



# THE HERTZIAN HERALD



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## President of the MCRCA

We had a decent turn out for the May meeting.

I purchased from my own pocket a Video and Book for our school liaisons to use in schools. The members saw the video which showed a man walking through a circuit board explaining basic circuits. The book that came with the video has much Amateur Radio history in it. The video and book may be useful for putting together a presentation for schools. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with school presentations let us know.

We still need 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.

We need our members to come to the meetings and help support the club.

See you at the next meeting.

Richard L. Kraatz  
N8YQW

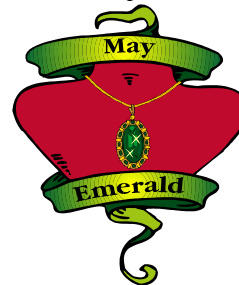


PS Hamfest is before the next meeting.

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## Birthdays - May, June and July



- 19-May Gerry Wessel  
KA8MBK
- 26-May John Bills, Sr  
N8RWI
- 30-May Bill Hansen  
KC8KFY

- 5-Jun Mike Karmol  
N8KUF
- 21-Jun Richard Kraatz  
N8YQW



- 2-Jul Gerald Stone  
WB7RUM
- 8-Jul Rita Baker WB8FBG
- 20-Jul Clarence Revels KA8OAR
- 26-Jul Robert Guyer WD8RGO

# MCRCA Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by  
Pres. Richard Kraatz, N8YQW  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Introductions: No new members,  
upgrades, or guests.

PROGRAM: None

BREAK

DOOR PRIZES: Bob N8WBG, Sandra  
KD8HYS, Nick AF8CS

MINUTES: Motion by Pete KD8DMJ,  
supported by Jerry WB7RUM, to approve  
as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Terry  
KC8RQI, supported by Rita WB8FBG to  
approve the treasurer's report as passed  
out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Olimpio reported which  
frequencies were reserved for China  
earthquake health and welfare traffic and  
also listed a large number of DX stations  
on the air at this time. Marion Isl., New  
Zealand ZS8T, Mongolia, St Helena ZD7X,  
Mozambique, Rockall Island, Tunisia, East  
Timor.

TESTING: Next session June 21<sup>st</sup>.

ARPSC: Pete announced Fermi training  
and exercises, Wednesday please check-in  
if you are available. May 19, 20, 21 will be  
Fermi evaluations.

FIELD DAY: June will be our Field Day  
planning meeting, once again being held  
at Vienna Park in Temperance, MI.

RRRA: Dale WA8EFK announced the  
annual meeting was held at the Am. Red  
Cross building on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. New officers  
were elected, and it was decided that dues  
would be raised next year. Repeater site  
cleanup will be held Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> at  
9am.

OLD BUSINESS: None



NEW BUSINESS:  
Sorry Evan for the  
fuzzy picture.  
After review of the  
scholarship applicants  
it was decided that the  
Chuck DeWilde  
Scholarship would be  
awarded to Evan

Hendrick, KD8CPX, from Monroe High  
School.

**It was decided the June meeting will be  
held at the EOC on Raisinville Rd.  
please make a note of it.**

ADJOURNED: 8:50 pm

ATTENDANCE : 18

Nick AF8CS	Keith K8YKD
Fred KA8EBI	Clarence KA8OAR
Neil KA8PQH	Terry KC8RQI
Wes KC8SKP	Pete KD8DMJ
Sandra KD8HYS	
John N8RWI	Bob N8WBG
Rich N8YQW	Bob W8RRI
Dale WA8EFK	Jerry WB7RUM
Rita WB8FBG	Olimpio WB8SEZ
Bill(83)	WB8ULF

## Ham Cram, or the One-Day Tech Class

by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

I used to be skeptical of one-day ham radio classes, sometimes called "Ham Cram" classes. After teaching a couple of these classes over the past year, however, I've become a supporter of this method of teaching, at least for the Technician Class license test.

One reason I'm an advocate of the one-day class is that I think a lot of people "learn by doing." I'm not an expert on pedagogy, but my guess is that more people learn by doing than learn by reading or by listening. That being the case, isn't it a good thing that new hams get their licenses quickly so that they can begin doing--thereby learning--more quickly?

Second, people are busy. Tell them that the class is going to eat up one evening a week for six to eight weeks and a lot of them will tell you that they just don't have the time to do it. Squeezing in six to eight hours on a Saturday is, however, something that they can do.

Critics of the one-day classes say that if people just cram for the test, they may learn enough for just long enough to pass the test, but they really don't know enough to be "good hams," whatever that may be. There's some truth to this. It's important not to abandon them once they get their tickets. I encourage all of the students to join a ham radio club and make myself available to answer any questions they may have as they get started in ham radio.

Critics also say that releasing this horde on the amateur bands will create nothing but chaos. Fortunately, I've personally seen no evidence that the hundreds of folks that have taken these classes across the country have created said chaos.

Make Your Next Class a One-Day Class  
I would encourage you to give this a try. Make your next Tech class a one-day class. You don't conduct Tech classes? Well, get started! Another benefit of the one-day class format is that it's easier to find teachers since it takes less time for them, too.

As I mentioned previously, over the past year, I've taught two "ham cram" classes. We've learned a few things along the way.

Perhaps the most important thing is to stress that students should study the material before coming to class. The study guide we use is one that I've written. You can find the KB6NU No-Nonsense Study Guide online at <http://www.kb6nu.com>. You can also purchase a pre-printed version of the study guide at [www.booklocker.com/books/3408.html](http://www.booklocker.com/books/3408.html).

Another key is to not get bogged down on a particular topic. Our class runs from 9 am to 3 pm, at which time, the VEs come in and give the test. To cover all of the material, you have to keep one eye on the clock and keep plowing ahead. To help you do this, a set of PowerPoint slides for teachers of Ham Cram Tech classes is available at <http://w9pe.us/>.

We conducted our first class last August. Nine out of twelve passed the test that day; the remaining three passed on their second attempt. In early May, we taught our second one-day class. This time, eleven out of twelve passed.

I am encouraged by these results, and I am planning to make these one-day classes a regularly-scheduled event here in Ann Arbor. Time will tell if these people become active, life-long hams, but so far, so good. If you have any questions about our experience with the one-day class, please

e-mail me at [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

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\*\*\*\*\* CALENDAR \*\*\*\*\*

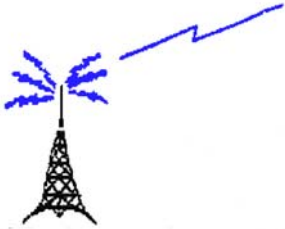
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PERIOD	CALL	(SC =Special Callsign) (SE = Special Event)
till 11/06	5Z4DX:	Kenya
till 15/06	V4/9H3TI:	Nevis Island (NA-104)
till 30/06	HB2008AA-ZZ:	SC (Switzerland)
till 30/06	OE2008AAA-ZZZ:	SC (Austria)
till 30/06	VR10:	special prefix (Hong Kong)
till June	ZD7X:	St. Helena (AF-022)
till 15/08	VR2S:	SE
till 31/08	EY8/F4EOH:	Tajikistan
till 31/08	I13PIAV:	special station
till August	C91R:	Mozambique
till 17/09	BT1OB:	SE (Beijing 2008)
01/06-30/06	4U1WED:	SE (Austria)
01/06-30/06	I17PBS:	SE
01/06	OZ5FYN:	SE (Langeland, EU-172)
01/06-15/06	TC17GS:	SC
01/06-15/06	TM4OO:	SE (France)
01/06-15/06	TM6ACO:	SE (France)
01/06-30/07	VC3C:	SE SC
02/06-30/06	HF9GA:	SE SC
03/06-10/06	K7A:	Shumagin Group (NA-087)
05/06-09/06	F/ON6JUN/P:	SE
04/06-10/06	KF4VTT/p:	Key West (NA-062)
05/06-14/06	I10MM, I19LR, I11GA:	SE
06/06-16/06	IA5/ON7ARQ:	Elba Island (EU-028)
06/06-09/06	JAOKNM/JR6 and JE3NJZ/JR6:	Kuro Island (AS-024)
06/06-13/06	TK/IK2UWA:	Cavallo Island (EU-164)
06/06-15/06	TM6SME:	SE SC (France)
07/06-10/06	IY1SP:	SE
07/06-20/06	TM0GP:	SE (France)
07/06-19/06	VP2MDD:	Montserrat (NA-103)
09/06-19/06	TF/DL2VFR:	Iceland (EU-021)
10/06-24/06	4W6R:	East Timor * by EAs
10/06-16/06	CQ4IPY:	SC (Portugal)
10/06-26/06	DL4AO/p:	Ruegen Island (EU-057)
10/06-26/06	OZ/DL4AO:	Bornholm Island (EU-030)
10/06-12/06	TF5/DL2VFR:	Hrisey Island (EU-168)
11/06-23/06	FH/DK7LX:	Mayotte (AF-027)
12/06-18/06	7N4AGB/JD1, JA1EJK/JD1:	Chichijima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
12/06-18/06	JA1JQY/JD1, JA1KJW/JD1:	Chichijima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
12/06-18/06	JA1NND/JD1, JA1XEQ/JD1:	Chichijima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
12/06-18/06	J11FPO/JD1, J11JGI/JD1:	Chichijima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
12/06-18/06	JK1EBA/JD1, JR1LYL/JD1:	Chichijima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
12/06-18/06	K7A:	Neragon Island (NA-241)
14/06-21/06	GB0SI:	Summer Isles (EU-092)
14/06-15/06	SX2MT:	Royal Tombs Museum
14/06-22/06	SX24xx:	SC (Greece)
15/06-19/06	EA6/DD9HK:	Balearic Islands (EU-004)
15/06-05/07	RZ3AMW/1:	Ryashkov Island (EU-162)
15/06-28/06	SD1B/6:	Tjorn Island (EU-043)
17/06-20/06	MM/K6EIL:	Bressay Island (EU-012)
19/06-22/06	7N4AGB/JD1, JA1EJK/JD1:	Hahajima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
19/06-22/06	JA1JQY/JD1, JA1KJW/JD1:	Hahajima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
19/06-22/06	JA1NND/JD1, JA1XEQ/JD1:	Hahajima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
19/06-22/06	J11FPO/JD1, J11JGI/JD1:	Hahajima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
19/06-22/06	JK1EBA/JD1, JR1LYL/JD1:	Hahajima, Ogasawara (AS-031)
21/06-27/06	9A/I6GFX:	Croatian islands (EU-170)
21/06-22/06	SX2MT:	Royal Tombs Museum
25/06-30/06	OY/LA6FJA and OY/LA7WCA:	Faroe Islands (EU-018)
25/06-30/06	VO2/NF6J:	Battle Island (NA-044)
27/06-04/07	JX/G7VJR:	Jan Mayen (EU-022)
28/06-05/07	HB0/ON4IPA:	Liechtenstein
from June	ZS8T:	Marion Island (AF-021)
02/07-12/07	VP5/WB2REM:	Turks & Caicos
08/07-20/07	VK9XWW, VK9XHZ, VK9XOR, VK9XME:	Christmas Isl (OC-002)
09/07-09/08	FH/F6BFH:	Mayotte (AF-027)
12/07-13/07	EM5HQ:	Ukraine (IARU HF World Championship)
15/07-31/08	VR2008O:	SE
16/07-31/07	C91CF, C91TK, C91...:	Mozambique
19/07-26/07	CU2/F5LMJ:	Sao Miguel (EU-003)
19/07-26/07	F4ELJ/p:	Groix Island (EU-048)
20/07-05/08	UT9IO/p and UX3IW/p:	Zmeiniy Island (EU-182)
21/07-01/08	CU1F & CU1T:	Goncalo Velho LGH, Sao Miguel (EU-003)
21/07-27/07	KL7DX:	Chuginadak Island (NA-234)
23/07-29/07	GB8LMI:	Les Minquiers Islands (EU-099)
25/07-28/07	C6APR:	Crooked Island (NA-113)
25/07-27/07	CG2I:	Grosse-Ile (NA-128)
26/07-30/07	8J9HGR:	Hegura Island (AS-117)
26/07-01/08	CU3/F5LMJ:	Terceira (EU-175)
27/07-02/08	IG9/IK8YFU, IG9/IZ8FEV, IG9/IQ8PP:	Lampedusa (AF-019)
30/07-04/08	VE3LYC/VO2 and VO2/G3OCA:	Finger Hill Island (NA-194)
30/07-04/08	VE3	from July
03/08-17/08	ZD9X: Tristan da Cunha (AF-029)	
03/08-17/08	TM0WPC:	special event callsign (France)
04/08-17/08	TO8S:	Les Saintes Islands (NA-114)
10/08-16/08	JD1BLX and JD1BLY:	Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara
18/08-21/08	FM/F5IRO and FM/F8CRS:	Martinique NA-107
01/09-07/09	CQ4IPYSC (Portugal)	
till 17/09	BT1OJ:	SE (Beijing 2008)
till 17/09	BT1ON:	SE (Beijing 2008)
till 17/09	BT1OY:	SE (Beijing 2008)
23/09-02/10	VO2/GM0TQJ:	Labrador
till 30/09	9A73AA:	SC
till 08/10	JX9JKA:	Jan Mayen (EU-022)
09/10-27/10	VK9DWX:	Willis Island (OC-007)
18/10-04/11	P2:	Witu Islands (OC-181) *
	G3KHZ, G4EDG, CT1AGF, W5GAI	

# Amateur Radio Examinations Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications Association

Amateur Radio examinations are held the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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

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.

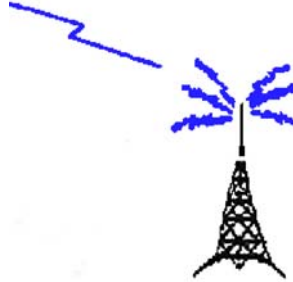
For more information or to make reservations, call  
Paul Trouten - W8PI at 734-854-2224

For those of you still reading this.....  
Sandy's computer could not handle the  
newsletter. Nor her printer.  
She did try.

Pete, KD8DMJ, has volunteered to take  
over the reins as of July. May-June, he  
says, will be too busy, what with Evan  
graduating and the EMD exercises, to take  
on a new project. When things settle  
down, he will assume the post.

Fermex activities were over several days  
and from what I heard, our part was well  
received by the evaluators, EMD and the  
Red Cross. It seems our radio operators  
passed test traffic and THAT impressed  
the evaluators. From what I saw, they  
acted like they had never seen it done  
before. Strange....

Don't forget the Hamfest will be before the  
meeting this year. Fred says he will  
always accept help at the gate doing  
tickets and helping park the trunk sales.  
Come out, we will find SOMETHING for  
you to do.



**The June meeting will be  
June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. At  
EMD on Raisinville Rd.  
This will be your chance  
to see the new building  
and the new  
Communications Room.**

Then on the last weekend of the month –  
**FIELD DAY.**

Antenna set up is usually around 9AM.  
We stop for lunch and at 2PM we 'GO FOR  
IT' for 24 hours.

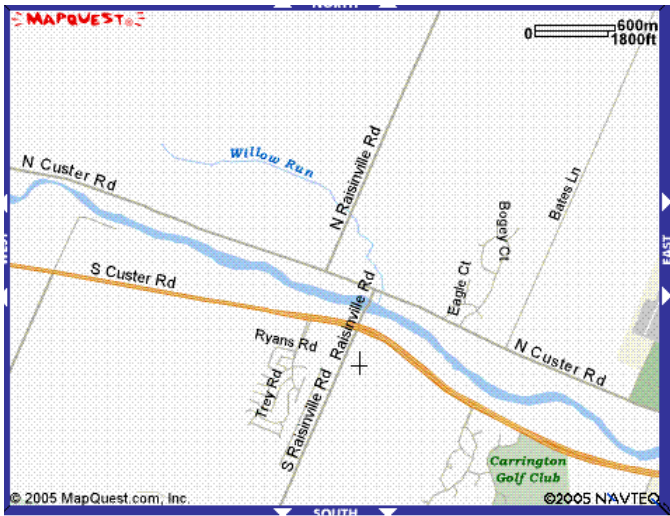
About 6PM we take turns and enjoy a pot  
luck supper.

The young lads did a bang up job last year  
– their first time to 'GO FOR IT' alone.

I wonder if 'THE OLD PHOOGES' will be  
able to-----

Bring someone you know who has heard  
you talk repeatedly about amateur radio  
and let the 'bug' (not mosquito) bite him.  
Let him/her use the Get On The Air  
station and like Pete, KD8DMJ, hear a DX  
station and get a license.

Maybe it will be their commitment to  
become more involved in the community.  
What ever (bribery) it takes.



**HAMFEST 2008**

N. Custer = Elm St.

S. Custer = M- 50 or Front St.

If you are coming from the east on S. Custer, you will have to go thru the light and make a 'U TURN' past the intersection.

Field Day – June 28-29  
 Vienna Park is between Minx  
 And Crabb Rd. It is on the  
 north side of Vienna Rd.  
 We will be in the back, not far  
 from the swale and at the  
 shelter.



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