

Waveguide



Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

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Officers

President	Gerret Peters	KD8YUK
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Treasurer	William (Bill) Miller	KD8VP
Secretary	Lee Dziekan	N8LJ

Committees & Appointments

Club Call Trustee: Mike Zedan, KN8Z

Repeater Technical Team:

- Mike Zedan, KN8Z
- Lee Dziekan, N8LJ
- Will Stanton, KB8YGA

Meeting Refreshments: Bill Miller, KD8VP

Newsletter Editor: **OPEN POSITION**

Webmaster: David Erskine, KD8GXW

County EC*: Kevin Boxey, KB8TAR

- **SkyWarn AEC:** Tom Oliver, KD8EBY

Operation CARE: Tom Oliver, KD8EBY

Seeking New Coordinator

*Emergency Coordinator. AEC: Assistant EC

W8LAP Repeaters

2 Meter: 146.620 -100 Hz PL Tone

70 CM: 442.750 +123 Hz PL Tone

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 7:30pm

Meeting Location

Lapeer County EOC / Dispatch

2332 West Genesee Street

Lapeer, MI 48446

ARES Team Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month (See the club calendar section for specifics.)

ARES Nets

Tuesdays, 8pm, 2 Meter Repeater

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Editorials

The President's Corner

By now, I'm certainly not the first (or perhaps hundredth) person to wish you a Happy New Year, but I do, and sincerely. May this year 2017 bring you better health, more wealth, wisdom, and that really rare DX you've been hunting.

If you're in the habit of making resolutions, consider one or two related to amateur radio this year. Volunteer some of your time for a club position; the veteran members are more than happy to help you get comfortable, and it's **you** who help make the club a fun place to be. The club is looking for an [Operation CARE Coordinator](#), as this is Tom Oliver's last year, and a [Waveguide Editor](#), so that yours truly can focus on LCARA as a whole.

We were blessed to have one of our older sons home with our new daughter-in-law over the holidays. I'm still coming to grips with that, and I expect a name change to "grandpa" isn't too far in the future. Ah, well, seasons of life, they just keep rolling along, don't they?

Hopefully your holidays were warm and safe, and you'll be able to join us for the January meeting, where we'll **host a member "new gadget show & tell"**. Bring those radio-related gifts that Santa brought you, or if it's too big, bring a picture and a story about it. In addition to the show & tell, we'll be doing one of the club's periodic **Ask Elmer** sessions - so bring your questions, too! No question too easy, no question too hard - or at least that's what Elmer says. Hope to see you at our **January 10th meeting, 7:30pm at the Lapeer EOC**.

Best Regards,

Gerret Peters, KD8YUK

Notes From the Desk of the Secretary

I hope all of the membership had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy New Year.

I'm sure Santa delivered your new transceiver, tower or antenna you wanted. Of course that depends if you were naughty or nice.

Our annual Christmas dinner gathering at Ted's Sports Pub was a huge success. Thanks go to Gerret KD8YUK for setting up this yearly festive event. If you missed this year's event, you may have the opportunity to attend next year.

As we close 2016 we can positively reflect upon our successes and plan to correct our shortcomings. Let us also remember those who suffered personal tragedies and continue to pray for, offer condolences and support.

Now is the time to make your New Year's resolutions. Get on the air and make some contacts, improve your operating practices, upgrade your station, try a new mode or band, fix that piece of equipment and don't forget to give back to the organizations you belong to. Don't forget to give something back to LCARA! Remember elections will be coming up in 2017.

May your holiday spirit continue through the New Year.

Lee
N8LJ

Treasurer's Report

Greetings to everyone.

I hope that you received something nice for Christmas. I know some of us deserve only a lump of coal. HI HI. At my age I either have it or don't want it so I get the coal. Now it is time for new year's resolutions. My number one is to get on HF more this coming year, and get my tri-band beam back up on the tower. Both are doable and I plan to do them.

The Christmas party was well attended and food was very good. More of you members should make it a point to come next year.

As to the club treasury, it is doing fine. There have been no expenditures to date and we have enough to cover our insurance expenses that come up next

month. Those are our major expenses for the year, and thanks to Operation Care we are doing good. Thank you to those who volunteer for OpCare. I think it should be a requirement for membership to put in some time out on the hill, it is that important to us.

Ok enough of my soapbox. I want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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.

Appreciation

Although we had only minor issues with our repeater this year, many hours of effort went into keeping it on the air. Beyond the actions of the Tech Team, many club members show their support in numerous ways. These include our Treasurer, who assures that the expenses are paid, Operation Care participants who raise funds to defray operating costs, members who provided moral support and provide feedback on repeater glitches, and net control ops and participants who keep communication skills honed. All efforts are appreciated at this special time of year in the spirit of Auld Lang Syne.

See you at the next meeting,

Mike, KN8Z (kn8z at arrl.net)

Emergency Coordinator Report

Hello all LCARA members,

The ARES group came a long way in 2016 with development of our digital message handling skills and development of our portable equipment setups. Of course we will continue development of these items in 2017.

Our goals for 2017 will include active participation in the Lapeer County SET in April, support for the Big Fish Triathlon in June, participation in the Michigan Section SET, and participation in the D3 SET this coming fall.

New for 2017 I see the group getting more involved with the local medical community in preparation for any communications contingencies there. Development or definition of the role of ARES for the medical community will be a major part of this activity.

If this sounds interesting to you the ARES group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the basement of the EOC.

We did modestly increase our member count last year and I would really like to see that trend continue.

We could use your help and expertise.

Kevin KB8TAR

EC / RO Lapeer County

Club Items

LCARA Member Survey (Reminder)

[Click here to complete the member survey](#)

Responses will be closed on **January 18**.

LCARA is conducting a survey of its members and supporters. The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback from the local amateur community about various aspects of the club, in particular what events and topics **you** are most interested in. Amateur Radio is a big hobby, and the officers want to be sure the club is meeting your needs.

The survey itself is a Google Form, and the information collected will be used only by the board to gain a better understanding of what your particular interests are related to Amateur Radio in Lapeer County. The results will be shared in summary form (no individually-identifiable information) with the membership in early 2017. It should take about 15 minutes to complete, and the information will help make LCARA a stronger club.

If you have questions about the survey, please feel free to contact Gerret Peters, KD8YUK, at kd8yuk@kd8yuk.org.

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	<p>Send email with interests and qualifications to gso@w8lap.com. A member of the leadership team will get in touch with you promptly!</p> <p><i>Note: FREE Training is provided with this position. You will receive one-on-one instruction in all tools and resources necessary to publish the Waveguide.</i></p>

Calendar of Events

- Event not sponsored by LCARA.

A - ARES Team Event

Also see schedule of weekly nets on page 1.

January 2017

- 01/10, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
 - Topic: Member Show & Tell, Ask Elmer
- A 01/18, 7pm - ARES Training, Lapeer EOC

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
- 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
- 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

- A 04/19, 7:00pm - ARES Training, Lapeer EOC
- # 04/20, 7pm-8:30pm - Lapeer County SkyWarn / Tornado Class
Lapeer Pix Theater (downtown) - More details to come.

Upcoming Hamfests

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

1/15/17	SCARF Hamfest	Nelsonville, OH
1/29/17	Tusco	Strasburg, OH
1/29/17	Hazel Park	Madison Heights
2/4/17	HARA	Negaunee, MI
2/11/17	Cherryland	Traverse City, MI
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

Heard on the Wire

A selection of news items and interesting finds submitted by LCARA supporters. Contribute by sending your own finds to gso@w8lap.com.

TX Factor

A professionally produced UK programme (TV show!) on all aspects of amateur radio. Up to 13 episodes as of this publication, and viewable directly from the web. <http://www.txfactor.co.uk/episode-list.html>

Raspberry Pi for Packet

At the Christmas party, a few of the members got into a discussion about whether it was possible to use the Raspberry Pi single-board computer as part of a Packet Radio station. This may come as a shock, but we weren't the first to have this discussion - more like the 108,101st, based on the search below.

<https://duckduckgo.com/?q=raspberry+pi+packet+radio&t=ffsb&ia=web>

Monitor on the Go - the "SPUD"

This Kickstarter project aims to make a 24" monitor that folds down to the size of a paperback book. They're calling it the "Spontaneous Pop-up Display", or SPUD, and it looks, well, really useful.

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1677563729/the-spontaneous-pop-up-display-spud>

For Sale and Wanted

- **Wanted** - Items for this list! If your shack is packed, racked, and stacked so full you can't turn around, list some of it here, and make room for new gear!

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
- **\$3** - Repeater AutoDial Number

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

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