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## Off The Kuf:

By Mike – N8KUF



WOW – I cannot believe it is already October. As Lance said last month – School is back in session (kinda -except when it's not), college football is underway (sorta), Stanley Cup Playoffs (abbreviated) are complete, Hurricane Season is winding down (Delta – really? We have run out of English letters and are borrowing from the Greeks?), and a host of other stuff consuming our daily lives that I am not going to get into here.

Some may say they are sad to see summer over .... I say - We need to make the best of the remaining good weather while it lasts. A few recent mornings have felt really chilly – but I remind myself that 3 months from now we will be wishing for such gorgeous daytime sun and warmth.

I hope many of you were able to take part in this year's Simulated Emergency Test (SET) that took place for us on October 10. Thanks to our county Emergency Coordinator (EC) Lance KE8BYC for all his efforts to plan and pull off such a significant event. Hopefully, our Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) again reaches "top-tile" national performance levels. Some gave up a good portion of their Saturday to run nets, interface with stations from neighboring counties / districts, pass and accept simulated emergency exercise messages. Some simply made the effort to check into one of the many SET nets conducted during the exercise. Whatever your participation – THANK YOU

2020 foxhunt #2 was a great success. Many folks from hunt #1 returned for #2. You can read up on participants and scoring elsewhere in the month's Herald. All involved have decided that we would like to have yet one more last foxhunt for 2020. Because of several events / activities already on the calendar for October, we are going to schedule the next hunt (2020-3) for the second Saturday in November (11/14). We are hoping for a decent stretch of weather for that weekend and hope you will be able to join us. Feel free to bring along a friend – this is an excellent opportunity for hams and non-hams alike to experience the thrill of some friendly competition. Remember also, skills learned and refined could be utilized someday (e.g. Locating emergency beacons, jammers. stuck transmitters, lost RFID tagged individuals).

Rules will again be the same as they were for the first and second hunt (see more details elsewhere in this Herald). All participants will need to be at the starting point (parking lot of the Emergency Management offices on Raisinville Rd) by 0845 to receive a pre-hunt briefing along with an envelope containing details of the fox's location. The envelopes must remain sealed until such time as the hunter has located the fox or the hunt time has expired. While everyone's goal is to find the fox – rankings are determined based upon least mileage traveled vs. time to find – making navigational strategy an important factor. Masks when appropriate, distancing, hand sanitizer, etc. will help in facilitating an event that will be safe for all.

I hope to see many of you for the October MCRCA meeting (via Zoom). Please remember the rules for Video Conference attendance are:

- 1: Be sure to wash your hands for 20 seconds prior to sitting down at your computer
- 2: Observing good Social Distancing means masks will not be required
- 3: Bring a smile (easy without the mask) and be prepared to have a good time
- 4: Be sure to wash your hands again after leaving the meeting and frequently thereafter

I will see YOU at the meeting (via video conference) and above all – STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE – do your part to protect yourself AND OTHERS, it is after all the RIGHT THING TO DO.

Mike Karmol – N8KUF 2020 President – MCRCA

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## MCRCA Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm, by Mike Karmol N8KUF.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: No new members or upgrades and 1 guest.

MINUTES: Motion by Dale WA8EFK, supported by Don N8BZN, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by John N8DXR, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Paul W8PI reported DX is OK but nothing fancy going on. We are now in the new solar cycle 25. There are several State QSO Parties coming up.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: **Fox Hunt November 14th**

TESTING: Next session - Sat. October 17, 2020. **Appointment only, Masks or better to open.**

ARPSC: Mike N8KUF reported that the National Simulated Emergency Test will be held on October 1st. and the Michigan/Monroe County S.E.T will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please check into the Monday night nets for more info.

ARRL: Dale WA8EFK reported that the FCC is talking about taking away the 3.2 – 3.5 Ghz portion of the Amateur bands. They are also considering a \$50 fee for licenses. ARRL is opposing.

RRRA: Mike N8KUF reported all repeaters are working and the IRLP is up and running.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANOUNCEMENTS: — Motor City Fox Hunt Sat. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. 10:30AM at Leo's Coney Isl. Fort St. and Sibley Rd.

— Fox Hunt Sat. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. 8:45 AM at EMD on Raisinville Rd.

PROGRAM: 3 Dxpediton videos.

ADJOURNED: 8:43 pm

ATTENDANCE: 15

K8EBI Fred	K8UMF John
KB8OSU George	KC8SKP Wes
KE8DDM Dalton	KE8KNZ Tom
KE8OSK Ron	N8BZN Don
N8DXR John	N8KUF Mike
N8NYP Terry	W8BKT Brian
W8PI Paul	WA8EFK Dale
Stefan Baartman	

### Livonia Amateur Radio Repeater Group

Outdoor Swap and Shop

Sunday Nov. 8, 2020

8 am to 12 pm

(Rain Date Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.)

Adm \$3 Trunk space \$10

Ford Field Parking Lot

Farmington and Stark Rds. Livonia

James Keller 734-674-2866

Masks And social distancing requested

Talk-in 146.52

## Committees

### Classes

### Club Station

Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP

### DX Net

### Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

### Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Dale Williams WA8EFK

### HamFest

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

### Hertzian Herald

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### Historian

Paul W8PI

### Public Relations

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

### Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

### School Liaison

open

### Programs

open

### Membership

Terry Kolton N8NYP

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### Planning

open

### Property Custodian

open

## Spiders

### A Flora and Fauna Story

Yesterday near evening I was at the operating position and also monitoring the home security cameras. This way I could tell the Sheltie and psycho Chihuahua their momma was home and have them run crazy thru the house.

There are 4 cameras with two showing the driveway. The cameras let me see the weather and local critters. It is not unusual to have a squirrel climb around and look into the camera. Bugs are a nuisance with spiders leaving webs and when the wind blows they swing and trigger the record sequence.

Then the taunting started. The camera facing the garage got a visitor... a large spider. Ok, it looked large on the screen....and it kept walking back and forth across the camera. My computer monitor and security/video/tv monitor are close, so the movements always caught my eye. It then parked it body in front of the camera.

Now if the bands had been better or some parks or new DXCC was on only one monitor would have been cooking. But no. So, I had enough and grabbed something out of dirty clothes, folded it up and threw it at the camera up about 12 feet. Well, my underwear opened up and stuck to some of the bark in the large limb holding the camera.

Yes, I should have gotten the extension ladder out first...but no, I went for plan B, I'm a guy. Grabbing my 24-foot painters' pole I extended it out (too far I guess) and started for the tree with a towel on the end to wipe off that spider intruder (and get my stuff).

The following is on video and I still have not seen it. As I got close to the tree, the pole I have used for 6 meters Moxon caught the top with the tree and bottom hitting large ornamental rocks along the sidewalk. This caused me to bounce backward and my right foot hit an ornamental stone in another display. That stone gave way and I went down.

Now crossing my mind was that medical question they keep asking any time I see a doctor...Have you fallen lately? Does this mean I have to say yes? On the ground I realize quickly I have brushed my right arm and leg along some of those same stone which have an edge and figure this is gonna hurt in the morning...So get up and get the pole set and swish past the camera a couple times. Go back inside to see the spider gone but no dice, still there covering the camera.

Now I am mad but not just at the spider...I have to explain the blood on my bestest ham radio long sleeve jean shirt (probably saved me a worse fate). This shirt has my call and name so easy to ID the body. Ok, take off shirt and hide the evidence next to my underwear retrieved now.

After an eternity of about 5 minutes, I break down and get the ladder. Up I go making sure it is secure as I am under strict orders not to be on ladders unless someone is home to call the ambulance.

I do feel bad I squished the spider between the finger and thumb. Next I put back all my things and started to come up with a plausible story to cover me. Setting back down in front of the computer, I was quite happy until I looked at the other monitor and found spider guts smeared on the camera.

My wife pulling into the driveway prevented me from doing any more damage/injury. The bug world was safe, for now. I usually consider the success of working on the car or antennas by the number of cuts. This would be probably be my crowning success.

So, what will I do if confronted with a similar situation? Right....I'm a guy.

Oh yes, did I tell you about the Fox snake?



## The FOX is back – The Third 2020 MCRCA Foxhunt

### Saturday November 14, 2020

This year – MCRCA will be hosting a foxhunt. Everyone including members, non-members, friends, other organizations, hams and non-hams are invited to join in the fun. For those not familiar – all hunt teams meet at a given location and receive a pre-hunt brief along with a hunt package. At the designated start time, the FOX begins transmitting. Participating teams begin efforts to locate the fox, which is hidden within a designated area (in this case up to 5 miles away from the start location). Teams earn points according to the distance traveled in locating the fox. The winning team will be the one traveling the least number of odometer miles in order to find the fox. Each team records distance with the fox when located, and all teams receive points according to distance traveled. Time is not a factor in scoring, but the hunt is terminated when the fox stops transmitting after 3 hours.

Minimum Equipment necessary:

A 2M radio or receiver capable of receiving **146.475 Mhz FM**

Additional Equipment could include (but is not limited to):

Directional Antenna, Attenuator, Map of Monroe County, Compass, Straight Edge, Protractor

#### Basic Instructions

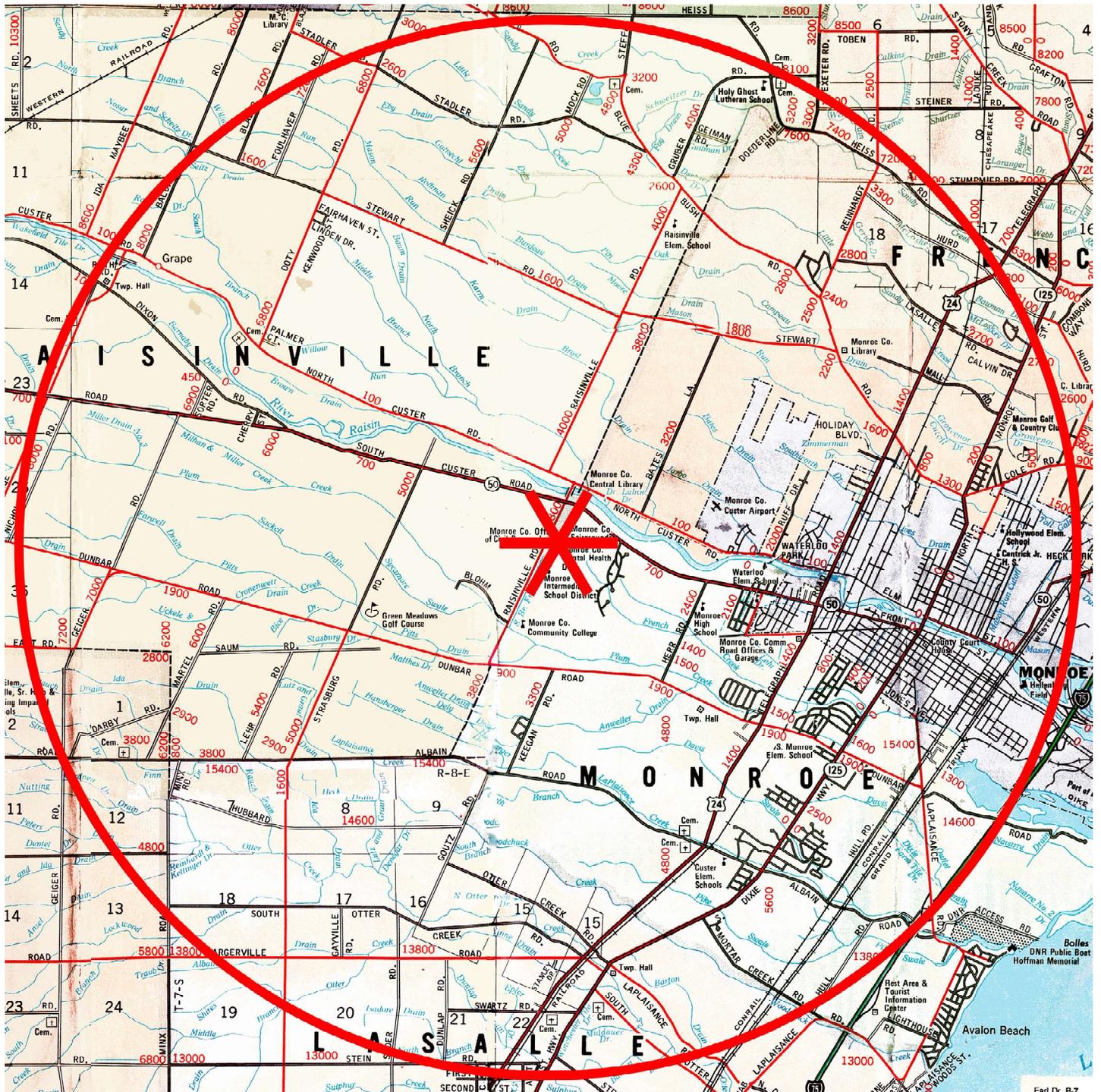
- We will meet in the parking lot at Emergency Management Offices at **08:45** where you will be given a pre-hunt brief (instructions and information specific to the hunt)
- Teams are identified and recorded by the hunt coordinator
- Each team will be given a SEALED envelope – MAKE SURE IT STAYS SEALED. (if you open the envelope you will receive same points as someone not finding the fox) On the outside of the envelope, write the names/ call signs of all team members. Also record starting mileage on your vehicle to the nearest 1/10 mile (use trip odometer if needed for 1/10 mile increments)
- At 09:00, the FOX will begin transmitting on the Hunt Frequency of 146.475 Mhz (transmissions will repeat on a cycle of 1 minute on / 1 minute off for the duration of the hunt)
- After taking initial readings to determine direction to the fox, teams will depart on their quest to find the fox's hiding spot. (remember scoring is determined by least distance traveled so strategy is an important factor – other than the 3-hour hunt limit, time is not a factor so **travel safely and legally**)
- When you find the fox, record your ending mileage on the envelope (the one that is hopefully still sealed. And leave the envelope with the fox operator)
- You will be given instructions for a place to go so that other hunters do not see you talking to the fox. We will meet for lunch immediately following the hunt for lunch and debrief. Lunch location will be Benny's in south Monroe unless otherwise indicated during pre-hunt brief.
- If you DON'T find the fox by the end time of the hunt (12:00), you may open the envelope and proceed directly to the fox if you are close or proceed directly to the lunch location where you will turn in your envelope. (note: the fox will be hungry and departing for lunch shortly after turning off the transmitter)
- Teams choosing to terminate early may open the envelope and proceed directly to the fox to turn in your envelope to the fox operator First place team is responsible for fox duties for the next hunt

### Responsibilities of the Hunt Teams

Hunt Teams MUST:

- Timely arrival at start location. You MUST be present for pre-hunt brief in order to receive hunt package as required to participate
- REMEMBER – scoring is based on distance travelled to locate the fox.
- Other than the 3-hour hunt limit, time is not a factor. Hunters must travel safely and obey all speed limits, etc.
- SAFETY is a PRIMARY Concern. Use caution when traveling and when stopping and getting out of the vehicle to take readings. DO NOT create a hazard or place yourself or others in a hazardous situation.
- Respect private property. Do not trespass onto private property.
- Respect public property. Do not damage or otherwise trash public property.
- Remember, this is a FRIENDLY competition, everyone is here to have fun.
- Remember, skills learned and refined could be utilized some day (e.g. Locating emergency beacons, jammers. stuck transmitters, lost RFID tagged individuals)
- LEGIBLY record all requested info on the envelope
- Turn in the envelope to the fox or to the hunt coordinator prior to securing from your hunt efforts
- HAVE FUN and BE SAFE

# Fox Hunt Map 5 mile radius from the EMD



Print this map to use during the Fox Hunt

## ARPSC Report for October

The 2019 fall SET was held on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>

I hope you all had a chance to participate, if nothing more then a quick check-in. On Site, Liaisons, check-ins from home or on the road-Everyone played a huge part in making our attempt a highly successful one!! Thank you all for participating!!

The next meeting of the MCARPSC is Thursday November 5th 730pm at the EMD Training room. Everyone is invited as we will be going over the SET reports

Remember, anyone with an interest in public service is welcome to attend our meetings held the first Thursday of each month except August, 7:30pm at the EMD training room 987 S. Raisinville Rd. just south of the fairgrounds. Don't forget to check into the Monday ARPSC Net every Monday at 8pm on 146.720 '72 Monroe.

As always, you can keep track of us via the webpage which is linked through the MCRCA Website and the Facebook page, which is also linked via the club webpage. There is also a master calendar of events on the MCRCA page which lists MCRCA, RRRRA, and ARPSC events. We thank the group and the club webmaster for doing this for us!

<https://monroearpsc.wordpress.com/>

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**Lance Charter KE8BYC**  
Emergency Coordinator  
Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp



## Keith R. Saari, K8YKD SK



Keith Roland Saari, 88, of Temperance, MI, died October 8, 2020 at home in Temperance. He was born on October 11, 1931 in Toledo, OH, to Myrtle Mae (Gardner) and John Everett Saari.

Keith is survived by his wife, Linda Saari; his children, Jill (David) Arden, Scott (April) Saari and Timothy (Patty) Saari; four grandchildren, Jessica Arden, Sarah Arden, Page Temkin and Andrew Saari. Page is expecting what would be his first great-grandchild in December. Also surviving are his sister, Kay Boston; and two brothers, Kent Saari and Kurt "Johnny" Saari.

Keith was a very active, long-time member of the Monroe County Radio Communications Association. He served as Vice-President in 1967 and 1971, and also serving as President in 1968. In 1998 he served as a trustee for the club.

Visitation and funeral services will be private for family and very close friends due to health concerns. Interment will be at Toledo Memorial Park. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the **Urbanski's Bedford Funeral Chapel 8300 Lewis Ave Temperance, MI 48182.**

Keith's obituary can be found at the following link.

<http://www.bedfordfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/keith-saari/>

**2020 Individual Fox hunt Scores**

Sept. 26, 2020 – Foxhunt #2

Possible route (via established public roadways) according to Google maps was 5.2 miles

**Stats:**

Place	Team	Members	Distance	Time	Score
Fox	Fox	W8PI, Vickie	—	—	3 pts
1 <sup>st</sup>	Team 2	KE8HCD, K8HV	6.7	----	7 pts each
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Team 1	N8KUF, K8GO	8.1	2:19	4 pts each
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Team 4	N8MWQ, Woody	8.4	0:47	3 pts each
4 <sup>th</sup>	Team 3	K8EBI, KB8KQC	8.9	1:46	2 pts each

Sept. 05, 2020 – Foxhunt #1

Possible route (via established public roadways) according to Google maps was 6.8 miles

**Stats:**

Place	Team	Members	Distance	Time	Score
Fox	Fox	K8EBI, KB8KQC	—	—	3 pts
1 <sup>st</sup>	Team 2	W8PI, Vickie	8.0	1:0	7 pts each
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Team 5	AC8KD Bruce	8.5	2:45	4 pts each
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Team 1	N8KUF, WA8EFK	8.5	2:50	3 pts each
4 <sup>th</sup>	Team 3	KE8HCD, K8HV	9.2	1:45	2 pts each
5 <sup>th</sup>	Team 4	W8MCW, Debbie	11.0	2:30	1 pt. each
DNF	ARPSC/NCS	KE8BYC	—	—	1 pt. each

Members	Overall Individual Score
W8PI, Vickie	10 each
KE8HCD, K8HV	9 each
N8KUF	7 each
K8EBI, KB8KQC	5 each
AC8KD Bruce	4 each
K8GO	4 each
WA8EFK	3 each
N8MWQ, Woody	3 each
W8MCW, Debbie	1 each
KE8BYC	1 each



## 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

**Testing by appointment only.**  
**Call for information.**  
**Masks or better to open.**

**2020 Schedule:**  
February 15    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

October 15th at 7:30 pm  
American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.  
1645 North Dixie Highway  
Monroe, MI 48162

#### Local Net

**ARPSC Net** - Every Monday evening on '72-Monroe (146.72 Mhz) starting at 8:00pm.

**ARPSC Meeting** first Thursday of every month at the EMD office on Raisinville Rd.. 7:00 PM