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The President Says:

The Club had a small turn out for the June meeting. We had the meeting at the Emergency Management Office on Raisinville road. We had a nice tour of the complex. They have a new building. There was a good explanation of RACES role in County Emergency Management. The county needs more Hams to volunteer their time for the people of the county.

The Club also had a very small turn out for the July meeting.

We received the brochures from the ARRL. We need to rubber stamp the brochures and get them out to the racks they have at libraries, hotels, and motels. I would like to put them in the libraries first.

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.

I talked to a manager at Meijers about having an Open House in front of their store on a Sunday. There is an electrical outlet outside in front of the building. I got a good reception from one of the managers. The store manager is supposed to call me. 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 sent a letter to the Frenchtown Mall Management to inquire about having the open house there. I have not heard from the Mall Management. I would like to have the open house or demonstration in September if possible.

The Club needs our members to come to the meetings and help support the club.

See you at the next meeting.

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N8YQW



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MCRCA Minutes:

MCRCA Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm, by Pres. Richard Kraatz, N8YQW

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: no new members or upgrades and no guests

PROGRAM: None

BREAK

MINUTES: No newsletter

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

CLASSES: Rita reports Toledo will be holding Tech classes in August (see page 3 of this newsletter)

FIELD DAY: Paul reported field day scores 1596 contacts, 97 GOTA contacts, 14 people. 5,376 points Total score, We were number 2 in points

TESTING: Paul reported next session Aug. 16th.

OLD BUSINESS: Still need a program manager

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNED: 7:43 pm

ATTENDANCE: 9

Nick AF8CS	Keith K8YKD	Fred KA8EBI
Neil KA8PQH	Brenda KB8KQC	Wes KC8SKP
Rich N8YQW	Paul W8PI	Rita WB8FBG

The ARPSC needs your assistance in the Saturday September 27th SET.

The exercise is very extensive and intensive and many hams will be needed to fulfill the jobs expected to be required. Usually the SET is just a local thing done by the local hams. This time, all the Michigan counties touching the Ohio border are being incorporated into the SET. Please set aside this day to help. A suggestion - listen to the 72 repeater. If you do not have 72, let me know and we will find a way to let you know when things start. (telephone systems are expected to be unavailable.)

Rita wb8fbg

Committees

Classes

Rita Baker WB8FBG

Club Station

Rita Baker WB8FBG

DX Net

Olimpio Varsogea WB8SEZ

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)
Fred VanDaele KA8EBI
Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

open

Hertzian Herald

open

Historian

Nick Peth AF8CS

Public Relations

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

School Liaison

open

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

Amateur Radio Classes

I am forwarding this on to advise all, there is an entry level class (Technician Level) that is going to be taking place in Toledo, OH.

Steve Bellner, W8TER

— Original Message —

From: Lucas County CERT

To: undisclosed-recipients:

Subject: Next Ham Radio Class

The next Ham Radio Class will be:

Date: August 23rd and Sept. 6th

Time: 8am - 5pm

Location: Lucas County Training Center

2127 Jefferson Ave.

Toledo, OH 43624

Book: \$20.00

Exam: \$14.00

If you are interested in attending this course, please let me know.

We will have to order the book for the course.

Thank you,

Shelley Hoelzer-Spahn

Lucas County CERT

Program Director

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2008 Calendar

September

- 6 GRAHamfest Grand Rapids, MI.
<http://www.grahamfest.org>
- 7 Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH
<http://www.findlaywireless.com>
- 14 Adrian ARC Swap, Adrian, MI
<http://www.W8TQE.com>
- 18 **MCRCA Club Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 27 **ARRL Simulated Emergency Test**

October

- 12 Michigan State Convention, Kalamazoo, MI
<http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com>
- 16 **MCRCA Club Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 18 Testing at Red Cross 9:00 am
- 26 USECA Hamfest, Mt. Clemens, MI
<http://www.usecaarc.com>

November

- 15-26 Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana State Convention
<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>
- 20 **MCRCA Club Meeting, 7:30 PM**

December

- 7 L'Anse Creuse Swap, Mt. Clemens, MI
<http://www.n8lc.org>
- 18 **MCRCA Club Meeting, 7:30 PM**
(Christmas Party)
- 20 Testing at Red Cross 9:00 am

Welcome New Members:

Ted Pirolli KD8HYT
Petersburg, MI

Stacey Wilczynski NS8W
Toledo, OH

DX News from the ARRL

14 August, 2008

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by DS4GGM, LU9ESD, NC1L, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

KENYA, 5Z. Valery, RW1AU is QRV as 5Z4/RW1AU for the next several months while on work assignment in Nairobi. He is active mostly on SSB, but may be on CW soon. QSL via K5XK. In addition, Antonio, IK8VRH and Enrico, 5Z4ES are QRV as 5Z4/IK8VRH from the Coast Province North Group, IOTA AF-040, until August 17 and the Coast Province South Group, IOTA AF-067, from August 20 to 22. Activity is on 40, 20 and 17 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via operators' instructions.

CHILE, CE. Look for 3G1F to be QRV from the lighthouse on the del Alacran Peninsula for the ILLW. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via EA5KB.

MOROCCO, CN. Mohamed, CN8PA is QRV as CN33M until August 26. QSL via CN2DX.

URUGUAY, CV. Station CV1AA is QRV from the Faro Puerto del Buceo West Breakwater in the ILLW. Activity is on 160 to 15 meters using CW and SSB with two stations, and on V/UHF with one station. QSL direct.

SWITZERLAND, HB. Members of the Swiss Lighthouse Activity Group will be QRV as HB9LH from Romanshorn Lighthouse, ARLHS SWI-005, during the ILLW. QSL via bureau.

PANAMA, HP. Several members of the Panama Canal Amateur Association and Radio Club de Panama will be QRV as H81L from the Miraflores Locks Lighthouse, ARLHS PAN-030, on August 16 and 17. Activity will be on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via HP1RCP.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Members of the Gwangju DX Club are QRV as 6L0NJ/4, from the Huksan Island group, IOTA AS-093, until August 18. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via HL4XM.

ITALY, I. Special event station IY6GM is QRV until August 17 to commemorate the 104th anniversary of Marconi's experiments from Monte Cappuccini. QSL via I6GFX.

SVALBARD, JW. Niels, OZ8KR is QRV as JW/OZ8KR from Longyearbyen, IOTA EU-026, until August 127. Activity is mostly 20 meters SSB. QSL to home call.

ARGENTINA, LU. LU4WG and LU7WW will be QRV from the Punta Tehuelche Lighthouse, ARLHS ARG-059, for the ILLW. QSL via operators' instructions.

GREECE, SV. Giorgos, SV1HEM is QRV as SV1HEM/8 from Meganisi Island, IOTA EU-052, until August 17. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

PALAU, T8. Hidenori, JI2TXU is QRV as T88TX from Koror, IOTA OC-009, until August 20. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

TURKEY, TA. Karl, WA2KBZ is QRV as TA0/WA2KBZ from Buyukada Island until September 1. This is not an IOTA. Activity is on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters and possibly 15 meters, using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

CORSICA, TK. Nicolas, F5TGR is QRV as TK/F5TGR from Porto Vecchio, IOTA EU-014, until August 23. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. He may be active from other coastal islands during this time as well. QSL to home call.

KALININGRAD, UA2. Alex, UA2FFW has been active using RTTY on 20 meters just after 2100z.

INDIA, VU. NIAR HQ station VU2NRO is QRV during the NIAR Silver Jubilee Celebrations on August 16 and 17. Activity is on 40 and 20 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via operators' instructions. In addition, look for AT8LH to be QRV until August 24 for the first-ever operation from Mahabalipuram Lighthouse. Also, stations VU2SMS/LH and VU2ROE/LH may be active until August 24 from Panaji, Goa State. QSL via operators' instructions.

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. Bob, VP8LP is QRV as ZD8LP until August 16, and again on September 14. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters. QSL direct.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, North American SSB QSO Party, NCCC Sprint, SARTG World Wide RTTY Contest, Russian District Award Contest, Keyman's Club of Japan CW Contest, Feld Hell Sprint, ARCI Silent Key Memorial CW Sprint and New Jersey QSO Party are all on tap for this weekend. The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest is scheduled for August 18. Please see August QST, page 74, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.

Source: [The American Radio Relay League](http://www.arrrl.org)

Help Premote These Bills!

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in its BPL Decision. The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation. This means the FCC doesn't have to retract BPL just that they need to redefine it. So, where does that leave us, the Amateur population? Needing some type of legislation before the FCC can change or make any new rules.

Senate Bill (S-1629): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007. A bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor [Sen. Mark Pryor \(D-AR\)](#) cosponsor [Sen. Michael Crapo \[R-ID\]](#). Also, House of Representatives (H.R. 462): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007 To request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor [Rep. Mike Ross \[D-AR\]](#) and cosponsors [Rep. John Barrow \[D-GA\]](#), [Rep. Roscoe Bartlett \[R-MD\]](#), [Rep. Baron Hill \[D-IN\]](#), [Rep. Steve Israel \[D-NY\]](#), [Rep. Ron Lewis \[R-KY\]](#), [Rep. Michael McNulty \[D-NY\]](#), [Rep. Tim Murphy \[R-PA\]](#), [Rep. Sue Myrick \[R-NC\]](#), [Rep. Ronald Paul \[R-TX\]](#), [Rep. Collin Peterson \[D-MN\]](#), [Rep. David Price \[D-NC\]](#), [Rep. Bart Stupak \[D-MI\]](#), [Rep. Timothy Walberg \[R-MI\]](#).

People, who think members of Congress or the House of Representatives pay little or no attention to constituent mail, are plain wrong. Concise, well thought out personal letters are one of the most effective ways Americans have of influencing lawmakers. But, members of Congress and the House of Representatives get hundreds of letters and emails every day. Whether you choose to use the Postal Service or email, here are some tips that will help your letter have impact. Most of the time, we as Amateurs, write our Senators or House of Representatives complaining that a certain Act or Bill will not be good for Amateur Radio. But, this time we all need to write and let our Representatives know that we would like them to support these Bills and that we appreciate the fact that they are looking into the future of the service of Amateur Radio. If you're not sure who to write then go to the leagues web site (<http://www.arrl.org>) click on Members Only and a new page will pop up with the listings of the Congressman/Congresswomen, Senators and House of Representatives in your District.

There is also a sample letter there that is already written for you. Copy and paste it into an email and fill in the appropriate places with the Representatives name, then the place with your name and information in the proper places. We must make sure we can congratulate as well as complain. Remembering that no matter what way we do it we must do it with respect to them and in confidence. Here are some examples for writing a Senator, Congressman/Congresswomen or House of Representative.

It's usually best to send letters to the Representative from your local Congressional District or the Senators from your state. Your vote helps elect them — or not — and that fact alone carries a lot of weight.

73

John D. Meyers, NB4K

Great Lakes Legislative Action Coordinator

Great Lakes Division

DX Net, Tues. 8:30pm
Olimpio Varsogea
WB8SEZ



The editors of 425 DX News Mauro and Valeria Pregliasco (I1JQJ and IK1ADH) are the first Italian inductees into the CQ DX Hall of Fame (May 07)

PERIOD	CALL	REF
till 31/08	EY8/F4EOH: Tajikistan	885
till 31/08	II3PIAV: special station	881
till 31/08	VR2008O: special event station	887
till Aug.	C91R: Mozambique	855
till 15/09	AO2008EXPO, AO0EXPO, EH2O: special event stations	894
till 15/09	AO08, AM08, AN08: special prefixes (Spain)	894
till 17/09	BT1OB: special event station (Beijing 2008)	889
till 17/09	BT1OH: special event station (Beijing 2008)	889
till 17/09	BT1OJ: special event station (Beijing 2008)	889
till 17/09	BT1ON: special event station (Beijing 2008)	889
till 17/09	BT1OY: special event station (Beijing 2008)	889
till 20/09	YU8/CT1FKN: Kosovo	892
till 30/09	4L7OA: Georgia	897
till 30/09	9A73AA: special callsign	855
till 08/10	JX9JKA: Jan Mayen (EU-022)	875
till Nov.	YE2IPY: special callsign	864
till 31/12	9A08P: special event station	886
till 31/12	9A60A: special callsign	881
till 31/12	9M1Cxx: special callsigns	890
till 31/12	AY0DX: special callsign (Argentina)	874
till 31/12	C4EURO: special callsign (Cyprus)	867
till 31/12	DR8M: special event station	870
till 31/12	HG1848I: special call (Hungary)	873
till 31/12	HG550REX: special call (Hungary)	873
till 31/12	ON1000NOTGER: special call (Belgium)	873
till 31/12	ON1708M: special event station	897
till 31/12	ON40BAF: special event call	869
till 31/12	ON70REDSTAR: special event station	879
till 31/12	PY100JA: special call	886
till 31/12	SB1658OZ and SC1658OZ: special callsigns (Sweden)	871
till 31/12	SH1658DK and SH1658OZ: special callsigns (Sweden)	871
till 31/12	SK1658DK and SK1658OZ: special callsigns (Sweden)	871
till Dec.	HF0POL: Henryk Arctowski Station (South Shetlands)	868
22/08-29/08	VK9CJW: Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003)	897
27/08-11/09	ZD8N: Ascension Island (AF-003)	897
30/08-05/09	SX8WT: Alonissos Island (EU-072)	893
01/09-07/09	CQ4IPY: special callsign (Portugal)	885
02/09-08/09	GB2CI: Caldey Island (EU-124)	897
06/09-20/09	TM8CDX: special event station (France)	893
23/09-06/10	A25/DL7DF: Botswana	895
23/09-02/10	VO2/GM0TQJ: Labrador	887
27/09-28/09	ZF2DF: Cayman Islands (NA-016)	897
03/10-04/10	PA08DWN: special event station	897
09/10-27/10	VK9DWX: Willis Island (OC-007)	897
20/10-26/10	P29VLR: Garove Island (OC-181)	895

From the ARRL

ARLB009

FCC Looks to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on May 8 seeking to raise fees for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$11.70 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$12.30 for 10 years, an increase of \$.60.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site at, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/howtocomment.html>.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 12 years of the current program — from a low of \$12 to a high of \$50; the current fee of \$11.70 is the lowest the fee has been since the inception of the vanity call sign program. The FCC said it anticipates some 15,000 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$184,500 in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal two years ago. Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not

appear as vanity licensees in the FCC.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS site at, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>, and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

ARLS006

New Russian Satellite in Orbit

A Russian rocket launched from Plesetsk on May 23 carried a number of payloads to orbit, including a new Amateur Radio satellite named Yubileiny — Russian for jubilee — since christened Radio Sputnik 30 (RS-30).

Operational details are vague at this time. Amateurs throughout the world report receiving signals at 435.315 and 435.215 MHz; some report reception of CW telemetry while others report what appear to be image transmissions from the satellite. RS-30 is orbiting at a maximum altitude of 1500 km, creating a substantial communications footprint below.

The satellite will broadcast audio and video about the history of the Soviet and Russian space programs, as well as signals imitating those broadcast by Sputnik in 1957.

According to the satellite's launch team, "The motive for development of the Yubileiny small spacecraft was the 50th anniversary of the first space satellite. With the help of that satellite, the new space systems and equipment are expected to get flight qualification, and radio-amateurs all over the world will be able to receive information on the history of space development and domestic cosmonautics achievements."

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 Schedule:

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

Join us at the next meeting

August 21 at 7:30 pm
American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48162

Local Nets

ARPSC Net - Every Monday evening on '72-Monroe (146.72 Mhz) starting at 9:00pm.

DX Net - Every Tuesday evening on '72-Monroe starting at 8:30pm.

Hi Everyone:

This is just a quick note to let everyone know that we will have a little different club program Thursday night. A few members have "forced" WA8EFK to bring the digital pictures he took during his recent trip to Alaska. Dale and Judy visited the 49th state during July and enjoyed 10 days sightseeing along the Inside Passage, visiting Icy Strait Point, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau and spending some time in Vancouver.

While a travelogue may be a little unusual for a radio club meeting, here is the opportunity to do a little sightseeing from 'EFK's perspective...or at least his camera's perspective.

Hope to see you there. As usual, the MCRCA will serve the usual meeting refreshments.