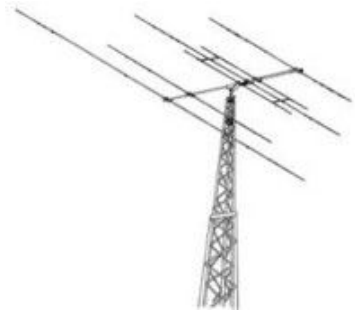


# The Waveguide

Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

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## August 2017

### Headlines

- **Summer Meeting: Picnic!**
  - 6:30PM Cramton Park  
(see inside for details)
- Officer Nominations Due Aug 8th

#### **W8LAP Repeaters**

**2 Meter:** 146.620 -100 Hz PL Tone

**70 CM:** 442.750 +123 Hz PL Tone

#### **Next Club Meeting**

Tuesday, July 11, 7:30pm  
Lapeer County EOC / Dispatch  
2332 West Genesee Street  
Lapeer, MI 48446

#### **ARES Team Meetings**

Third Wednesday of each month  
(See the club calendar section for specifics.)

#### **Regular Nets**

Tuesdays, 8pm, 2 Meter Repeater  
*All amateur operators are welcome to check in. Controlled net, two-rounds. No net on club meeting nights.*

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# Reports & Editorials

## The President's Corner

Summer is quickly sweeping by, though as I write this, it's a beautiful crisp fall morning (in August?). Work on the next iteration of my ARES go-box is getting under way, and I'm looking forward to our **August Picnic**. (Details below under Club Items)

**Officer Nominations for 2017-2018** are due by **August 8th**; if you or a member you know are interested in serving the club in a leadership role, both self-nominations and other-nominations are allowed (to be fair, you should ask them first.)

**After 28 years of service**, club Treasurer Bill Miller, KD8VP has announced his retirement after this next year (should he be re-elected.) The club will benefit greatly from an **Assistant Treasurer** as an understudy; if this is a position you're interested in, let us know. The Assistant Treasurer is not an official position, and will be appointed, rather than elected.



## Notes From the Desk of the Secretary

### Meeting Minutes

Of July 11, 2017

### Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

The meeting began at 7:29:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 17 members and guests in attendance.

The evening's presentation was a video "Voice of Victory" which chronicled the development of the Hallicrafters SCR 299 mobile communication system used during WW2.

The 2017 Field Day event went well. There were 17 operators and visitors that attended. The computer logging functioned properly and Gerret, KD8YUK submitted the club scores to the ARRL.

Hospital Report: Gordon KD8TXW is still comfortably awaiting his procedure.

### Announcements:

Mike KE8FHE reported that the D-A scout camp has available, during the BSA trail event, an

amateur radio station. They have been using our repeater for scouts to learn about amateur radio and make progress on their Communicator Merit Badge. If you hear them on the air be sure to give them a “short wave”.

The August 8th meeting will be our annual picnic. Please bring a plate to pass and a show and tell. It starts at 6pm at Cramton Park in Lapeer. We will meet in the back pavilion, same location as last year. If it's in use, look for us elsewhere in the park.

August is also nomination month for LCARA officers. An unofficial poll determined that the current slate may serve one more year, Our esteemed Treasurer, however, was adamant that this will be his final year after many years serving as treasurer. He is willing to show someone the ropes of the office. So please step up and serve your club. However if you would like to serve on any of the club positions, please nominate yourself. We serve as elected officials and we serve at the pleasure of the membership.

The Secretary Report was read. It was accepted by the membership present.

The Treasurer's Report was read. It was approved by the membership present.

The Repeater Trustee reported the W8LAP license was renewed via the ARRL VEC.

Ray, KB8ILD agreed to head up an ad-hoc committee to study what possibilities exist to enhance our repeater systems.

#### **EC Report:**

No July ARES meeting. August 5th at 9:00 am there will be an ARES exercise on 146.010 simplex.

Kevin KB8TAR and Will KB8YGA did an FL-Digi presentation to the Genesee radio group.

LCARA participation in Operation Care is terminated. Insufficient volunteers and failure to attract other organizations to partner with cause the loss of our only fundraiser. Future discussions will be held to plan methods of financial support for LCARA and repeater system.

The CRIM race is coming up. If you can volunteer your radio services, please sign up.

<http://www.gcares.org/pages/register.php>

LCARA sponsors two state parks in Lapeer County for MSPOA program. This is a three year program to allow amateur operators to activate Michigan State Parks. Our Lapeer County Parks are not on the activation list until 2019. <http://www.msputa.org/>

The 50/50 was won by Dick KC8VHA.

Meeting Adjourned 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Lee  
N8LJ

## Treasurer's Report

Greetings to one and all.

There is not much to inform you about the treasury right now, as nothing is happening. There has been no outlay other than the electric bill, and there has not been any income either. That being said, at the last month meeting the current officers were asked if they would continue to serve their office. At that time I informed the meeting that I would serve for the next year, (2017-2018) but that I would like very much for a replacement to be found this election so that the person could learn the bookkeeping involved. So if you have ever thought that you like to serve your club please step up to the plate. I have served as Treasurer for 28 years and it is time for me to step down and set in the audience.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully, William Miller KD8VP, Treasurer

## Emergency Coordinator Report

Hello fellow LCARA members,

There is not much to report this month as July is "vacation time". Jamie and I just got back from a trip to Florida. I had my HT all programmed with the local repeaters only to find out that the resort was a little too far away from them. I couldn't hit a single repeater from pool side. Since the HF equipment was sitting at home that pretty much ended radio playing for the trip.

On August 5th at 9:00 am the ARES group will be holding another exercise involving FLDIGI on 145.01 (simplex). Anyone is welcome to play along since phone will be used in addition to digital modes. Even if you don't participate you are most welcome to listen in. I am looking forward to our meeting in the park in August. Hopefully we will see some of our members' toys in action.

See you soon.

Kevin KB8TAR

EC / RO Lapeer County

# Club Items

## Club Picnic

August 8th, 6:30pm

Cramton Park, Lapeer MI

[Link to Google Map](#)

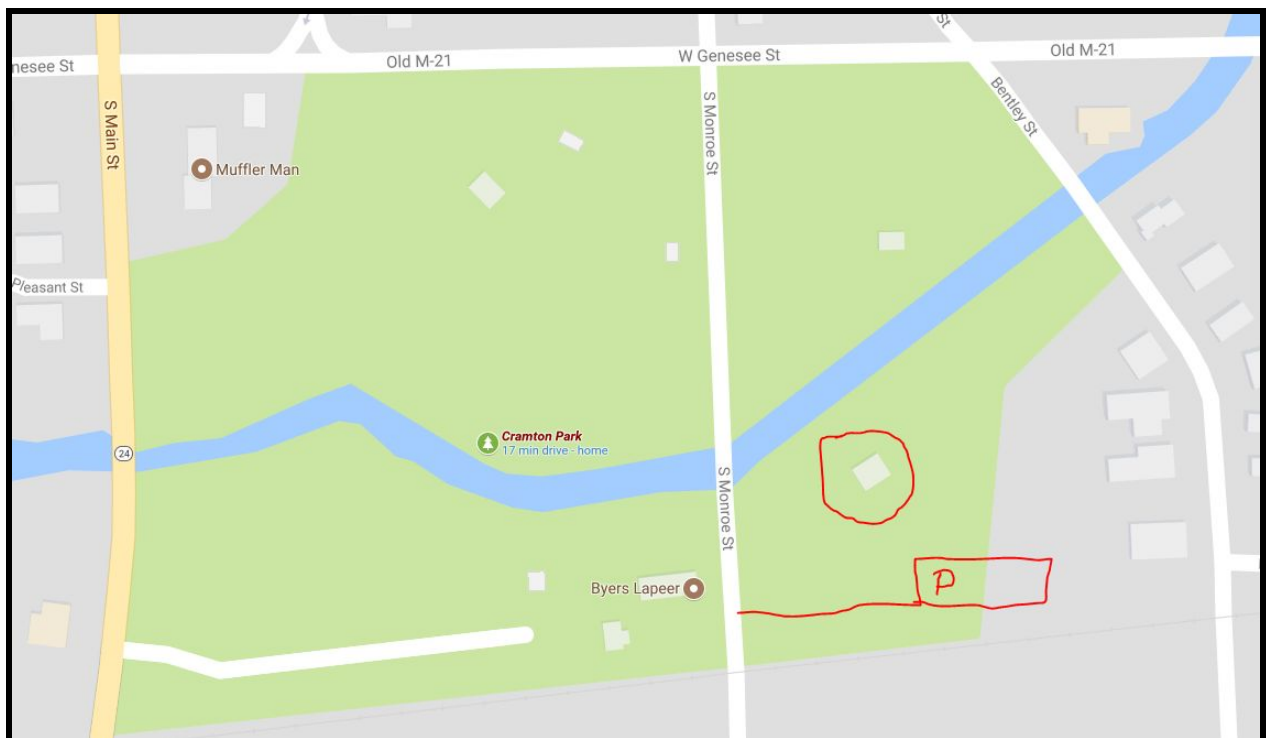
LCARA's summer picnic will be Tuesday, August 8th at **6:30pm**. There will be a brief business meeting, but most of our time will be spent in camaraderie.

The park doesn't offer reservations, so we try to arrive a little early and stake out the south pavilion (parking lot and pavilion location marked in red below).

There will also be a packet radio demonstration by several club members using various technologies!

Bring a dish to pass and any projects you'd like to share / show off!

Map and [Map Link](#):



## Officer Nominations Due August 8th, Assistant Treasurer Role

As announced during the July meeting, published in the July Waveguide and in accordance with the association bylaws, Officer nominations for the 2017-2018 term are due no later than 11:59pm (EDT) August 8th, 2017.

It is worth noting in particular that after 28 years (!) long-serving club Treasurer William (Bill) Miller, KD8VP will step down after the 2017-2018 year, should he be re-elected.

For this reason, **the club is seeking an Assistant Treasurer** as an understudy to Bill, KD8VP. The Assistant Treasurer will be an appointed position, rather than elected. If you're interested, let a club officer know.

## Calendar of Events

# - External Event (not LCARA-sponsored)

A - ARES Team Event

Also see:

- Weekly net schedule on page 1.
- Michigan Hamfests and Swaps immediately following the Calendar of Events.

### August 2017

- 08/08, 6:30pm - Club **Picnic**, Cramton Park, Lapeer MI
  - Presentation - The many faces of Packet Radio, presented by members Kevin, KB8TAR; Ray, KB8ILD; Scott AE8RN; Will KB8YGA
  - Officer Nominations Due
- 08/21, 1400-2200UTC (10am-8pm EDT) - **Solar Eclipse QSO Party!**
  - Help mankind understand how solar eclipses affect radio wave propagation
  - To generate observations of propagation by the Reverse Beacon Network (RBN - <http://www.reversebeacon.net/>), PSKReporter (<https://pskreporter.info/>), WSPRNet (<http://www.wsprnet.org>), and event logs before, during, and after the eclipse on the amateur bands for the purpose of ionospheric sounding.
  - Full details at <http://hamsci.org/seqp>

### September 2017

- 09/12, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
  - Presentation TBD
- 09/15-16, **W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet, Schaumburg, Illinois**

- See events further on in this issue of the Waveguide for more information, or visit <http://w9dxcc.com/>

## October 2017

- # 10/7-10/8, Great Lakes Hamcon, Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn,MI
  - More Details: <http://www.glhamcon.org>
  - Flyer: <http://glhamcon.org/Flyer012717.pdf>
- 10/10, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
  - Presentation TBD

## November 2017

- 11/14, 7:30pm - Club Meeting, Lapeer EOC
  - Presentation TBD

## December 2017

- 12/12, 6:30pm - Club Holiday Dinner
  - Date + Location Tentative (same as club meeting)

## Upcoming Michigan Section Hamfests and Swaps

Source: [http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search/page:1/Location.section\\_id:MI.rpt?format=html](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search/page:1/Location.section_id:MI.rpt?format=html)

### Columbus Hamfest

Aug 5  
Columbus,OH

### Central KY

Aug 12  
Lexington,KY

### Midland Hamfest

Aug 12  
Midland,MI

### Thunder Bay ARC Swap

Aug 19  
Alpena,MI

### Warren Tailgate Swap

Aug 20  
Cortland, OH

### Cuyahoga Falls Tailgate Swap

Aug 27  
Stow, OH

### Midland ARC Hamfest

**Start Date:** 08/12/2017  
**End Date:** 08/12/2017  
**Location:** Salvation Army Building  
 330 Waldo Avenue  
 Midland, MI 48640  
**Website:** <http://www.w8kea.org>  
**Sponsor:** Midland Amateur Radio Club  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 147.000+  
**Public Contact:** Keith Johnson , KB8SOE  
 PO Box 1049 Midland, MI 48641  
 Phone: 989-488-4337  
**Email:** [kb8soe@arrl.net](mailto:kb8soe@arrl.net)

### Seaway Trunk Swap



**Start Date:** 08/13/2017  
**End Date:** 08/13/2017  
**Location:** Great Lakes Maritime Center  
5 Water Street  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
**Website:** <http://qsl.net/ke8bit/>  
**Sponsor:** Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio Club  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 146.800 (PL 100)  
**Public Contact:** Stan Arnett II , AC8W  
801 Range Road Marysville, MI 48040  
Phone: 810-364-6674  
**Email:** [ac8w@arrl.net](mailto:ac8w@arrl.net)

### Alpena SWAP 2017

**Start Date:** 08/19/2017  
**End Date:** 08/19/2017  
**Location:** Alpena Mall  
2370 South State Street  
Alpena, MI 49707  
**Website:** <http://ThunderBayARC.org>  
**Sponsor:** Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Club  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 146.76 (PL 88.5)  
**Public Contact:** Dick Wiitala , W1UP  
1405 South First Avenue Alpena, MI 49707  
Phone: 989-358-6621  
**Email:** [w1up@arrl.net](mailto:w1up@arrl.net)

### GRAHamfest

**Start Date:** 09/09/2017  
**End Date:** 09/09/2017  
**Location:** The Home School Building  
5625 Burlingame SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509  
**Website:** <http://w8dc.org>  
**Sponsor:** Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 147.26 (PL 94.8)  
**Public Contact:** Rich Douglas , KC8NKA  
3903 Oriole Avenue SW Wyoming, MI 49509  
Phone: 616-531-6218  
**Email:** [kc8nka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kc8nka@sbcglobal.net)

### Greater Louisville Hamfest

Sep 9  
Shepherdsville, KY

### Findlay Hamfest

Sep 10  
Findlay, OH

### Richmond Fall Hamfest

Sep 16  
Richmond, KY

### Adrian Hamfest

**Start Date:** 09/17/2017  
**End Date:** 09/17/2017  
**Location:** Lenawee County Airport  
2651 West Cadmus Road  
Adrian, MI 49221  
**Website:** <http://www.w8tqe.com/>  
**Sponsor:** Adrian Amateur Radio Club  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 145.37 (PL 85.4)  
**Public Contact:** Mark Hinkleman , NU8Z  
108 East Kilbuck Street Tecumseh, MI 49286  
Phone: 517-423-5906  
**Email:** [cqnu8z@comcast.net](mailto:cqnu8z@comcast.net)

### OHKYIN ARS Hamfest

Sep 23  
Cincinnati, OH

### GMARC Fall Trunk Swap

**Start Date:** 09/23/2017  
**End Date:** 09/23/2017  
**Location:** Packard Proving Grounds  
49965 Van Dyke Avenue  
Shelby Township, MI  
**Website:** <http://www.gmarc.org>  
**Sponsor:** General Motors Amateur Radio Club  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 443.075 (PL 123)  
**Public Contact:** Bobby Corr , N8CY  
45601 Fox Lane West, Apt. 106 Shelby Township, MI  
48317  
Phone: 248-346-2733  
**Email:** [N8CY@arrl.net](mailto:N8CY@arrl.net)

### Paintsville Hamfest

Sep 30  
Paintsville, KY

## Great Lakes Division Convention

**Start Date:** 10/07/2017

**End Date:** 10/08/2017

**Location:** Michigan International Speedway  
12626 US Highway 12  
Brooklyn, MI 49230

**Website:** <http://GLHamCon.org>

**Sponsor:** Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-In:** 146.55

**Public Contact:** Glen Ohlemacher , K8GO

830 Kings Park Road Monroe, MI 48161

Phone: 734-731-0901

**Email:** [info@GLHamCon.org](mailto:info@GLHamCon.org)

## Vette City Hamfest

Oct 7

Bowling Green, KY

## GLD HamCon and Convention

Oct 7-8

Brooklyn, MI

## Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest

**Start Date:** 10/21/2017

**End Date:** 10/21/2017

**Location:** Fellowship Reformed Church  
4200 East Apple Avenue  
Muskegon, MI 49440

**Website:** <http://mcecs.net/>

**Sponsor:** Muskegon County Emergency  
Communication Services, Inc.

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.82 (PL 94.8)

**Public Contact:** James Duram , K8COP

PO Box 386 Fruitport, MI 49415

Phone: 231-638-7010

**Email:** [k8cop@arrl.net](mailto:k8cop@arrl.net)

## 2017 Kalamazoo Hamfest and Amateur Radio Swap and Shop

**Start Date:** 10/22/2017

**End Date:** 10/22/2017

**Location:** Kalamazoo County Expo Center  
2900 Lake Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

**Website:** <http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com>

**Sponsor:** Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team &  
Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.04 (PL 94.8)

**Public Contact:** Don Batts , WE8UPJ

PO Box 19523 167 North Drake Road Richland, MI 49083

Phone: 269-205-3560

**Email:** [info@KalamazooHamfest.com](mailto:info@KalamazooHamfest.com)

## Hazard Hamfest

Oct 28

Hazard, KY

## USECA Hamfest/Swap & Shop

**Start Date:** 10/29/2017

**End Date:** 10/29/2017

**Location:** United Food & Commercial Workers Hall  
876 Horace Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

**Website:** <http://www.usecaarc.com>

**Sponsor:** Utica-Shelby Emergency Communication  
Assn

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.18 (PL 100)

**Public Contact:** Ken Coughlin , N8KC

53762 Kristin Court Shelby Township, MI 48316

Phone: 248-652-1187

**Email:** [manitoumagic@aol.com](mailto:manitoumagic@aol.com)

## Massillon Hamfest

Oct 29

Massillon, OH

## LCARC Swap/Hamfest

**Start Date:** 12/03/2017

**End Date:** 12/03/2017

**Location:** Madison Place  
876 Horace Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

**Website:** <http://www.n8lc.org>

**Sponsor:** L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.08 (PL 100)

**Public Contact:** Dale McGorman , K8RO

2855 Norton Lawn Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Phone: 248-563-4497

**Email:** [k8ro@arrl.net](mailto:k8ro@arrl.net)

## 1st Annual GMARC Swap & Shop

**Start Date:** 04/29/2018

**End Date:** 04/29/2018

**Location:** UFCW Local 876 Union Hall  
876 Horace Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

**Website:** <http://www.gmarc.org/SwapInfo>

**Sponsor:** General Motors Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 443.075 (PL 123)

**Public Contact:** Mike Carelli , W8MJC

1853 Willowood Drive Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Phone: 248-835-9545

**Email:** [Swap@gmarc.org](mailto:Swap@gmarc.org)

# Officers & Committees

## Officers

<b>President</b>	Gerret Peters	KD8YUK
<b>Vice President</b>	Kevin Boxey	KB8TAR
<b>Treasurer</b>	William (Bill) Miller	KD8VP
<b>Secretary</b>	Lee Dziekan	N8LJ

## Committees & Appointments

**Club Call Trustee:** Mike Zedan, KN8Z

**Repeater Technical Team:**

- Mike Zedan, KN8Z (**Trustee**)
- Lee Dziekan, N8LJ
- Will Stanton, KB8YGA

**Meeting Refreshments:** Bill Miller, KD8VP

**Newsletter Editor:** Daniel Peters, KE8CFI

**Webmaster:** David Erskine, KD8GXW

**County EC\*:** Kevin Boxey, KB8TAR

- **SkyWarn AEC:** Tom Oliver, KD8EBY

**Operation CARE:** Tom Oliver, KD8EBY

- Mike Dzwilewski, KE8FHE

\*Emergency Coordinator. AEC: Assistant EC

# LCARA Membership Application

Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association

Call Sign: License Class:	Name:
Address:	
City:	
State:	Postal Code:
Email Address:	
ARRL Member (Y/N):	ARES Member (Y/N):
RACES Member (Y/N) and Card #:	SKYWARN Member (Y/N) and Number:
Social Media Handles:	

L.C.A.R.A. Memberships are due annually on October 1st.

- **\$12** - Individual Membership
- **\$20** - Family Membership
- **\$4** - Associate Membership

Membership forms may be turned in to the Treasurer at a monthly meeting, or mailed to the club address:

**Lapeer County Amateur Radio Association**  
**P.O. Box 12**  
**Hadley, MI 48440-0012**