



Waveguide

W8LAP / r

146.620 - 100 Hz

442.750 + 123 Hz

Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

Club Founder: Hollis Hayes W8ACD

Edition for **September 2012**

*****The next regular club meeting will be held on
Tuesday, September 11th, 2012 @ 7:30 pm*****

ARES Net

Every Tuesday at 8:00 pm on 146.620 - with 100 Hz PL

(except club meeting nights)

Thursday Night Net

Every Thursday at 8:00 pm on 442.750 + with 123 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:

I have noticed over the summer months that our meeting attendance is low, the net participation is low, and the Cramton Park outing in August was lightly attended. I hope this is simply due to the summertime activities and not an indication of declining enrollment. The August meeting at Cramton Park was a lot of fun even though it was lightly attended. We had to get a bigger hammer out to get the Buddi-pole antenna to play but we did manage to get a DX contact in all the way to Europe. KD8VP was unimpressed and believes the Buddi-pole antenna is radiating more heat than RF.....

Please make every effort to attend the club meeting in September. There are several important items on the agenda including next year's officer nominations and the cancellation of Operation CARE and what our plans are for the future funding.

The swap turned out very well in my mind and there were many familiar faces in the crowd from Lapeer, Saginaw, Tuscola, and Macomb counties - I'm sure there were more. Anyway, I purchased a few small items and a G5RV antenna that should allow some level of operation on 40 and 80 meters, 2 bands I currently cannot work. We will see soon how well it will play.

73 for now and see you soon.

Kevin KB8TAR

The VP / EC Sez:

Well, looks like all the PSE's are over for the year and all who helped out actually survived (luckily).

In July our club participated in 15 nets (35 hours); 2 pse's (172.5 hours); 2 Skywarn events (31 hours) for a total of 262 man-hours and an "in-kind" donation of \$4,745.00 to our county -- Good job.

Don't forget our Sept 11th meeting where nominations for next years club officers will take place.

73 'till then, TOM

Editorial Section

The Treasurer Sez:

Greetings to one and all, I sure missed you at the last meeting. You missed a very rip roaring demo of the ARES radio and the antenna. DX with an Italian station and all. Will gave a demonstration of his compact VHF AND HF portable operation station. Very nice job Will. Enough said about the meeting.

These summer months have gone a long way toward replenishing our treasury. With two Operation Care behind us and now the 13th Annual Swap and Shop, we are in pretty good shape. The Swap and Shop did pretty well this year considering the new location. I was very concerned that it would be unbearably hot in the school building, because when Dan and I looked into it in June it was stifling in there. Fortunately for us it was a nice cool Sunday morning for the swap. We had slightly less table sales, but we were about the same for admissions. The fact that only a few club members are needed to accomplish having the swap, makes the profit per man hour spent look very good compared to Operation Care that needs lots of volunteers.

Now that reminds me that we have one more Operation Care coming up and that we need lots more volunteers to man it. It is time to man up and tell Tom Oliver that you are available to help this coming Labor Day weekend. Contact Tom on the repeater or go to w8lap.com to sign up for a time slot to help. The cost to run our club is going up every year and we all try to do what we think you as members would like us to do in regards to providing your needs. Tell us, what do you want to do. What ever you would like PLEASE sign up for Labor Day Operation Care, to help top off our 2012 treasury.

Last but not least remember that elections are coming soon. Take a run for your club board. You might like running things. Thanks to one and all for volunteering to help this summer, it is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Bill Miller KD8VP Treasurer

The Secretary Sez:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introduction of members and guest. There was no hospital report. The secretary report was given by Flo, KC8CAB. It was accepted by Tom, KD8EOA and seconded by Jamie, KC8PMW. The treasurers report was given by Bill, KD8VP. It was accepted by Tom, KD8EOA and seconded by Dave, K8DLW. Bill said he would pick up a new big coffee pot for the club as one went up. The repeater report was given by Joe, KD8CIL. The 440 repeater is working off and on. The grass was cut. The operation care stuff was put in the repeater shack. Joe will check the 440 repeater antenna with a meter. Break was from 8:21 to 8:26. They are trying to figure out what we will use for Operation Care, as Bill is selling the trailer. The August meeting may be at the park at 21 and 24. Listen to the repeater or the news letter. 50/50 was won by Mike KN8Z. The meeting was closed at 8:45.

Flo KC8CAB

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September						
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						1 LTZ at 1:00 pm
2	3 LABOR DAY	4 ARES net 146.620+ 100 Hz PL at 8 pm	5	6 ARES net 442.750+ 123 Hz PL at 8 pm	7	8 
9 D3 net 145.31+ 131.8 Hz PL at 6:30 pm	10	11 LCARA club meeting 7:30 pm	12	13 ARES net 442.750+ 123 Hz PL at 8 pm	14	15 T&C at Brian's Restaurant on M-24 GCRC license test Baker College room S-103 at 9:30 am
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Phases of the moon: 8: ☉ 15: ● 22: ☾ 29: ○						
Holidays and Observances: 3: Labor Day						

October						
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2012 Community Service Calendar



Family Preparedness Day - Sept 8

*Please keep these dates open in your calendar
(** outside county help requested)*

6th Annual Family

Pledge to Prepare



Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

9:00am until 1:00pm

Rain or Shine!

**Where: The Old Court House Lawn
Downtown Lapeer**

We are planning on having an amateur radio setup again this year. So, please put this date in you calendar and join us in front of the old courthouse in downtown Lapeer.

Learn to:



Speciality Training



Fun Stuff for Kids



Emergency Vehicles



Hands on demonstrations



Lots of information



Disaster Kit Items

Husted by:
Lapeer County Office of Emergency Management
and
Lapeer County CERT Team
2332 W. Genesee Street, Lapeer, MI 48446 810-667-0242
www.lapeercountymd.org

Be ready for the next emergency or disaster that strikes your community!

*Don't forget to join your fellow hams on the **Tuesday** night net at 8:00 pm on 146.620 - with 100 Hz PL*



NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

04 Sept - KB8TAR
11 Sept - club meeting
18 Sept - KD8EBY
25 Sept - KD8EOA

02 Oct - KB8TAR
09 Oct - club meeting
16 Oct - KD8EBY
23 Oct - KD8EOA
30 Oct - KB8TAR



LAPEER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SWAP AND SHOP

2012

COFFEE AND DONUT GROSS	\$ 84.51
ADMISSION AND TABLE SALES	\$1076.00
MINUS EXPENSES	\$ 681.26
NET TOTAL FOR SWAP	\$ 479.25
EXPENSES	
RENT FOR LAPEER COMMUNITY SCHOOL	<u>\$ 518.00</u>
LIABILIT INSURANCE RIDER FOR SCHOOL	\$ 50.00
COSTS OF FLYERS AND MAILINGS	\$ 84.40
DONUTS AND COFFEE SUPPLIES	\$ 28.86

THERE WERE 144 TICKETS IN THE DRUM ADMISSION BASED ON INCOME WAS 153

THERE WERE 37 TABLES SOLD

BASED ON AN DECISION OF THE BOARD THERE WERE NO GRAND PRIZES DRAWN FOR THIS YEAR. HAD THERE BEEN A DRAWING FOR \$100 AND \$50 AS IN THE PAST THERE WOULD HAVE ONLY BEEN A PROFIT OF \$329.25 THIS WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT NO ONE HAD EVER ASKED TO WHOM THE PRIZED WENT. SO IT WAS DECIDED THAT THERE WAS NO DRAW TO THE SWAP BASED ON A GRAND PRIZE.

The revised wording below is my interpretation of the discussion held at the May club meeting.

Kevin KB8TAR

Proposed Bylaw Revisions

Article IV Dues

Membership dues shall **be** due at the October General Membership meeting. The Executive Board, as defined in Article VII, may suspend dues for any member where it finds that undue hardship would result.

All board members (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Repeater Trustee) shall have their membership dues paid by LCARA.

Yearly membership dues shall be tiered as follows:

- A) \$20 for any member that does not participate in the required number of Operation CARE shifts.**
- B) \$12 for any member that participates in at least 9 hours (3 shifts) at Operation CARE.**
- C) No membership fee for any member that participates in at least 18 hours (6 shifts) at Operation CARE.**

Article VIII Duties of Officers

The President shall preside over all meetings as far as possible and is responsible to the membership for the activities and growth of the Association. **The President shall update the club's information in the ARRL website at least once per calendar year.**

**** Please bring your comments on the proposed revisions above to the club meetings ****

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Stuff for Sale

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FOR SALE, Heathkit HF transceiver SB1400 + SB14001 power supply. Radio has FM 10 meter C.B. \$300. Contact KD8EOA on the repeater or on email at tomadams69@yahoo.com

FOR SALE, Cushcraft A4S four element tri-band beam 20-15-10 meters. It's on the ground and ready for pick up.
Lee N8LJ 810-796-9816

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



Technician Class Study Seminar

Class Fee: \$35.00 (does not include study manual)

Mondays: Sept 24, Oct 1, 8, 15 & 29

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm

Location: Davison Community Enrichment & Recreation Building - Rm 102

Instructor: Amy Pender, WA8MY

Registration Information:

Davison Community Enrichment & Recreation
(810) 591-0177
www.davisonschools.org/dcer

Note: Instructor uses Gordon West Technician Class Study Manual during seminar. Students who do not wish to purchase a manual may choose to use free online study materials.

Where To Buy The Study Manual:

Dentronics in Flushing, MI: 810-659-1776
Gordon West Online: www.w5yi.org

FCC News: FCC Releases Congressionally Mandated Study on Amateur Radio

On August 20 -- in response to a Spring 2012 Congressional directive -- the Federal Communications Commission released its findings on the *Uses and Capabilities of Amateur Radio Service Communications in Emergencies and Disaster Relief: Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 6414 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012*.

This report contains the FCC's "review of the importance of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States; and recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio operators in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and recommendations for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in the planning and furtherance of initiatives of the federal government." It also required "that the study identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications and provide recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments."



"There are many positive things included in the FCC report to Congress," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "We are pleased that the Commission highlighted the existing Amateur Radio infrastructure to provide disaster and time-critical communications. They also recognized the flexibility of the Amateur Service in working with federal, state, local and tribal emergency service agencies to supplement existing communications. The affirmation of the value that Amateur Radio brings to the communities across the country is underscored by the suggestion that 'DHS work with state, local, and tribal authorities so they may develop disaster area access or credentialing policies for trained amateur operators, including a means for documenting their qualifications...'"

While the FCC did hold Amateur Radio in a positive light in its discussion of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications, the FCC report was not as favorable in the portion of the study that addressed impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications. In the comments provided to the FCC as they prepared the study, the ARRL -- as well as numerous individuals -- cited the proliferation of specific land-use restrictions, such as deed restrictions and homeowners associations covenants, that prohibit the erection of even modest Amateur Radio antennas. Read more [here](#).

The ARRL cited that such restrictions now apply to tens of millions of homes and condominiums. In communities across every state, these restrictions make finding suitable living arrangements that would also allow amateurs to participate effectively in providing support communications nearly impossible to find. The FCC disagreed with that assessment stating "...our review of the record does not indicate that amateur operators are unable to find homes that are not subject to such restrictions. Therefore, at this time, we do not see a compelling reason for the Commission to revisit its previous determinations that preemption should not be expanded to CC&Rs."

When considering any current rules that serve as impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, the report did agree with the ARRL's position, stating that "Commission rules that may be an impediment to enhanced Amateur Service emergency communications can, as the ARRL notes, be considered through the Commission's rulemaking process. Consequently, we do not believe that Congressional action is necessary to address any of these issues."

In the report, the FCC recommended that "DHS consult with the public safety, emergency management and Amateur Radio emergency communications associations and groups to identify training opportunities that will support better utilization of Amateur Radio operators for emergency communications, and to solicit views on how Amateur Radio capabilities could be further incorporated into response plans or initiatives. We also recommend that OEC include these recommendations in the NECP."

Henderson noted that it is significant "that the FCC recommends efforts be continued by DHS to facilitate the training and utilization of Amateur Radio across the emergency and disaster response spectrum -- from the public sector through to the various groups and organizations which provide support communications via the Amateur Service, including ARES, RACES, MARS or locally organized support groups. When served agencies and amateur groups plan and train cooperatively, it only enhances our abilities to serve our communities and the public."

With the delivery of the FCC's report to Congress, the ARRL will determine its next step in its efforts to find relief for amateurs who live under unduly restrictive private land-use regulations. "Our review of the FCC report shows that there is a lot to be done if amateurs living in deed-restricted properties are to receive even the limited relief they enjoy under the Commission's PRB-1 ruling or the limited relief given to deed-restricted properties given by the FCC's OTARD ruling," Henderson said. "This means continuing ARRL's efforts on Capitol Hill and continuing to seek a Congressional directive to the Commission to extend those limited preemptions to include prohibition of effective Amateur Radio antennas and support structure that are imposed by private land use restrictions. The FCC report to Congress is not the final action in this fight. It merely lays the groundwork for the next steps to be taken by the ARRL," he concluded.

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 Chairpersons: Bill Miller KD8VP & Dan Bain KC1BUD
Meeting Refreshments: Bill Miller KD8VP
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Net Manager: Tom Oliver KD8EBY
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