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# Waveguide

Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association



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***The next regular meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, March 10 –7:30 p.m.  
at the Lapeer County Central Dispatch Center (911)  
2332 W. Genesee Street in the basement.***

## **The Treas Sez:**

Hello to one and all, I am writing this from Destin, Florida so I can't supply you with much of a treasurer report. What I do know is that we took in very little money and we paid the two insurance policy's. So naturally we had a net loss for the month. But never fear the treasury is in very good shape.

73 Bill Miller kd8vp

## **The Trustee Sez:**

Hi to all of you in Michigan. I wish to thank all of you that have been willing to help me while I have been away in Florida. By the time you read this I will be back in Michigan. Before I left I was able to get the 440 repeater back on line and working well, I hope you like it. As time

presents itself I will be working to get the CAT 1000B controller to do more of the things that we would like it to do. Be patient.

73 Bill Miller kd8vp

## **The Secy Sez**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bob, n8ne with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were no minutes from January. AEC Disaster Drill Sunday is March 29th at 9:00a.m. in Otter Lake. We need Operators. So far we have 3 but we need a total of 12. Tom, kd8eby is to get further information on "Statewide Packet" for nrxt meeting. Treasurers report was given by Bill, kd8vp. Moved by Bob, n8ne to accept and seconded by Dan, kc1bud.

The 440 repeater is acting up. Bill is working on it. Will report more at next meeting. There were 18 present at the meeting. The 50/50 drawing was won by Bob, n8ne. Sky Warn will be held in North Branch High School on April2, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Thank you Joe for taking notes for me. Flo,kc8cab.

## **From ARES / RACES:**

Greetings All. This year's Skywarn class will be held April 2nd at 7pm at the North Branch High School- 6598 Brush St in North Branch. 73, Tom KD8EBY

## **From the mailbag:**

Not a lot of input this month!

It was great to hear two signals out of Lapeer County while we were in Nicaragua! Conditions were not all that great, but Dave KD8DLW and Bob W8RAE were on 20 Meters with pretty good signals. Also talked to a few hams in the Port Huron area on my visit to the phone bands!

In the ARRL DX CW Contest we (Stan, AC8W/YN2WW; Lee, N8LJ/YN2LJ; Jim, KB8TXZ/YN2TX and me) made over 4600

QSOs in the 48 hours – about 4.2 million points. From the claimed scores I've seen, it looks like a second place finish in the Multi Operator – Single Transmitter class for the world outside of the US and Canada. Outside of the contest we made about 5000 QSOs for a grand total of almost 10,000 QSOs.

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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 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!

## **For Sale For Sale For Sale For Sale:**

I want to buy your old ham/electronic/tube gear. I'm particularly looking for the Heathkit Mohawk that I built and sold to Dave Burch four decades ago.  
Contact Mike, AA8K, at: [stepsisters@comcast.net](mailto:stepsisters@comcast.net) or 810-987-8873

### **For Sale**

HW-8 Handbook—covers HW-7, 8 & 9 \$15  
COM port boards, ISA, 2 ports \$3.00 ea

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 \$15  
All offers will be listened to!

Contact Hank K8DD at [k8dd@k8dd.com](mailto:k8dd@k8dd.com) or 810-721-0708

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Participate**

**And now ..... One way to find where the DX is operating!**

### ***Dx Packet Cluster***

At present the **WA8DX** Spider Packet Cluster node **WA8DX** is receiving DX info via K1XX in FL or N8NM in Waterford.

This is a tool you can use to build your DXCC total, see where people are working stations on both HF and VHF, and even pass messages.

You can also connect via the internet. Telnet to **wa8dx.servebeer.com** port **7300**  
Once connected you will get a welcome screen that asks for info. You should start to see DX spots right away.

Although you can stay connected indefinitely, if you decide to disconnect, type **b** or **bye** and you will be logged out.

You can view an online version of a user's manual at: [http://wiki.dxcluster.org/index.php/DXSpider\\_User\\_Manual](http://wiki.dxcluster.org/index.php/DXSpider_User_Manual)

***Remember...DX Is!***