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Upcoming Swaps...

April 8, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. **Milford MI ARC**, Milford H.S.
2380 Milford Rd. Talk in 145.49 (67Hz)
mboard3106@aol.com

May 6, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. **Cadillac** Info: Brian, KC8TXT,
231-743-6860

May 19, 20, 21—Dayton, OH Hamvention

June 17, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. **Midland MARC** 32nd Annual
Hamfest, Gerstacker Fair Center located at the
Midland County Fairgrounds Info: Bill, N8FUZ
989-835-4142

June 18, 7:30 a.m.—1 p.m. **Monroe** Hamfest and
Computer Show, Monroe County Fairgrounds, M-50
at Raisinville Rd., Adm: \$6 advance, 8' tables \$12 ea.,
8' trunk space \$6 ea. Info: Fred, KA8EBI, (734) 242-
9487 or www.qsl.net/w8kea

The Treas Sez

Bill Miller, KD8VP

Hello to everyone, This past month the LCARA treasury has not had any unusual expenses except the cost to prepare for the Skywarn class. Doug and his crew of helpers did an excellent job of getting out the Skywarn cards as usual, and the class was exceptionally well attended

As I remember this class was probably the second largest attended since LCARA has been putting it on. The only one larger, was I think in 1999 when the schools did classes to prepare for awareness month and the audience was full of young people from the schools.

As you are well aware we are about to start our Operation Care season soon, so please sign up on the web site or at the club meeting for a time slot to help out. Operation Care is our largest fund raiser and most important to our club treasury. Please help keep our dues most reasonable by contributing some of your time.

Thank you Bill Miller KD8VP treasurer

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The Prez Sez

Bob Erskine, W8RAE

Happy 4-1-06 did everyone set their clocks ahead???? Lets everyone in the county set the clocks ahead by a half an hour and the heck with changing !!. Good turn out at the skywarn, if you did not make it you missed a good one .. Lota changes from several years ago!!! Its not to late for someone to step up to the plate to take charge of the memorial day OP CARE.. Those of you that have helped out in the past know that the weekend for the most part runs itself, the getting donations has already been started and will be in place for all the holiday weekends before the end of April.. So the only part left to do is lining up the people. I plan on being at all op care events from 6am to 9/10 am.. With gas prices on the rise agn you will not have to drive far to have a few hours of fun meeting people from around the state as well as a round North America. We could even set up a portable station and see if their are any other hams working an OP CARE at an rest area!! Give it some thought .. 73 Bob W8RAE

ARRL Official comes to Lapeer!

The American Radio Relay League Michigan Section Manager, Dale Williams WA8EFK, will be the featured speaker at the April 11 meeting of the Lapeer County Amateur Radio Assn.

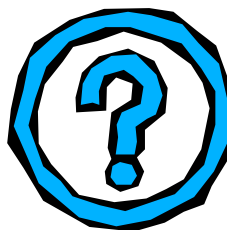
You will have a chance to talk to Dale and ask him any questions and/or concerns you may have about the ARRL/ARES/RACES.



*The Next Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, April 11 —7:30 p.m.
At the Lapeer County Central Dispatch
Center (911) at 2332 W. Genesee
Street in the basement.*

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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 to k8dd@arrl.net The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month.

The Trustee Sez

Bill Miller, KD8VP

Hello to everyone, Our repeater system is working well, and your trustee is diligently trying to learn and cope with the Scm controller programming language. There has been a continuing problem with the Auto Patch and frankly I haven't been able to figure it out. The club purchased the newest version of the programming, program, but that doesn't make it any easier to reverse engineer the existing program.

I am going to go to the Dayton Hamvention and talk to

every person I can find about a different kind of controller that is easier to program.

A contract proposal has been entered into to paint the tower this summer, and while were at it we need to make some updates to the repeater shack. One of the most needed items is a new door and reinforcing the door frame. I have a new door made but it is heavy and I will need some help to install it.

In the mean time use the repeaters, you can't break it.

73 Bill KD8VP

The EC Sez

Doug Donner, Jr. KC8ZCF

I'd like to give a big thanks to those who came out to the 2006 Skywarn training on March 23rd. There were 171 people in attendance, with 131 people being either new, or had not received training since before 2004. Mary Stikeleather said one person has been going to trainings in Lapeer since 1977. I really have to give a big thanks to Bob (W8RAE), Mike (KN8Z) and Sheri (KD8AWV) for the help with registration and inputting information into the computer so cards could be printed out. Still, there wasn't enough time to get all the cards printed. Next year, we plan to put the registration form up on the internet so people can download it and bring it with them. An online registration would be nice as well.

At the March 25th EC/DEC/SEC meeting in Lansing, the FEMA training requirements were cleared up. Here is the scoop. By September 30, 2006, ARES and RACES members have to complete FEMA IS-100 and IS-700. RACES also requires IS-22 (IS-2 is valid if you have already taken it). At this point, IS-200 and IS-800 will be

required in 2007. If you have taken IS-195, you don't need IS-100 and IS-200. I will need copies of your FEMA certificates for the records, if I don't have them already. Anyone not completing the requirements won't be able to receive a new/renewed ARES or RACES card. If anyone is interested, we can get together one day or evening and go over the material in a group. The website where the FEMA material can be found is: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. I also have the courses on a CD for anyone who has dial-up because some of the files are BIG.

The one question asked more than any other was "why all the training?" Well, the simple answer is because amateur radio is now listed as first responders. With all the interaction between hams and the police, fire, etc after Katrina, FEMA/DHS decided everyone had to be on the same page. Dale Williams will be at the April club meeting to discuss the new requirements. Please don't be bashful about asking your questions.

I'd like to introduce a new procedure for net control

The EC Sez (Continued on page 3)

Did you know that Michigan QSO Party was happening April 15, 2006?
It is 12 hours—not a real marathon — It won't keep you up all night on 80—10 meters.
What—you can't operate HF?
Crack open the books. Listen to the tapes.
Go to the Volunteer Exam April 8 in Port Huron.
Upgrading can be fun and easy!

(Continued from page 2) The EC Sez

operators for the Monday night net. Charlie (KC8JBK) suggested finding people who would volunteer to take the net one Monday night a month, with possibly 2 alternates. That way, no one is doing it all the time and there will be a net every week. If an operator can't make their night, they can call one of the alternates or one of the other net operators to fill in. This works quite well on the NTS net on 147.300 (BTW, feel free to jump in, the net runs Mon to Sat, from 9:30 to about 10:00). Are there any volunteers for one night a month? I will find the net preamble and send it to those who run the net and have it posted it on the W8LAP site

Till next month, 73 everyone,
 Doug Jr., KC8ZCF

2006 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

Attention Michigan Amateurs. It's that time of year again! Time to start talking about the 2006 Michigan QSO Party. This is a great opportunity to get on the HF bands, have some fun, and represent the great State of Michigan. The organizers of this event would like to see as many Michigan stations on the air as possible. It is the activity of the Michigan stations that make this event a success.

As you can see from the rules listed below, this is only a 12 hour event. Please consider getting on the air for the whole thing, or any portion of the 12 hour period. You can operate from home, portable, or mobile. We again, with the support of mobile stations plan on having activity in all 83 counties.

How about making this a club event? You can submit your individual or multi-op scores under the name of the your club and maybe bring home the club plaque. Hey, why not challenge another local area club or other groups within your club? Are there others in your club that would consider a mini expedition for a portable operation in one of the Michigan counties with minimal activity?? Those of you that have been in the QSO Party, please help us get the word out and encourage other Michigan hams to participate and join the fun. The name of the game is to have fun and make Michigan "Radio Active" on April 15th. Hope to hear you on the air! See <http://www.miqp.org> for more details!

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 15th until 0400Z April 16th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 15th)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W)

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3850, 7225, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@miqp.org

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see <http://www.miqp.org>

73 es cu April 15th 2006... Mark NU8Z

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**CQ MQP
 CQ Michigan QSO Party**



April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	4 Board meeting--Tim	5	6 ARES Net 442.750 RIP!	7 SEMDXA Club Mtg.	8 Milford Swap
9	10 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	11 LCARA Meeting	12	13 ARES Net 442.750 RIP!	14	15 MI QSO Party
16 ON QSO Party	17 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	18	19	20 ARES Net 442.750 RIP!	21	22 FL QSO Party
23 NE QSO Party	24 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	25	26	27 ARES Net 442.750 RIP!	28	29 AL QSO Party
30 AL QSO Party	1 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	2	3	4 ARES Net 442.750 RIP!	5	6

Volunteer Exam Session

The next ARRL Volunteer Exam (VE) session will be **April 8, 2006** at 10:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room at the Port Huron Branch of the St. Clair County Library, 210 McMorran Blvd, Port Huron, MI.

Pre-registration is NOT required. 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 \$14.00. For further information call Bob Herbert, K8WMW, at 982-1561

The following are the dates scheduled for the 2006 Port Huron Volunteer Exam Team sessions:

April 8, 2006
June 10, 2006
August 12, 2006
October 14, 2006
December 9, 2006

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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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