Y/N):	ARES Member (Y/N):
RACES Member (Y/N) and Card #:	SKYWARN Member (Y/N) and Number:
Social Media Handles:	

L.C.A.R.A. Memberships are due annually on October 1st.

- **\$12** - Individual Membership
- **\$20** - Family Membership
- **\$4** - Associate Membership

Membership forms may be turned in to the Treasurer at a monthly meeting, or mailed to the club address:

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