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The Prez Sez

Bob Erskine, W8RAE

Not to much to report this time around. I have been trying to lay low with the continuing back problems. All projects that involve lifting are going by the wayside. This being Doug's last month as club secretary it would be a major load off if some kind soul would step up and take the position. All volunteers will be given free advice by any former club secretaries present!!! Also we need everyone to be involved to make the swap a success. See everyone on the 9th. 73 Bob W8RAE

The Treas Sez:

Bill Miller. KD8VP

Treasurers Report Good day to everyone, I shouldn't have to remind all that the Swap and Shop is coming up August 21, 2005, be prepared to help out with this big event. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help out with the Swap please contact me, by phone, by e-mail, or on the repeater, I will be glad give you something to do that day. The treasury has not had any significant deficits this month, but we did take in a very worthwhile amount from the Independence day Operation Care. Thanks to all that participated or helped out in some way. I know that the summer months are a very busy time but please find it in your busy schedule to try and help out the club in some way.

Thank you & 73 Bill KD8VP

Congratulations Scholars!

A couple of scholarships have been given to two Lapeer Amateur Radio Association members.

From the Young Ladies' Radio League Scholarships which sponsors the Mary Lou Brown (NM7N) Memorial Scholarship - \$1500 goes to Therese G. Long, KC8PEZ - Imlay City, MI. Therese is a past Vice President, Operation CARE chairman, and has donated many hours to the LCARA.

And not to be left in the dust, the 10-10 International Net Scholarships - \$1000 has been awarded to Joshua J. Long, N8CFS - Imlay City, MI. Like his sister, Therese, Josh has been an officer of the Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association (the president), and has been active in all aspects of the club. Congrats Josh and Therese!

*The July Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, August 9 —7:30 p.m.
At the Lapeer County Central Dispatch
Center (911) at 2332 W. Genesee Street
in the basement.*

The EC Sez:

Doug Donner Jr, KC8ZCF

Howdy everyone. Hope everyone's summer is going well. I'm a little long winded this month, but bear with me. Reader participation is strongly encouraged.

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate and thank our 3 new OESs (Official Emergency Stations) here in Lapeer County. Bob (W8RAE), Doug Sr. (K8LSQ), and Hank (K8DD-A.K.A. "Dr. Digital") have volunteered and have received an appointment from the ARRL. There are still many ways to get involved, so don't be afraid to ask.

Back a few weeks ago, July 15th to be exact, I received a phone call from Greg Ybarra, (N8HXQ) EC for Genesee County, and Marty Mendelson (N8MG) SEC, letting me know that District 3, which we are part of, was activated for a search and rescue near Swartz Creek. A 7yr old boy, missing since July 1st. was thought to be in the area, and hams were needed to handle communications. An announcement went out over the repeater and Sheri (KD8AWV) commenced calling everyone on the club roster, to see who was available.

When the dust settled, Mike (KA8FIE), Stan (N8HN), Sheri (KD8AWV) and myself made it up to the search site later that evening. Officials called off the search about 5:30 PM., but the Genesee County crew continued into the evening. Their plan was to search thru-out the weekend to see what turned up. As the news reported, no further trace was found of the little boy, but a body was found in the woods in the search area that had been lying around for a few weeks. Suddenly, the search turned into a crime scene.

In talking to one of the hams who was present during the daytime search, I was told that several teams of 5 people were sent out to look for signs of the little boy. Each team consisted of (1) ham for communications, (1) law enforce-

The EC Sez (Continued on page 3)

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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.

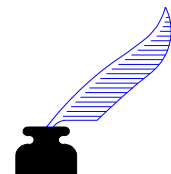
Board of Directors' monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Tim Horton's at 7:30PM (Check on the W8LAP repeaters).

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.

LCARA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Lapeer County Central Dispatch Center (911) *LCARA Monthly Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2005*



The meeting opened at 7:35 P.M by Club President, Bob W8RAE with Pledge and introductions.

Guests: Ron, KC8CRF from Dryden

Upgrades and Advances: None

Hospital/SK Reports: None

Presidents Report (Given by Bob, W8RAE): Overview of Field Day and talked about a pretty successful Operation Care. The tower that was stored on Jim's property was moved. It's not causing a problem at this point, but it can't stay in its new location too long. The swap is coming up next. There will be a meeting for people interested in working.

Vice Presidents Report (Given by Chris, KC8TWL): Welcome to the new V.P.

Secretaries Report (Given by Doug Jr., KC8ZCF): Motion to accept as read by Charlie, KC8JBK. Second by Hank, K8DD

Treasurer's Report (Given by Chris, KC8TWL in Bill's absence): Motion to accept as written by Hank, K8DD. Second by Ed, W8NCJ

Repeater Trustee Report: None

Emergency Coordinator Report: None

Break: 8:03 to 8:12

Old Business: None

New Business: Dave, KD8DLW told about the upcoming activities for The Blue Water Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Hank told a bit about his trip to Hawaii. Because of the wedding and beach traffic, he only had time to make a few contacts.

50/50 won by: Didn't have a drawing

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:30 PM. Motion made by Mike, KN8Z. Second by Tom, KG0ZN

Submitted By: Doug Donner Jr., KC8ZCF Secretary

Contributors to this newsletter:

Doug, KC8ZCF Bob, W8RAE Bill, KD8VP

Did you do anything? Tell us about it!
Your name and call should be here!

Welcome New Members

Meghan Boxey KC8ZWB

(Continued from page 1) *The EC Sez*

ment officer, and (3) others (fire personnel, etc). A big thanks goes out to everyone who either made it out or attempted to make it out to the search. I know there were a few people heading out on Saturday.

Below is an excerpt from an email message I received from Marty(N8MG) after the SAR:

"On another note, In light of this event and the efforts involved, it might be a very good idea if at minimum each District if they do not already have an SAR Team develop one in the near future. One of the lacking points in this effort was trained individuals in SAR to lead volunteers in the field. Luckily a National Guard Group recently returned from Iraq came to assist in the effort on Saturday and CAP was available with their search teams also. Again each District should consider developing an SAR Team for the District. Each County could also consider doing the same thing."

As you can see, the Michigan section leadership is asking us all to expand our duties as operators. Yes, this is a hobby, but it was originally intended for emergency/public service communications and the section leadership is asking us to become better prepared for this role. This doesn't mean we'll chase fire trucks, but no one ever knows when another terrorist attack will happen or when some little kid will get lost and we will be needed for communications.

I would like to hear from you folks, your ideas on activation plans. How can I get ahold of people in case of an emergency? Just throwing a message over the repeater isn't enough. It doesn't seem to get much attention. A phone tree would be helpful, but only if several people are making calls.

I'm currently working on a list of all the A.R.E.S. registered people so contacting them in case of an emergency will be easier. I know there are people who would rather not be contacted for one reason or another, so if this is the case, let me know and I'll put you on a "do not call" list.

For those who really want to help out and possibly gain additional knowledge, there are plenty of other chances out there to play radio. The NTS, MARS, SATERN (Salvation Army), Red Cross all offer opportunities to play radio and train for emergencies. Being cross trained is not a bad thing. Someone who is linked to the NTS can certainly pass messages on our net like a pro. And don't forget to become net control for the Monday night nets. Don't wait till something nasty happens to try to become net control. In the event of a big emergency (lasting only 2 days), we would probably need no less than 9 to 15 people to work net control, logging messages, etc.

As of the August meeting, I will be resigning as club

secretary, but will retain the E.C. position. Since I won't be attending too many meetings for a while, if anyone has to get ahold of me for any reason (questions, concerns, etc.), I will include my contact information here.

Doug Donner Jr. KC8ZCF
Home: (810) 798-0377
Cell: (810) 614-7952 – probably the best way to get me if you need a quick response
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73 everybody,
Doug Jr. KC8ZCF

This is your spot!

News reports, upgrades, achievements, rumors, humorous events, questions, sound off, what DX have you worked?, or any reports. Send anything you have to the editor (see page 2) in any form—handwritten, typed, ASCII file, email, disk, chipped in stone, or by packet radio (144.970 WA8DX—do a SEND K8DD).



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This is where the CW comment would normally be placed. For this month's edition of the WaveGuide you are asked to think about the NPRM recommending no more CW requirement for an Amateur Radio License and how you feel about it.
Write a column with your feelings on CW and us and the club know how you feel about it.

Show your club colors

The following items with the LCARA logo are available. Your name and callsign included at no extra charge.

- Tee shirts.....\$12.00
- Sweat shirts, hooded.....\$30.00
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Call Flo Haack, KC8CAB , or contact her at any club meeting to place your order.

Help Wanted

125 radio operators to help with the CRIM road race on August 27, 2005. Volunteers need to be in Flint at 6:00 A.M., location TBD. In past years, operations have been done by 12:00 noon. Further details will be forth coming. Any one wishing to help out, contact me and I will forward information as I receive it.

73,
Doug Jr., KC8ZCF

Contesting & DXing

The latest NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rule Making) from the FCC is either a boon to Amateur Radio or it will be the end of Amateur Radio, depending on which side of the fence you are on or believe!

The FCC has proposed to drop Element 1 from the Rules and Regulations regarding the elements that must be passed to get an Amateur Radio License! That means no more Morse Code required to obtain an Amateur Radio License.

Will this "kill" Amateur Radio? One side says now that it will no longer required, learning Morse Code can be treated as fun to learn. That could be true—when you are not required to learn something, it can become fun!

The second side says that the Amateur Radio license has been "de-valued" and will become "cheap and unruly". Then the third group that I have seen says that now that Morse Code is no longer a barrier to enter Amateur Radio there will be more hams. Neither the second or third theories will probably come to pass. Incentive licensing did not bring more hams into the hobby. The No-Code Tech didn't bring huge crowds of people into Ham Radio.

There will be some who will be dancing in the streets, but those are the ones who usually want something for nothing and when they get it they don't know what to do with it. They will most likely fade away! Long live Ham Radio. And CW!



August 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	2 Board meet- ing—Tim Hor- ton's . 7:30PM	3	4	5	6
7	8 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	9 LCARA Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	16	17	18	19	20
21 LCARA SwapShop	22 ARES Net 146.62	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 ARES Net 146.62 9:30PM	30	31			

Operation Care, 4th of July weekend.....

The 4th of July Operation: Care went very well. A great big thank-you to all who came out (see below for the sign-up sheet). The roster was filled out just about everyday. There were only a couple of Monday time slots not filled by Sunday afternoon. We even had a volunteer for all day Tuesday.

The weather was great (except for Monday afternoon, we had a little bit of rain), the people friendly and generous and a good time was had by all. We got real busy at shut down. I believe we could have stayed open longer if so inclined

With Labor Day coming quicker than anyone wants, we will be organizing the Operation: Care committee. If anyone would like to join the committee, please let Tom (KG0ZN), Bob (W8RAE) or myself know. Of course, if anyone can sign-up at the club meeting, a sheet will be passed around. We just need to know if you can come out. We'll worry about the time slot later.

Thanks and 73, Doug Jr., KC8ZCF

Independence Day 2005 Operation Care

	Friday 07/01	Saturday 07/02	Sunday 07/03	Monday 07/04
6:00 AM. To 9:00 AM	N/A	Bob, W8RAE Mike KA8FIE <i>ET</i>	Bob, W8RAE Charlie, KC8JBK	Sheri Bob, W8RAE <i>John KJBS</i>
9:00 AM. To 12:00 PM	N/A Sheri, KD8AWV (Set-up only)	W8NCJ Mike, KA8FIE <i>McMann</i>	Tom Oliver Doug KC8ZCF	John KJBS JOE ANNE WA8UCS
12:00 PM. To 3:00 PM	Set-up - 11:00AM Dick, KC8VHA Doug, KC8ZCF Tom, KG0ZN Therese, KC8PEZ	Ed, W8NCJ Dave, KD8DLW <i>John KJBS</i>	Bill KC8SHI Dave KD8DLW	SHERI KD8AWV WA8UCS WA8UCS - 2pm
3:00 PM. To 6:00 PM	Nancy K8WLL John KD8AWV Tom, KG0ZN John KD8AWU Doug KC8ZCF	Boxey's <i>John KJBS</i>	Boxey's MIKE K8EZ <i>5P</i>	Doug KC8ZCF Dick KC8VHA (4pm) to
6:00 PM. To 9:00 PM	Dick KC8VHA Doug KC8ZCF	Doug KC8ZCF	FB8YMF K884YZ	Shutdown - 6:00PM Dick, KC8VHA
9:00 PM. To 12:00 AM	Bobbi Doug, KC8ZCF KD8AWV Sheri	Sheri KD8AWV Doug, KC8ZCF	↓	N/A

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