

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 February 2011

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

ARES Repeater Nets

Every Monday at 9:00 pm on 146.620 - with 100 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:

Well the January meeting was a bit light on attendance due to the snow but those of us present still had some good discussions.

The most important item for this spring are the club positions that need to be filled. Please take a look at the list of open positions in this Waveguide and volunteer for one at the next club meeting. Spreading the workload around is extremely important to the future health of the club.

Also, if you see a better way to divide the workload please speak up. This list of positions is only a first go around.

See you on the 8th!

Kevin Boxey KB8TAR

The Treasurer Sez:

Greetings to one and all, I hope everyone is surviving the cold weather. January is one of the slow months for the treasury, and that's a good thing. Other than the usual electric and phone bills and a small expense for the donuts for the club meeting, there were no big hits. Next month is the beginning of the big expenses. That's when our insurances start to come due. Not to worry we have adequate funds in the checking account to cover anything short of a catastrophe.

Please keep in mind that the clubs good fortune of doing Operation Care on the Holiday weekends is the savings grace for our being able to do what we do. If it weren't for Op Care and the Swap and Shop your dues would be astronomical, or we wouldn't be able to have two repeaters or all the other things that go with it. Please consider setting aside some time to work Op Care or the Swap in the upcoming season to support your club.

Respectfully

Bill Miller KD8VP

The EC Sez:

January was a slow one for us which is good because of the weather. We had our first planning session of the year for the upcoming SET (info will follow eventually). Otherwise see everyone on Feb. 8th at our meeting.

Tom Oliver KD8EBY



The Trustee Sez:

Hello to all that read this report. I trust that because it is very cold outside that you are all setting around and monitoring the repeaters. If you have you may have noticed that there has been someone far off that has been breaking the squelch on 2 meters. I have heard bits and pieces of a conversation, but not enough to find out where it is coming from. That person is transmitting on our input frequency (146.02) with a 100 hertz tone and that gets repeated. I suspect that someone is using that frequency for a simplex conversation. Anyway it is only a minor inconvenience and doesn't interfere if someone needs to transmit over the signal.

As some of you may have read in last months news, I am looking for someone to take over the duties of repeater trustee. Or at the very least to act as CONTROL OPERATORS. What I need to point out to all of you is that it is my legal duty to shut down the repeaters if I can't fulfill my job of CONTROL OPERATOR. If I can't find one or more to do that job, I will shut them down when my beloved drags me off to a warmer place that she so dearly wants to find. You all know me, I am not a Techno-wizard, if I can do it so can you. Please step up to the plate and keep your repeaters on the air.

Thank you and 73
Bill Miller KD8VP

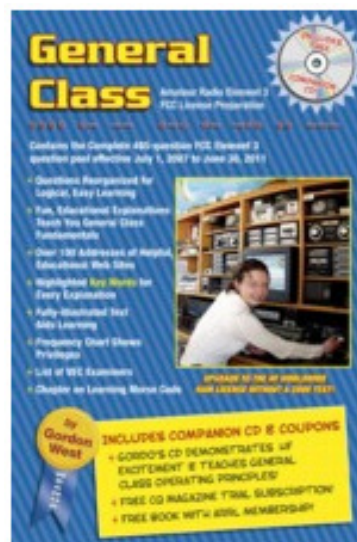
Upgrade to General Class License

Upgrading to General class will give you CW and phone privileges on every band. This 7 week course will give you all the tools that you need to pass your General class license. Classes start on 14 Feb and go through 28 March, Monday's from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

The class fee is \$35 plus the cost of the study book (Gordon West is recommended and costs \$28 with shipping). The book can be ordered online at www.w5yi.org or buy it locally from Dentronics in Flushing (810-659-1776).

The instructor is Amy Pender WA8MY and the instructor's helper is Jeff Pender K8KZB.

Contact Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation at 810-591-1038 to register.





With Bill's announcement that he can no longer fill the repeater trustee position, the club is in need of your assistance. We are going to try and break up the workload into smaller bites. Hopefully, this will mean two things. One, that more volunteers participate in the club's activities and two, that the individual positions require much less time of the volunteer.

Please look at the list of open positions below and volunteer for one at the February club meeting.

Treasurer (handle your club's finances)

Club Call Trustee (we need a retired person to monitor the repeater)

Repeater Caretaker (grass cutting and light building maintenance)

Repeater Secretary (paperwork and bills)

Swap & Shop Chairperson (organization of the annual club swap)

Meeting Refreshments (pick up the doughnuts and coffee)

Field Day Chairman (organize field day activities)

Testing Coordinator (become a VE!)

February Meeting Presentation:

Bill (KD8VP) is going to give us a talk on the repeater equipment.

Come to the February meeting and learn how the magic box(es) work.



Monday ARES Net Control Schedule

Jan 3RD 2011 Tom KD8EBY
Jan 10TH 2011 Charlie KC8JBK
Jan 17TH 2011 Dan KC1BUD
Jan 24TH 2011 Deb KD8GAV
Jan 31ST 2011 Kevin KB8TAR
Feb 7TH 2011 Tom KD8EBY
Feb 14TH 2011 Charlie KC8JBK
Feb 21ST 2011 Dan KC1BUD
Feb 28TH 2011 Deb KD8GAV
March 7TH 2011 Kevin KB8TAR
March 14TH 2011 Tom KD8EBY
March 21ST 2011 Charlie KC8JBK
March 28TH 2011 Dan KC1BUD
April 4TH 2011 Deb KD8GAV
April 11TH 2011 Kevin KB8TAR
April 18TH 2011 Tom KD8EBY
April 25TH 2011 Charlie KC8JBK
May 2ND 2011 Dan KC1BUD
May 9TH 2011 Deb KD8GAV
May 16TH 2011 Kevin KB8TAR
May 23RD 2011 Tom KD8EBY
May 30TH 2011 Charlie KC8JBK
June 6TH 2011 Dan KC1BUD
June 13TH 2011 Deb KD8GAV
June 20TH 2011 Kevin KB8TAR
June 27TH 2011 Tom KD8EBY



Community Service Calendar

Skywarn training - 31 Mar 2011
Lapeer March of Dimes Walk - 30 April 2011
Big Fish Triathlon (Ortonville) - 19 June 2011
Tri for Life Triathlon (Otter Lake) - 17 July 2011
Imlay City Blueberry Run - 06 Aug 2011 (TBC)
CRIM - 27 Aug 2011
Family Preparedness Day - 10 Sept 2011 (TBC)

****Please keep these dates open in your calendar****

***** Please RSVP *****

Celebration for K8DD SK



A celebration to remember Hank Kohl, K8DD(SK), will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Thomas Edison Inn, 500 Thomas Edison Parkway, Port Huron, MI (under the Blue Water Bridges).

You are invited to come and share memories, tell stories and/or lies about our friend. More information will be provided in March. Please pass the word.

If you can't make it to the party you are welcome to email thoughts and stories to be enjoyed with others. We've a couple of months lead time but Kath would like you to RSVP for planning purposes so, when your plans are finalized, let either her or I know:

kathiekohl@gmail.com

ac8w@comcast.net

EOC Radio Room

You may or may not have noticed but KD8EBY, KD8CIL, and myself have been working on getting the radio room at the EOC whipped into shape. In addition to a good cleaning and some equipment inventory, we now have packet up and running on 145.09 (all EOC's are on this frequency). We hope to have 9600 baud 440 packet capabilities soon as well.

You packet guys can drop a note on the PBBS at W8LAP-1.

Kevin KB8TAR



Hans Jens Estate Donation:

One of the items of discussion at the January meeting was what to do with the money from the Hans Jens estate. The youth club below was given by the ARRL as a possible Michigan recipient of the money. The pictures are from the group's website.

The club is located in Lowell, MI (near Grand Rapids) and funny enough, their 2m repeater is also on 146.620. It looks like there are about 14 boys in this club based on their website. This will be on the agenda for our February meeting.



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Stuff for Sale

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David Gardner, Lapeer Mi

810-441-5036

- Hygain 3 element tri-band (10, 15, 20) beam antenna #TH3MK4, new, short compression clamps, hardware, with manual
- Ham rotor set, CDR model HAM-M with manual
- CDR model HAM-II / CD44
- Heathkit transmitter model #DX100 with manual
- Rohn ginpole #EF-25-45
- Tubes, new & used stock

Neil Lawton, WK9Q

800-645-1433

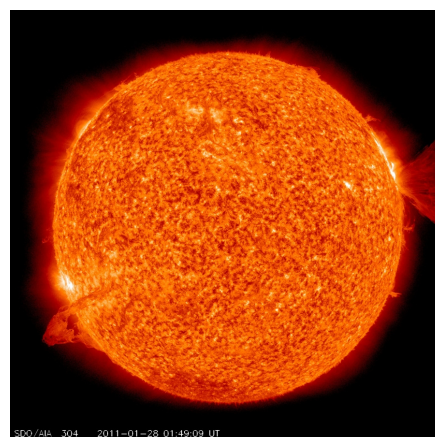
- radiorec@execpc.com
- I am buying ham radio gear, accessories, manuals, and radio parts for cash. One piece or a truckload. I will pick these items up at your home or at any place of your choosing.

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

Double whammy on the sun

A spectacular double eruption on the sun was captured today by NASA's [Solar Dynamics Observatory](#). The eruptions happened nearly simultaneously on opposite sides of the solar disk, [SpaceWeather.com reported](#). The plasma clouds produced by the event are expected to miss Earth, so there's no threat to us or to satellites orbiting the planet.

On the lower left in this image of the sun, a magnetic filament erupted, and on the upper right a departing sunspot produced the strongest solar flare of the year so far.



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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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Skywarn Coordinator: Tom Oliver KD8EBY
Swap & Shop Chairperson: Bill Miller KD8VP
Meeting Refreshments: Bill Miller KD8VP
Newsletter Editor: Kevin Boxey KB8TAR
Field Day Chairman: Bill Miller KD8VP
Net Manager: Charlie Whipp KC8JBK
Testing Coordinator: ?
County EC: Tom Oliver KD8EBY
County AEC: Joe Medved KD8CIL
County AEC: Kevin Boxey KB8TAR

