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Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

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2009

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Tuesday, October 13 —7:30 p.m.
at the Lapeer County Central Dispatch Center (911)
2332 W. Genesee Street in the basement.*

The Treas Sez:

Greetings to everyone. I would like to start out by saying a big **Thank You** to all those that helped out this summer with Operation Care. Do to your support we will be solvent another year. Operation Care also gave nine hams earned membership to LCARA. What you say? Yes by putting in a total of 16 hours or more of your time in at Operation Care you can earn membership to our club. What an easy and fun way to participate and get something from it.

As far as the treasury goes we have paid the usual bills this month and it looks like we are prepared for winter.

The Trustee Sez:

Hello everyone. Looks like winter is coming our way and I don't remember summer. Other than mowing the grass out at the repeater site.

Both repeaters are still repeating. How many of you can say you knew that? I sure don't hear very many of you, so I have to assume that you are not even listening. When I

The Secy Sez:

. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chris, kc8twl with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introduction of members and guest.

Chuck, wa8ucs grandson Dan, who is a ham was diagnosed with cancer. Dave, kd8dlw found a spot on his ear.

The 4th Annual Family Preparedness Day is September 14.

Minutes were read by Flo. kc8cab. Accepted by Dan, kc1bud.

I have a request for information from anyone out there. We have been maintaining a Michigan State Non Profit Corporation Status for many years. We are not incorporated. Other than giving the state a \$20.00 bill each year, what good does that do? It does give us the privilege of not paying sales tax, but we do not buy enough goods each year to save the bucks spent for the registration fee. I personally feel like dropping it. What do you think about this? Let me know via e-mail at kd8vp@juno.com please.

See you at the meeting.

73 Bill KD8VP

get on and announce my presence, it is rare to hear someone come back to me. If you are listening please come back to anyone that breaks the squelch, just to let them know that someone is listening.

73 for now

Bill KD8VP

Treasurers report was given by Bill, kd8vp. The Swap and Operation Care added to the treasury. Accepted by Tom, kd8eoa and seconded by John, kd8kvo.

Trustees report was given by Bill, kd8vp. The repeater is working just fine.

Hank. k8dd wants the Club to look into the Christmas Party for this year. It was tabled till the October meeting on where and when.

Break was from 8:00 to 8:10.

The antenna regulations in Deerfield Township were dropped for now. The Amateur Radio towers are exempt.

We had Nomination of Officers:

- President: Bob, n8ne?.
- Vice President: Chris, kc8twl and Kevin, kb8tar.
- Secretary: Flo, kc8cab,
- Treasurer: Bill, kd8vp.

Elections are in October.

THE CLUB DUES ARE DUE IN OCTOBER.

50/50 was won by Lee, n8lj.

Meeting was closed at 8:20.

The EMD Sez:

I would like to thank all of those that came out to help with Family Preparedness Day. Even though our numbers were down, I truly believe that anytime that we can get preparedness information into the hands of our residents, it's was a day worth spending!

Also, just to let you know how often amateur radio is talked about in our field, here is a small sample article (I was reviewing it based on the Twitter/Facebook topic)

<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-products/emergency-wireless-communications/articles/592838-twitter-facebook-helped-in-southeast-flooding-emergency/>

Other than that, this office is trying to get back to business-as-usual and will begin planning for the Annual Skywarn and Disaster Exercise!!

Mary Stikeleather

**Be Radio-Active
Participate**

From the Mailbag:

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For Sale For Sale For Sale For Sale:

For Sale

Yaesu FT-920 \$800 OBO

Astron 35M P/S \$100

Bob W8RAE

Phone 248-628-3401

FOR SALE:

HF isotron Loop antenna for 80-75-40M, \$60.00 or best offer .

Seven (7) slinkies (metal, can be made into an antenna), \$40.00 for all of them.

Also have approximately 130 ft in coax and 100-200 ft of wire to donate to who ever wants them.

Contact Richard 810.824.3948

FOR SALE:

Henry 2K HF amplifier, floor model \$800 contact Stan, AC8W (810) 364-6674

FOR SALE:

Heathkit SB-220 80-10M Amplifier. Contact Don, WA8OLN, at (810) 367-6331

For Sale

HW-8 Handbook—covers HW-7, 8 & 9 \$15

COM port boards, ISA, 2 ports \$3.00 ea

Rigblaster Plus for Digital Communications – new, never used! \$100 obo

From the estate of N8CQA:

Central Electronics 10B \$130

Central Electronics 20A \$130

One VFO's for above \$75 ea

30M two transistor transmitter in a Hershey Cocoa can , with schematic \$15

All offers will be listened to!

Contact Hank K8DD at k8dd@k8dd.com or 810-721-0708

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Committees & Appointees.

Club Founder.....Hollis Hayes, W8ACD
Club Historian.....Charlie Whipp, KC8JBK
Skywarn Coordinator.....Pete Headrick KB8RSG
Field Day Chairman.....Bill Miller, KD8VP
Two Meter Net Mgr.....Charlie Whipp, KC8JBK
Public Information Officer.....**It could be you!**

Club Call TrusteeW8LAP.....Bill Miller, KD8VP
VE Coordinator.....Al Wilson, N8NPR
Swap & Shop Chairperson.....Bill Miller, KD8VP
Meeting Refreshments.....Bill Miller, KD8VP
Newsletter Editor.....Hank Kohl, K8DD

ARES Repeater Nets

Monday at 9:00 PM on 146.620-
Thursday at 9:00 PM on 442.750+
Mon—Sat at 9:30 PM on 147.300+

Meetings

LCARA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Lapeer County Central Dispatch Center (911), 2332 W. Genesee St, Lapeer MI at 7:30 p.m. local time.

Board of Directors' monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Tim Horton's at 7:30PM (Check on the W8LAP repeaters).

Newsletter

Items for the newsletter may be called to the Editor at 810-721-0708, sent by Mail (Box 88, Attica, MI 48412), or as an ASCII or Word file to k8dd@arrl.net The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month.

This area is for the article that you were going to write!

Volunteer Exam Session

The next ARRL Volunteer Exam (VE) session will be **October 10, 2009** at 10:00 a.m. in the basement lab room at the Port Huron Branch of the St. Clair County Library, 210 McMorrان Blvd, Port Huron, MI.

Pre-registration NOT NECESSARY!

Bring picture ID, the original and a copy of your present license and the original of any Certificate of Successful Completion (CSC) you may hold. The current fee is \$15.00. For further information call Bob Herbert, K8WMW, at 982-1561

Dates for 2009 : Nov. 14, Dec. 12

Bob, K8WMW

Coming Events...

October 17 -- Holland, MI Hamfest, at The West Ottawa South Campus, 3600 152nd Ave. Holland, MI.
http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22

October 18 -- Kalamazoo, MI Hamfest, Kalamazoo County Expo Center & Fairgrounds 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI

October 25-Sterling Heights USECA Swap, American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Adm: \$5, tables \$15. TI: 147.18 (100 Hz) Info www.usecaarc.net

December 6 -- L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club, Mt. Clemens, MI <http://www.n8lc.org> L'Anse Creuse High School, 38495 L'Anse Creuse Street

Remember...DX Is!

N2CQ QRP CONTEST CALENDAR

Worked All ARCI Challenge (CW/Dig/Ph) QRP Event!
thru Dec 31

Info: <http://www.qrparci.org/waac>

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10-10 Day Sprint (All) ... QRP Category

Oct 10, 0001z to 2359z

Rules: <http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSOPartyRulesRevised.pdf>

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Worked All Britain HF Contest (Phone) ...QRP Category

Oct 10, 1200z to Oct 11, 1200z

Rules: <http://wab.intermip.net/Contest%20Rules.php>

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Pennsylvania QSO Party (CW/SSB/Digital) ... QRP Category

Oct 10, 1600z to Oct 11, 0500z

Oct 11, 1300z to Oct 11, 2200z

Rules: <http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html>

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Arizona QSO Party (CW/PH) ... QRP Category

Oct 10, 1600z to Oct 11, 0600z and

Oct 11, 1400z to Oct 11, 2350z

Rules: <http://www.azqsoparty.org/rules.htm>

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EU SPRINT CONTEST - Autumn (CW) ... 100W category

Oct 10, 1600z to 1959z

Rules:

<http://www.eusprint.com/index.php?page=140&lang=g>

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FISTS Fall Sprint (CW) ... QRP Category

Oct 10, 1700z to 2100z

Rules: <http://www.fists.org/sprints.html>

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North American Sprint (RTTY) ... QRP Category  
Oct 11, 0000Z to 0400Z Rules:  
<http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php>

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SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) ... QRP Category
Oct 11, 0000z to 2359z
Rules: <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/>

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NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint (CW) \*\*\* QRP Contest \*\*\*  
EDT: Oct 13, 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM  
UTC: Oct 14, 0030Z to 0230Z  
Rules: <http://www.arm-tek.net/~yoel/contests.html>

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LZ Open 80m Sprint (CW) ... QRP Category
Oct 17, 0000z to 0400z
Rules: <http://www.lzopen.com/lzocc80/index.htm>

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QRP ARCI  
Fall QSO Party (CW) \*\*\* QRP Contest \*\*\*  
Oct 17, 1200z to Oct 18, 2400z  
Rules: <http://www.qrparci.org>

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Iowa QSO Party (CW/Ph/Dig) Oct 17, 1400z to 2300z
Rules: <http://www.wa0dx.org/iaqsoparty.html>

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STEW PERRY TOPBAND DISTANCE CHALLENGE  
WARMUP - QRP CATEGORY  
Oct 17, 1500z to Oct 18, 1500z  
Rules: <http://web.jzap.com/k7rat/stew.html>

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Worked All Germany Contest (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category
Oct 17, 1500z to Oct 18, 1459z
Rules: <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/xedcgr.htm>

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New York QSO Party (Ph/CW/Dig) ... QRP Category  
Oct 17, 1800z to Oct 18, 0600z  
Rules: <http://www.nyqp.org/rules.php>

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070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint (PSK) ... QRP Category
Oct 17, 2000 to Oct 18, 0200 (Local Time)
Rules:
http://www.podxs070.com/contests/160m_sprint_rules09.htm

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Illinois QSO Party (CW/PH)... QRP Category Oct 18,  
1700z to Oct 19, 0100z  
Rules: <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2009.html>

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RUN FOR THE BACON (CW) *** QRP CONTEST ***
EDT: Oct 18, 9 PM to 11 PM
UTC: Oct 19, 0100z 0300z
Rules: <http://www.fpqr.com/>

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Ten-Ten QSO Party (CW/Digital) ... QRP Category  
Oct 24, 0001z to Oct 25, 2359z  
Rules: <http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSOPartyRulesRevised.pdf>

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CQ WW DX Contest (SSB) ... QRP Category
Oct 24, 0000z to Oct 25, 2359z

Rules: http://www.cqww.com/2009_Rules_cqww.pdf

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MQFD Monthly Sprint (CW/PH/Digital) \*\*\* QRP Contest \*\*\*

Oct 24, 1800z to 2200z  
Rules: <http://w2agn.net/mqfdsprint.html>

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SKCC Sprint (Straight Key CW) ... QRP Awards
Oct 28, 0000z to 0200z
Rules: <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/>

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Zombie Shuffle (CW) \*\*\* QRP CONTEST \*\*\*  
Oct 30, Local Sundown to Local Midnight (Any 4 hour period)  
Rules: <http://www.zianet.com/QR/P/>

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Thanks to SM3CER, WA7BNM, N0AX(ARRL), VA3JFF & G4GXL (QRPARCI) WB3AAL (EPAQRP) and others for assistance in compiling this calendar.

L.C.A.R.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT:

CALL SIGN: _____ NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY ,STATE, AND ZIP: _____

PHONE : _____ LICENSE CLASS: _____

SKYWARN NO.: _____ RACES NO: _____

ARES MEMBER YES__ NO__ E-MAIL ADD.: _____

ARE YOU AN A.R.R.L. MEMBER: YES__ NO__

L.C.A.R.A. MEMBERSHIP IS \$12.00 PER YEAR, RENEWABLE EACH YEAR ON **OCTOBER. 1ST.** FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$20.00. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP \$4.00. IF YOU WISH AN AUTODIAL NUMBER FOR THE REPEATER THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL \$3.00 CHARGE. Financing available.

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