



THE HERTZIAN HERALD



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FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR:

Hi ! I am Sandra, KD8HYS. My email is phoenixbur@accesstoledo.com. I am new to both ham radio and newsletters. I am learning from Rita WB8FBG. Please be patient while I get my feet under me. Also ask if you have any articles that you send them to me by the first Tuesday of the month. This is the only way that the newsletter will get out before the meeting. Hope to see you at the meetings. Have a Nice DAY, WEEK, MONTH!

Sorry that this late but I had problems. Still waiting on my tech support to feel up to working on the computer and printer problems. He has been in the hospital.

President of the MCRCA

The Club had a small turn out for the March meeting.

The Club has a new Hertzian Herald Editor for the newsletter. We welcome Sandra to the club as she is a new member. Thank you Sandra for taking the Editors job.

Dale made a motion to have a trifold brochure made to advertise Amateur Radio and the club. Dale showed us a brochure from another Amateur Radio Club. Fred volunteered to take the brochure to some printers and get an estimate. The brochures from a local printer are very expensive. We could put the brochures in the racks they have at libraries, hotels, and motels. We have a ~~brochure that we can get from the ARRL~~

for free. I'm going to order some from the ARRL.

The Club still needs a Program Manager for the monthly meetings. The program manager would plan and present a program for each meeting. I would be working with the program Manager to schedule the programs.

The Club needs members to volunteer to help with an open house to try and recruit new hams. I will be passing a sheet around each month to try and get a list of volunteers to help put on an open house. We need members to sign the sheet with what they can do at an open house or demonstration. I would like to have the open house or demonstration in September.

The Club needs our members to come to the meetings and help support the club. See you at the next meeting.

Richard L. Kraatz
N8YQW



MCRCA Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm, by
Pres. Richard Kraatz, N8YQW

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: one new member KD8HYS
Sandra Burr and one upgrade KG8P Tom
Jenkins no guests.

PROGRAM: Fox Hunt Video

BREAK

DOOR PRIZES: Rich N8YQW, Bill
WB8ULF, Terry KC8RQI

Feb. MINUTES: Motion by Dale WA8EFK,
supported by Jerry WB7RUM, to approve
as written in the Herald. Approved.

Mar. MINUTES: Motion by Jerry
WB7RUM, supported by Evan KD8CPX, to
approve as written in the Herald.
Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Paul
W8PI, supported by Olimpio WB8SEZ, to
approve the treasurer's report as passed
out to the membership. Approved.

,DX REPORT: By Olimpio check the
newsletter.

HERTZIAN HERALD: Rita has resigned as
Editor and Sandra Burr has volunteered
to try and take over, with Rita's help.

CLASSES: Rita reports Toledo is offering General classes that
will be held on Saturdays April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th and
MAY 3rd from 9am till 1pm at the Washington branch library
on Harvest Lane in Toledo. If you would like to know more
about the classes please contact Stacey at ns8w@arrl.net

TESTING: Paul reported Next session
April 19th

ARPSC: Pete announced a meeting at the
EMD Saturday morning at 10:00 am for
RACES and ARPSC for event planning
purposes. Skywarn classes will be held
March 25th and April 24th at the ISD
school district. Please contact Evan or Pete
to let them know you are coming.

RRRA: Dale WA8EFK announced
everything is up and running and the
annual meeting will be held at the Am.
Red Cross building on May 3rd. the first
Saturday in May at 10:00 am. Everyone is
invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS: Rich is ordering "Wireless
excitement with amateur radio" brochures
free from the ARRL. We will put the club
name and web site on them and can place
them in libraries throughout the county to
help recruit new membership.
Still needed is a program manager for the
club.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNED: 8:50 pm

ATTENDANCE : 18

Nick AF8CS
Ray K8HEP
Fred KA8EBI
Neil KA8PQH
Brenda KB8KQC
Terry KC8RQI
Fred KC8RQK
Evan KD8CPX
Pete KD8DMJ
Rich N8YQW
Paul W8PI
Dale WA8EFK
Jerry WB7RUM
Rita WB8FBG
Olimpio WB8SEZ
Bill WB8ULF
Bob N8WBG
Sandra KD8HYS

***“OPERATION PINE TREE”
COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE
MICHIGAN WIDE PLUS***

MAY 24, 2008

0900 – 1500

(9 AM – 3 PM)

80 METER BAND

SPONSERED BY THE:

***SOUTHERN MICHIGAN AMATEUR
RADIO SOCIETY (SMARS) W8DF***

&

MICHIGAN WING CIVIL AIR PATROL

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KD8CDS***

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RULES

***POWER USAGE IS THE SAME AS FIELD
DAY.***

80 METER BAND ONLY

The rules are very simple. The power usage is the same as field day, except we will be working the 80 meter band only. Make as many contacts as possible and any contacts outside of Michigan is the plus. At the end of the day please let me know how many contacts you have made. I need to report this to Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol for evaluation. The Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters in Maxwell AFB, AL. is also watching to see how well this exercise will turn out. There are no prizes to be given out. The only prize is knowing you had a lot of fun.

This exercise will begin from Boyne Mountain in the Gaylord Area and will spread from there to different

Civil Air Patrol units throughout Michigan. SMARS will start this exercise from Battle Creek, Michigan in a much similar way. There may be special messages to be sent out to other areas. Those details are being worked out. We are attempting to work a communication exercise along side the Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol. If you are in an area where there is a Civil Air Patrol unit check them out and see if there is a way you can work with them on this exercise or contact me if you would like to participate. NOT every squadron will be in this exercise. This is a ground exercise only. If the squadron near you is a flying squadron, they may not be working this exercise. If you have a Senior, Composite, or Cadet Squadron near you ask them to come to your communications sight and work with you.

This exercise can be a great way to let people know what amateur radio is all about. Contact the news media in your area and invite them to come and check it out, or if you have an information officer in your club, put a story in your home town paper.

If you or your club would like to be a part of this fun, please let me know who you are, so we can keep you updated on what is happening. Thanks for being a part of our first attempt on this exercise. We have been told that it “won’t work”, but I believe there is no such thing a “won’t work”. Think of this exercise as a field day warm up.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
2 LT BILL BOOTH CAP KD8CDS
SMARS PRESIDENT
E MAIL: SQJUMPER@AOL.COM

Amateur Radio Examinations
Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications
Association

Amateur Radio examinations are held the
3rd Saturday of every even numbered month
at:

American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.

1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48162

Walk-ins are always welcome

2008

April 19

June 21

August 16

October 18

December 20

**TESTING BEGINS PROMPTLY
AT 9:00 AM**

Applicants are expected to have all forms
filled out and be ready to take tests at that
time. Coffee and doughnuts are available at
8:30 AM.

For more information or to make
reservations, call Paul Trouten - W8PI at
734-854-2224

MCRCRA meeting 7:30 March 20th in the
Red Cross Bldg on N Dixie Hwy, exit 15 on
I-75. Pre-meeting dinner at Bob Evans at
6:15 or so, and Eyeball QSO's at 7 PM.

EVENT and CONTACT

5 April 2008 ARGYL Hamfest Amateur
Radio Group of Youth in Lowell. TALK-
IN:146.620(PL94.8).

12 April 2008 Hamfest, Radio,Electronics
and Computer Show. Jackson County
Amateur Radio Club. TALK-IN: 146.790/-
600.

19 April 2008 Milford Swap and Shop.
TALK-IN: 145.49(PL67);146.52 backup.

27 April 2008 Athens County Amateur
Radio Association. TALK-IN: 145.15.

3 May 2008 Wexaukee Amateur Radio
Club Cadillac.MI. TALK-IN: 146.98.

11 May 2008 1st Annual Bucyrus Hamfest
and Computer Show. TALK-
IN:147.165(PL88.5).

16-18 May 2008 Dayton Hamfest.

7 June 2008 IRA Good Old Days Hamfest
Grand Rapids, MI. TALK-IN:
147.160(PL94.8).

15 June 2008 MCRCRA Hamfest Monroe,
MI. TALK-IN:146.72.

21 June 2008 Milford Amateur Radio Club
Milford, OH. TALK-IN:147.345+(no tone).

28 June 2008 NMARES Tailgate Swap
Elmira, MI. TALK-IN: 146.520 simplex.