

# The Hertzian Herald



## Off The Kuff:

It is March in Michigan and there's a lot to think about in the HAM radio arena .... not to mention all the chores you've been putting off until the weather warms up (I've got at least a dozen of those).

First off, here is some REALLY BIG news I'd like to share ... in no particular (except alphabetical) order KD8KHT, KD8KHU, KD8KHV, KD8KHW, KD8KHX, KD8KHY, KD8KHZ, KD8KIA, KD8KIB. We congratulate and welcome all of you to the ranks of Amateur Radio.

Again ... with March in Michigan ... you all know that means ANYTHING goes weather wise Springtime means the arrival of severe weather season. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of upcoming SKYWARN spotter training. Even if you've been there before ... go again. For as long as I've been going, as the training materials and presentation technologies improve ... I manage to learn something new each and every time I go. (AND other than a few hours of your time there is NO cost). HAM Radio exists today in large part because of the public safety and emergency communications aspects. That's why regulations refer to it as the Amateur Radio Service. Do YOUR part.

By the time you are reading this ramble, the TMRA Swap will have come and gone. I hope you made time to enjoy the swap and to participate in the traditional comradery of stale donuts & bad coffee (along with some great conversation with friends that perhaps have not been seen since last year's swap). Hopefully some of you were able to pick up a new toy or two ... that's what keeps the vendors coming back. For me ... TMRA represents the 'official' arrival of spring and the time when thoughts shift seriously to our own Monroe SWAP (some have already been working on this since last summer), followed shortly thereafter by Field Day. Both of these CLUB activities have been around for longer than my call sign has. They are truly dependant on support from ALL of us in order to remain successful and ..dare I say it .... FUN.

This year will be my first stint as MCRCA President. I'm very excited about the opportunities that lay before us. I'm very pleased to be working with a team of enthusiastic board members and I encourage everyone to support them in whatever they ask of you.

We are always looking for suggestions for club programs and/or activities. AND we are always looking for members willing to make arrangements for such. I am envisioning a number of fun programs this year, and am planning on a number of ACTIVITIES that will surely bring you to the realization that HAM RADIO is FUN. Remember that, in all areas of life, most times you receive no more than you are willing to invest ... often you'll get back much more than you've invested.

Give it a shot and .... HAVE SOME FUN!!  
Mike - N8KUF  
Pres. MCRCA

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## MCRCA Minutes:

for February 19, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Fred KA8EBI

Pledge of Allegiance Introductions: no new members or upgrades two guests

Meeting turned over to Election Committee Dale WA8EFK and Bill N8RWI

A slate of officers was presented to the membership and a request for any nominations from the floor was made.

A motion by Terry KD8RQI and supported by Pete KD8DMJ to accept the slate as presented was made and approved by the membership present at the meeting.

President	Mike Karmol N8KUF
Vice-President	Paul Trouten W8PI
Secretary	Fred VanDaele KA8EBI
Treasurer	Brenda VanDaele KB8KQC
Director/station trustee	Rita Baker WB8FBG
Director	Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP
Director	John Bills N8RWI

The meeting was then turned over to Mike N8KUF

PROGRAM: ARRL's Log Book of the World presentation by Tom KG8P

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Chris KC8UFV, Brenda KB8KQC, Pete KD8DMJ

50/50: Pete KD8DMJ donated his winnings to Scholarship.

MINUTES: Motion by Olimpio WB8SEZ, supported by Terry KC8RQI, to approve as written in the Herald with one correction: **ARPSC: Pete was absent, but looking for people to run the Tuesday Monday night net.** Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Terry KC8RQI, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: By Olimpio WB8SEZ, Desecheo Island DXpeditions on now by Porta Rico continues through Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Also Solomon Island H44MS until April 28<sup>th</sup>. - Uganda 5X4X until May 31<sup>st</sup>. - HC1MD Ecuador Rick Dorsch from Hamburg, MI Feb 22nd thru March 7<sup>th</sup>. <http://webpages.charter.net/ne8z/NE8Z/Welcome.html>

HERTZIAN HERALD: Anyone with any articles for the HH please send them to me in any format. We need local news in our newsletter. I can find plenty of filler from the net, but local stuff would be much better.

CLASSES: A one day class and testing session will be held Saturday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at Bedford Twp. Gov't Center

TESTING: Next session this Saturday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - 3 people coming so far.

ARPSC: Pete announced they completed the Muskrat Run with 9 operators in attendance providing 18 hours of community service for approx. 100 runners. A group called The Pathfinders came to the ARPSC meeting, and are showing an interest in becoming licensed amateurs. They were invited to this year's field day.

RRRA: Dale announced everything is up and running, but Jeff is having a little trouble with the IRLP. The annual meeting for the RRRA will be held the first Saturday in May.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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## 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

Pete Hendrick KD8DMJ

### Hertzian Herald

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

### 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michigan QSO party coming up on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009. We are a sponsor for one of the award plaques for this event. Rita had tickets for sale for the TMRA hamfest coming up March 15<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNED: 9:05 pm

ATTENDANCE: 19

Nick	AF8CS	Fred	KA8EBI	Clarence	KA8OAR
Neil	KA8PQH	Brenda	KB8KQC	Terry	KC8RQI
Wes	KC8SKP	Chris	KC8UFV	Pete	KD8DMJ
Tom	KG8P	Mike	N8KUF	John	N8RWI
Dale	WA8EFK	Rita	WB8FBG	Bill	WB8JAI
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Joseph Van Dyke	KD8AAK				

## DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

### TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

TMRA will be putting on a DIGI-class every month during its general meetings.

All are welcome to attend. You do not have to be a member of TMRA to participate.

(Note: This is about not D-STAR radio, this is digital software radio)

At each meeting we will talk about and demonstrate Digital software communications. Starting this Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a demonstration of digital software and general information to get you started.

Our desire is to:

Educate hams about digital communications.

Improve Emcomm participation.

Get hams motivated about digital communications.

Getting started in Digital software Communications can lead to additional use of amateur radio spectrum which gives us a good reason to hang on to our frequencies.

You might be surprised at how easy it is to get on the air with digital software. There are efforts and designs geared for the two meter band, so even an entry level license can participate.

WHEN:

TMRA meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. The first class/demonstration will be March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. We intend to make further adjustments for the time of the class depending on the participation.

WHERE:

The Electrical Industry Building 727 Lime City Road, Rossford, Ohio. The easiest directions are to take I-475 and get off at the buck Road exit. Turn North; go to the 1<sup>st</sup> intersection, Turn RIGHT. The Electrical Industry Building will be on your right about 2/10ths of a mile down the road. Talk in on 147/270 + with a 103.5 PL or push 1 2 3 using DTMF.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.** Hope to see you there. Thanks for listening.

Steve Bellner, W8TER  
Vice President TMRA

## Amateur Radio Public Service Corps

The ARPSC/RACES group, meets on the First Thursday of the month at 1900 EDT. Location of meeting is the EMD on Raisin Ville road. Look for the antenna's. Our main purpose is to discuss up coming events and review emergency activities that have taken place. Some of the reviews come from videos, some from recent disasters. We encourage all to participate in this voluntary group. You do not need to be a member to participate.

Being part of this group, takes an enormous amount of dedication and understanding of the chain of command. Becoming an ARPSC member allows you to experience this dedication. Becoming a RACES member requires certain testing to be completed, ability to manage a net and also the strength to follow direction without question. As an example, during an emergency, you may be tasked with setting up a shelter or filling generators with gas. You may be required to operate the station for extended amounts of time till a relief shows up. You have to be willing to accept all assignments without question. If there is a concern then once your task is completed, you can discuss it with your supervisor.

You must also continue to update and communicate with your supervisor and net control and maintain the chain of command. Although easier said than done, this means that if a media person were to start asking questions about the operation you would have to direct them to your supervisor, net control or your EC. You must be clear in your message traffic and maintain a level of discipline that will not disrupt the net.

All of this is learned and practiced on the Monday night net weekly at 2100EDT. If you have questions on how to perform your duties this is one of the places to come to. We work on the question as a group and attempt to resolve during the net. If more practice is needed then we are able to schedule a weekend event or practice further at the monthly meeting held the First Thursday of the month.

Is it hard to become part of this group? The answer is yes and no! We work with approximately 35 agencies in Monroe county. Aside from reporting directly to the EMD, we also have as a primary resource the American Red Cross, and Monroe County Health Department. We have to be prepared to take on their requests without question. Being able to support their requests are not often an easy task but those issues are left in the hands of the EC and the active staff.

There will be more to follow in the upcoming months. If you have questions that you would like to see discussed please email me at [phendr2005@yahoo.com](mailto:phendr2005@yahoo.com).

Pete - KD8DMJ - EC/RO/PIO Monroe County

Olympio - WB8SEZ - AEC Monroe County

Jerry - WB7RUM - AEC Monroe County

Evan - KD9CPX - AEC Monroe County

Terry - KC8RQI - ARPSC

Acting Net Manager Monday night net 146.720- RRRR



## 2009 MICHIGAN QSO PARTY



It's that time of year again! It's time to gear it up and get ready for the 2009 Michigan QSO Party. The MiQP has something to offer for everyone and there is no shortage of reasons for joining in on the fun on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

In spite of the crappy conditions, last year was a good year for the MiQP. Activity was up and we had over 300 entries and we hope to do even better this year. We are hoping to see an increase in activity within the traditional amateur radio clubs in Michigan. I think that most clubs are looking for special activities and the MiQP has some features that should be considered in filling this need. This is a great event to generate club activity. Other than just a great excuse to get on the air, have fun and be hunted by hams around the country and world, the MiQP offers training opportunities for new hams; it can serve as a tune up for emergency operations by setting up and operating from your club EOC. It's a chance to fire up the club station, or get ready for field day by operating from some rare county.

In addition to the normally awarded plaques and certificates for the different categories, there will be a special "Rookie of the Year Award" in 2009. It should also be noted that the ARRL has declared 2009 "The Year of the State QSO Party" and is offering a special certificate. Others will need to work Michigan stations during the QSO party to earn the Michigan flag for their ARRL award <http://www.arrl.org/awards/ysqso/>

As you can see from the rules listed below, this is only a 12 hour event. Please consider getting on the air for the whole thing, or any portion of the 12 hour period. You can operate from home, portable, mobile or at the club's station or EOC. With the support of mobile and portable stations, we plan on having activity in all 83 counties. Maybe someone in our club would like to activate a rare county?

Last but not least, we ask those of you that have participated in the MIQP to please help us get the word out and encourage other Michigan hams and radio clubs to participate and join the fun. See <http://www.miqp.org> for more details and the rules, !

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 18<sup>th</sup> until 0400Z  
Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon on the 18<sup>th</sup> until 12 midnight local Michigan time)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, mobile and Emergencies Operations Center (EOC) and "Rookie" categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W).

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change counties, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3800, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to [logs@miqp.org](mailto:logs@miqp.org)

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, and Fliers see <http://www.miqp.org>

73 es cu April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009

Mark NU8Z

## Past adventures of Nick AF8CS



### Hurricanes-Typhoons-Cyclone

These are the same basic storm, but called different names in different locations. We see them in the paper, but where we are living we don't have much to fear because they occur in coastal areas.

While stationed in Okinawa 1956-1958 we had 7 typhoons pass by, of all various sizes.

If you were single, or your family was not there, you grabbed your bedding and went to work in the Communications Center.

The Air Force would attempt to fly as many planes as they could out of the area.



The remaining ones would have vehicles parked around them to break the wind. That didn't work all the time.

One thing you knew would happen, when you were with your family in the housing area, would be the loss of power. When that occurred the very next thing you did was to fill up everything you could with water, because that was the next thing you would lose.

With no power, it was amazing what you could cook with the Keno burner.



"A MOST excellent adventure"

(ask your kids)



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 07/03	VK0BP: Davis Base (Antarctica) 912	till 31/12
till 07/03	VP2MPL and VP2MPR: Montserrat (NA-103)	921 till 31/12
till 07/03	W6DXO/C6A: South Andros Island (NA-001)	till 31/12
930 till 07/03	ZF2UL: Cayman Islands (NA-016) 930	till 31/12
till 08/03	C56ETF: The Gambia 929	till ??
till 08/03	DY1C: Cujo Island (OC-120) 931	07/03-22/03
till 08/03	HC1MD: Ecuador 927	stations 931
till 09/03	FP/KV1J: Miquelon Island (NA-032) 930	07/03-22/03
till 09/03	H7/N1SNB and YN2NB: Nicaragua 930	event stations 931
till 09/03	V63AR, V63WW and V63P: Pohnpei	07/03-08/03
till 09/03	V85NL: Brunei 930	07/03-14/03
till 09/03	VK6ARI: Rottneest Island (OC-164) 930	07/03-08/03
till 10/03	OR3AX and OR4AX: Antarctic cruise 927	07/03
till 10/03	V85NBD25: special event station (Brunei)	08/03-28/03
till 11/03	ZL7T: Chatham Islands (OC-038) 926	08/03-15/04
till 12/03	V25TK: Antigua (NA-100) 927	09/03-11/03
till 12/03	V5/DJ4SO: Namibia 927	09/03-13/03
till 16/03	H40FN, H40HP, H40MS: Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu 931	10/03-19/03
till 16/03	SV9/DJ7RJ: Crete (EU-015) 925	11/03-05/05
till 17/03	CE9XX, FT5YJ and VP8DLM: Antarctic adventure	11/03-25/03
till 19/03	CT3/DL3KWR and CT3/DL3KWF: Madeira	Island (AF-086) 929
till 19/03	PS0F: Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) 930	11/03-25/03
till 22/03	7Q7AH: Malawi 929	11/03-14/03
till 25/03	J79WR: Dominica (NA-101) 930	12/03-26/03
till 31/03	6W2SC: Senegal 915	12/03-17/03
till 31/03	IY1GM: special callsign 923	13/03-15/03
till 31/03	J5UAP: Guinea-Bissau 915	14/03-24/03
till 31/03	N2OB/150 and N2OB/LH: special event	(AS 079) 931
31/03	VP8KF: Falkland Islands (SA-002) 930	14/03-17/03
till 01/04	C6ANM: Nassau (NA-001), Bahamas 922	14/03-16/03
till 01/04	J79XBI: Dominica (NA-101) 924	14/03-27/03
till 28/04	H44MS: Solomon Islands 923	15/03 CS6A:
till April	OD5/IV3YIM: Lebanon 915	15/03-28/03
till April	VK2LNX and VK2FSNJ: Maatsuyker Island	15/03-22/03
(OC-233) 909	VQ9JC: Diego Garcia (AF-006) 921	17/03
till April	ZS8T: Marion Island (AF-021) 925	17/03-19/03
till June	5X4X: Uganda 923	17/03-19/03
till June	AP2AHSF: Pakistan 929	19/03-25/03
till 02/07	TT8CF: Chad 930	19/03-22/03
till 31/08	LY1000: special prefix 924	Saipan (OC-086) 931
till 31/08	VR2/F4BKV: Hong Kong Island (AS-006) 908	20/03-25/03
till September	LZ8WHST and LZ17ARDF: special event	20/03-23/03
stations 924	FT5WO: Crozet Islands (AF-008) 916	21/03-24/07
till 30/11	HFOAPAS: South Shetlands (AN-010) 921	21/03-11/04
till November	OD5/W5YFN: Lebanon 915	21/03-23/03
till 31/12	9A48IFATCA: special event station 926	21/03-22/03
till 31/12	GB250RB: special event call (Scotland) 925	22/03-06/04
till 31/12	GB40WAB: special callsign 922	23/03-03/04
		23/03-29/03
		(EU-052) 929
		23/03-29/03
		(EU-052) 929
		HE8 and HB8: special prefixes (Switzerland)
		IA3GM: special callsign 927
		II2RAI: special callsign 924
		Z30MCWG: special callsign 928
		R1ANB: "Mirny" Antarctic station 928
		II0IDP, II0IDR, II0IGU: special event
		II1ICS, III1GG, II8ICN, II9ICF: special
		event stations 931
		07/03-08/03
		KH6/ACOW from Maui, Hawaii (OC-019) 929
		07/03-14/03
		S21KD: Bangladesh 931
		07/03-08/03
		TO5A: Martinique NA-107) 929
		07/03
		W4/VA3RA: St. Simons Island (NA-058) 931
		08/03-28/03
		FR/F5UOW: Reunion Island (AF-016) 930
		08/03-15/04
		FT5XS(/mm): (Kerguelen) 931
		09/03-11/03
		V63AR, V63WW and V63T: Kosrae (OC-059)
		09/03-13/03
		W4/VA3RA: Key West (NA-062) 931
		10/03-19/03
		V25WY and V25OP: Antigua (NA-100) 931
		11/03-05/05
		5X1NH: Uganda 931
		11/03-25/03
		D44TXQ, D44TXP, D44TXO, D44TXF: Sal
		Island (AF-086) 929
		11/03-25/03
		D44TXR, D44TXI, D44TXS: Sal Island (AF-
		11/03-14/03
		V73J and V73M: Majuro (OC-029) 929
		12/03-26/03
		J38CW: Grenada 931
		12/03-17/03
		V4/G4FAL: St. Kitts (NA-104) 927
		13/03-15/03
		TM2HC: Hoedic Island (EU-048) 931
		14/03-24/03
		JS6RRR and JI3DST/J56: Miyako Islands
		(AS 079) 931
		14/03-17/03
		R150ASP: Gogland Island (EU-133) 931
		14/03-16/03
		T88CD and T88WW: Palau (OC-009) 929
		14/03-27/03
		VK9AA: Cocos (Keeling) (OC-003) 927
		15/03 CS6A:
		Murtinas Posterior lighthouse 931
		15/03-28/03
		FG/F5TGR: Guadeloupe (NA-102) 929
		15/03-22/03
		VK9N/ON5AX: Norfolk Island (OC-005)
		17/03
		EJ4GRC: Aran Islands (EU-006) 929
		17/03-19/03
		NH0AA/KH2 and AH0F/KH2: Guam (OC-026)
		17/03-19/03
		TC18M: special event station 931
		19/03-25/03
		4K0CW: Azerbaijan 925
		19/03-22/03
		KH0/KI3DNN, KH0/N3MU, KH0/K2JA:
		Saipan (OC-086) 931
		20/03-25/03
		VE9/VA7AQ: Grand Manan Island (NA-014)
		20/03-23/03
		VX8X: Ellice Island (NA-192) 931
		21/03-24/07
		5N/KT3Q and 5NOEME: Nigeria 931
		21/03-11/04
		FG/F4EBT: Guadeloupe (NA-102) 929
		21/03-23/03
		LT9L: nature reserve "Esteros del Ibera"
		21/03-22/03
		TC1RLH: Rumeli/Turkeli Lighthouse 920
		22/03-06/04
		VK9GMW: Mellish Reef (OC-072) 929
		23/03-03/04
		HH4/K4QD and HH4/AF4Z: Haiti (NA-096)
		23/03-29/03
		SV1GYG/8 and SW1GYN/8: Zakyntos Island
		(EU-052) 929
		23/03-29/03
		(EU-052) 929
		SV1QN/8 and SV1AIN/8: Zakyntos Island

## 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 48161

Walk-ins are always welcome.

### 2009 Schedule:

February 21	April 18
June 20	August 15
October 17	December 19

### 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

March 19, 2009 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.