

Waveguide

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146.620 - 100 Hz

442.750 + 123 Hz

Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

Club Founder: Hollis Hayes W8ACD



Edition for November 2011



*****The next regular club meeting will be held on
Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 @ 7:30 pm*****

ARES Net

Every Tuesday at 8:00 pm on 146.620 - with 100 Hz PL

(except club meeting nights)

Thursday Night Net

Every Thursday at 8:00 pm on 442.750 + with 123 Hz PL

Meetings

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

Newsletter

Items for the newsletter may be called in to the editor at 810-793-4986 or emailed to kevinboxey@hotmail.com. The deadline for submission is the 20th of each month.

Website: <http://www.w8lap.com>

Facebook: Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

Editorial Section

The President Sez:

Hello everyone. It is a slow month and there is not much to talk about - and yes the Waveguide is late this month.

Although this is not related to the actual club, I would like to start some ARES training for NTS message handling using packet early next year. I don't see this so much as actual training as a formal "Elmer session". So, in addition to people that need the experience we would be looking for people that already know the NTS message technique and packet to share their knowledge. If this sounds interesting to you please use the time you have now to get your packet gear in order. Once this is formalized there will be further information.

Also, I am looking for ideas on presentations for the club meetings in 2012. This could be anything from suggesting a guest speaker to a topic of conversation. Maybe you yourself have some experience or knowledge that the club would be interested in hearing. Please forward your ideas along to me and we can get them organized.

See you at the November meeting.

Kevin KB8TAR

The VP & EC Sez:

Not much to report. In Sept we spent 441 man-hours with an in-kind "donation" to our county of \$7,983.00; we had 2 public service events totaling 349 hours, and 1 Skywarn event for 40 hours. Don't forget the next meeting is Nov 8th and a RSVP is needed by Chris (KC8TWL) along with \$10.00 per person if you plan on attending the December X-mas party.

73, Tom
KD8EBY

The Treasurer Sez:

Greetings to one and all. As you should all know October is the beginning of our new year at LCARA. With that said, I will remind everyone that DUES are due.

It was voted and approved at the last meeting that due to costs, there will be a \$10.00 per plate charge for the Christmas dinner meeting. The reason being, that cost have risen and it was felt that the club should no longer foot the total costs of the dinner. LCARA will still be paying part of the costs, just not all of it. The Christmas dinner meeting is a wonderful opportunity to get together with our spouses and other club members. And the spouses get a little pay back for putting up with us last year. If you would like to join us for the Christmas meeting, contact myself or Chris Azelton, KC8TWL.

Overall the treasury is in good shape and we did not have any excessive bills for the month of October. The year 2010 - 2011 has been a good year and LCARA continues to be financially viable club.

Thank you and 73
Respectfully William Miller KD8VP



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The Trustee Sez:

Hello to everyone. The fall colors have been very pretty this month, but fall does bring on some inclement weather. This past month some of you may have noticed that the repeaters were down for a couple of days. This was due to the very high winds that prevailed. The repeater site must have experienced a very high power surge, and that blew out two circuit breakers and five fuses. The good news is that the fuses blew and not the equipment. Because all the fuses blew, the battery back up system was useless, it's power had no place to go.

The funny thing about this is that, while the repeater equipment was all down, the emergency weather Packet system was still operational. The Packet system is on a separate power supply and somehow, maybe because it was on the other leg of the incoming power, it survived what ever happened out there. Anyway I was very happy that it turned out to be somewhat easy to fix.

Now I will give my call to arms. Use the repeaters. It is all together possible that someday the privilege will be taken away for lack of use.

Enough said, see you at the meeting.

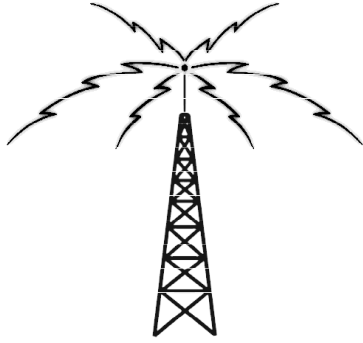
Respectfully William Miller KD8VP

The Secretary Sez:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introduction of members and guest. There was no hospital report. There were no upgrades. The September minutes were read by Flo, KC8CAB. The minutes were accepted by Tom, KD8EOA and seconded by Dan, KC1BUD. The Treasurers report was given by Bill, KD8VP. The report was accepted by Dan, KC1BUD and seconded by Tom, KD8EOA. The Repeater Trustees report was given by Bill, KD8VP. We need to start thinking about other tower locations. There is a possibility of a place in Columbiaville and Dryden. The battery is weeping. Bill is going to check to see about the battery. The battery may need to be replaced at the repeater sight. EC report was given by Tom, KD8EBY. It was the first time in 4 years that Lapeer worked the SET (Simulated Emergency Test). Most clubs charge \$20 to \$25 a year. Our dues is only \$12. There is a committee to figure out if we should raise the dues. New members first year free. After 18 you pay your own dues. No longer family plan. Keep CD's for tower. A motion was made to charge \$10 per person for the Christmas Party. The motion was accepted by Jamie, KC8PMW, seconded by Dave, K8DLW, and Dan, KC1BUD. Break from 8:48 to 8:55. New Swap Chairman is Dan, KC1BUD with Bill, KD8VP helping. Joe, KD8CIL talked about where to put the radio's at 911. 50/50 was won by Debra, KD8GAV. Meeting closed at 9:10.

Flo KC8CAB





For those of you not at the October club meeting we had discussions on the future of the club's repeater tower and location.

So, all club members are asked to keep your eyes and ears open for any possible opportunities concerning the usage of existing facilities (towers), open land, used towers etc. In short, anything that could be used by the club concerning a repeater location change.

Please bring all you find and share it with the club at the next meeting.



Contact Chris KC8TWL or Bill KD8VP to get your LCARA Christmas Party reservation. The party is on Dec 13th and the cost this year is \$10 per person for paid up members.

*Don't forget to join your fellow hams on the **Tuesday** night net at 8:00 pm on 146.620 - with 100 Hz PL*



NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

Nov 1st 2011 Kevin KB8TAR
Nov 8th 2011 Club meeting
Nov 15th 2011 Tom KD8EBY
Nov 22nd 2011 Charlie KC8JBK
Nov 29th 2011 Dan KC1BUD
Dec 6th 2011 Debra KD8GAV
Dec 13th 2011 Christmas Party
Dec 20th 2011 Kevin KB8TAR
Dec 27th 2011 Tom KD8EBY

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Stuff for Sale

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WANTED, Programming disc and cables for a Johnson Challenger II; 8 channel radio. Contact Tom, KD8EBY

FOR SALE, Heathkit HF transceiver SB1400 + SB14001 power supply. Radio has FM 10 meter C.B. \$300. Contact KD8EOA on the repeater or on email at tomadams69@yahoo.com

If you have something to sell please send an email with the details to kevinboxey@hotmail.com to be included in the Waveguide listing

The Michigan Section News for October 2011.

PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL RESULTS

PSHRs for September, 2011: **KD8EBY 444**, K8RDN 295, K8OLY 276, NX8A 275, WB9JSR 255, WB8RCR 228, WD8USA 194, N8OSL 177, KD8GLN 140, KB8RCR 140,

WB8WKQ 120, K8VFZ 100, W8QZ 100, NW8E 95, KD8CYK 90, N5ASU 90, KD8LZB

90, KD8AAD 75, KC8QWH 62, N8FVM 61, KD8QPF 38, KC8EIA 26, WB8FYR 24, KD8HPG 12. A comment about PSHR: This award recognizes the efforts of

hams that are active in public service. Those reporting accumulate points for checking into nets volunteering, holding a Section appointment and handling traffic. If you are reporting monthly to our SEC/STM WB8RCR, you can see your PSHR eligibility status at <http://www.nts-mi.org/pshr-cert.php>.

The full details are at: <http://www.arrl.org/public-service-honor-roll>.

FIRST PLACE !



MICHIGAN 2012 HAMFEST CALENDAR:

January 15, 2012: Hazel Park

February 19, 2012: Livonia

March 17, 2012: Crossroads, Marshall

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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Committees and Appointees

Club Call Trustee W8LAP: Bill Miller KD8EBY
Repeater Assistants: KC1BUD, KD8EBY, KD8EOA
Skywarn Coordinator: Tom Oliver KD8EBY
Swap & Shop Chairpersons: Bill Miller KD8VP & Dan Bain KC1BUD
Meeting Refreshments: Bill Miller KD8VP
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