

The Hertzian Herald



Off The Kuf:

By Mike – N8KUF



Now about 2 weeks after the return to Eastern Standard Time (from DST), I am already disgusted with the “dark before it’s time” syndrome (or as someone once asked in a very innocent question ... “why does it have to get late so early??”). I am afraid that we are looking at what will play out as a long, dark, winter filled with cabin fever. Let us all vow to stay in touch, to stay engaged, and to do what it takes to keep ourselves and those around us as sane and safe as possible.

2020 foxhunt #3 was a great success. Many folks from hunt #1 and #2 returned for #3. You can read up on participants and scoring elsewhere in this month’s Herald. Given the late date in November, I was a bit skeptical that the weather might not cooperate and that we could be forced to cancel the event. Quite the contrary – despite a very chilly start to the morning (low 20’s) and a heavy coat of frost on the windshield – 5 hunt teams showed up to participate in a very pleasant hunt. The sun came out, skies were crystal clear, winds were mostly calm, and with the sun came moderating (albeit still not warm) temperatures. Everyone found the fox in the allotted time (again, see results elsewhere).

I am curious and would like to know EVERYONE’s thoughts on our foxhunt efforts. Please DO send me an email (n8kuf@arrl.net will work) Tell me what you like about our hunts and any suggestions for improvement – and tell me what you DON’T like and/or why you don’t attend and what, if changed, would prompt you to give foxhunting a shot. Feel free to be brutally honest. You will not hurt my feelings and while I most certainly will know who sent the info based on your email address – you have my word that your responses will remain anonymous. I will likely share a summary of your responses with board members and/or hunt organizers – but I promise not to tie names to the comments.

I hope to see many of you for the November MCRCA meeting (again 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 (Fred, you can wear yours if you want) (Do I have to be 6 feet from my computer? -K8EBI)
- 3: 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

Mike Karmol – N8KUF 2020 President – MCRCA

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MCRCA Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Mike Karmol N8KUF.
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Introductions: No new members, upgrade or guests.

MINUTES: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Dale WA8EFK, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Wes KC8SKP, supported by John N8DXR, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Paul W8PI – A little DX out there nothing exciting though. Rare Dx is on hold. Bouvet Isl. Sept. 2021, Several QSO Parties coming up, November sweepstakes CW Nov. 7th. Phone Nov. 21st. CQWW SSB Oct 24-25th. CW Nov. 28-29.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Fox Hunt Nov, 14, 2020

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

ARPS: Michigan S.E.T. results, 21 check-ins. The next meeting of the MCARPS is Thursday December 3rd via ZOOM

ARRL: The ARRL is protesting the licensing fees proposed by the FCC and everyone needs to write in and protest these also. You can download the report and order from the ARRL web site. We will be losing the 3 to 3.5 GHz portion of the band to use for 5G cell service.

RRRA: Mike N8KUF – All repeaters are working well and they were all tested during the recent S.E.T.

OLD BUSINESS: Keith Saari K8YKD, SK memorial donation 10 trees planted

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Livonia Amateur radio Repeater Group, Outdoor Swap and Shop Nov 8, 2020.

PROGRAM: Several videos about the ISS and ham radio over the years.

ADJOURNED: 9:53 pm

ATTENDANCE: 12

- K8EBI Fred
- K8UMF John
- KC8SKP Wes
- KE8DDM Dalton
- KE8KNZ Tom
- KE8OSK Ron
- N8DXR John
- N8KUF Mike
- W8IIE Dave
- W8PI Paul
- WA8EFK Dale
- Madonna Burkit



I friend sent me this. I'm looking to sell my Ham radio transceiver and power supply. Kenwood ts450sat. Know anyone that would be interested? Price would be good. Unused for 10 years.

Contact Terry, N8NYP
 koltont@charter.net

For Sale

Committees

Classes

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DX Net

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Final Field Day Results

As you will remember this year's Field Day was very different from those in the past. Due to COVID-19 restrictions large group gatherings were not recommended. So we at MCRCA did as most other clubs and did not set up at a park in tents as usual. Instead we operated from our home stations as Class D or Class E entrants.

Due to temporary rule changes entrants could operate from home and credit their individual scores to their club on choice. As reported in July Hertzian Herald we had nine (9) members send in their scores for a total of 6,409 points.

In December 2020 issue of QST the final national scores were published for club aggregate scores. Just looking at the local clubs in Michigan here is the list by point scores.

ARROW	12,165 points	13 stations
Livonia Radio Club	9,614 points	12 stations
Hazel Park Club	8,156 points	14 stations
MCRCA	6,409 points	9 stations
USECA	2,792	8 stations
Motor City	2,264	3 stations



Compared with past years most of the local area clubs had similar scores and placement. Next year Field Day will be June 26-27 hopefully we will be back to normal and able to operate from our tents with portable equipment at a park with nice weather. See you at Field Day next year.

Paul, W8PI

ARPSC Report for November

The 2019 fall SET was held on Saturday October 10th

The scores have been tabulated and the reports sent into ARRL HQ. Now we wait until July QST comes out next year to see how we stacked up. But whether we rank 5th or 90th, I am proud of what Monroe County accomplished during our SET and the hard work everyone put into it!

Everyone played a huge part in making our attempt a highly successful one!! Thank you all for participating!!

The next meeting of the MCRPSC is Thursday December 3rd via ZOOM. Everyone is invited to participate as we will be discussing Training and programs for 2021!

Hope you and your family Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp



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 st	Team 2	KE8HCD, K8HV	6.7	----	7 pts each
2 nd	Team 1	N8KUF, K8GO	8.1	2:19	4 pts each
3 rd	Team 4	N8MWQ, Woody	8.4	0:47	3 pts each
4 th	Team 3	K8EBI, KB8KQC	8.9	1:46	2 pts each

Nov. 14, 2020 – Foxhunt #3

Possible route (via established public roadways) according to Google maps was 5.6 miles

Stats:

Place	Team	Members	Distance	Time	Score
Fox	Fox	KE8HCD	—	—	3 pts
1 st	Team 3	W8MCW, Debbie	6.5	1:15	7 pts each
2 nd	Team 4	K8EBI, KB8KQC	6.6	1:41	4 pts each
3 rd	Team 2	W8PI, K8GO, Vickie	7.0	1:11	3 pts each
4 th	Team 5	N8MWQ	7.5	1:27	2 pts each
5 th	Team 1	N8KUF, WA8EFK	7.6	2:16	1 pt. each

Members	Overall Individual Score
W8PI, Vickie	13 each
KE8HCD, K8HV	12 each
K8EBI, KB8KQC	9 each
N8KUF	8 each
W8MCW, Debbie	8 each
K8GO	7 each
N8MWQ Woody	5 each
WA8EFK	4 each
AC8KD Bruce	4 each
KE8BYC	1 each



PARKing Report

For this years' Earth Science Week, the US affiliate of the World Wide Flora and Fauna operated GYPO; Get Your Parks On. From October 10-18, 2020 eleven stations around the country operated special event 1X1 callsigns from parks, historic places, recreation areas and more.

During this time, I operated mobile using a mag mount on the van with 3-4 Hustler resonators. The radio is an Icom 706 (100watts) Although I operated each day, 2 days were repeats of parks. Some down sides were the weather and traffic on I-75 and I-94. Three time locked up for 30 minutes to 1 1/2 hour trying to get to a park or to get home.

Some of the special event stations were very active with over 1200 qso's during the week. I hit just over 300 and visited a couple parks I had not been to in the past (so far, I have activated from 50 parks in 7 states).

The secret to ham radio is to have fun. Setting up in parks, you meet some nice visitors and park workers. You get to see nature and at this time the color changes. There were deer at Maumee Bay in Ohio, Eagles at Sterling State Park, people on bicycles, dogs being walked, kayaks at lakes and more.

Stations updated their activity on QRZ.com. For me, I would put in photos of the days park and set up. Some days I used an end fed set up, but the mag mount made for quick set up and take down in rain or travel delayed days. You can see mine at QRZ under K8P.

I picked K8P since I have used that call many times in the past and have a template to make QSL cards using Microsoft Publisher. The other stations had calls ending in "G".

How were the bands? Are the bands dead? Is ham radio alive? Aren't we at the bottom of the sunspot cycle? All I can say is I had fun. As a DXer at heart I enjoy the chase and working another park from a park is very satisfying. Two stations with limited power and antennas. I managed to work several European parks in the event. While at Pointe Mouillee, it was a field day of fun working 53 European hams from 19 different countries. Are the bands dead? I must have missed the memo.

Again, the bottom line is to have fun. Operate mobile, fox hunt, digi, cw, ssb....just have fun de KG8P



Monroe County Radio Communications Association

Dues run from January 1st to December 31st of each year. As a current / Past Member, you are invited to attend our monthly meetings to find out the latest plans for our club. You may pay your dues at any regular meeting or by filling in the form below and mailing it to: MCRCA, PO Box 237, Monroe, MI 48161. Your membership and support will help with the continued success of our club. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular - \$10 — Add'l Family - \$5 each

DATE _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y _____ N _____ RRRRA Member? Y _____ N _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CALL _____ CLASS _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL Family Members: _____

Please Circle All That Apply:

Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW - SSB - PACKET - RTTY - FM - DX - MOBILE - QRP - SSTV - ATV - EME - SAT

Interests: Traffic - DX - Contests - Foxhunts - Satellites - Nets - Antennas - Computers
Emergency - ARES/RACES - Skywarn - Classic Radios (circle all that apply)

Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what class? _____

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see?

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer

General Comment's

Signature _____ Date _____



The American Radio Relay League's round-up of the forthcoming week's DX activity on the amateur radio bands

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

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Jay, KE6GLA is operating portable as FO/KE6GLA from Bora Bora (OC-067). QSL via his home call.

ST. VINCENT, J8. Oleh, UR5BCP (aka KD7WPJ) plans to operate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest for a few hours as J8/UR5BCP as a single op, low power entry. He will be on location from November 21 to 28. QSL via KD7WPJ.

UNITED NATIONS, 4U. Special event station 4U75UN is QRV until the end of 2020 to celebrate the United Nation's 75th anniversary. QSL via HB9BOU.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2. Dan, K8RF will be QRV as NP2J in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as a single band, 160 meter entry. QSL via K8RF direct or via LoTW.

ISRAEL, 4X. Special event station 4X0RMN will be QRV from Ramon Crater on November 13 and 14. QSL via 4X6ZM.

MALAWI, 7Q. Members of the Russian Robinson Club Team will be QRV as 7Q7RU near Embangweni until November 18. Activity will be on 160 meters to 70 centimeters using CW, SSB and FT8 in DXpedition mode, and on various satellites. QSL via R7AL.

CHINA, BY. Dale, BA4TB is QRV as B9/BA4TB from Xining city in the Qinghai province. QSL to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. YB0ECT will be a 20 meter, single band, high power entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via W2FB.

PANAMA, HP. Special event station 3E1FP is QRV during the month of November to celebrate the 116th anniversary of Vida Republicana of Panama. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. QSL via HP3BSM.

SINGAPORE, 9V. James, 9V1YC has been active using FT8 on 30 meters. QSL via W5UE.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Rene, DL2JRM will be QRV as J28XX. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

WESTERN SAHARA, S0. S01WS has been QRV on 17 meters using SSB around 1800z. QSL direct.

MALI, TZ. Ulmar, DK1CE will be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako for a month. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

BRAZIL, PY. Sandro, PY1SAN and Marc, PY1CMT are QRV as ZX6BA from November 13 to 15, and as PR1S from November 16 to 18. They will be using satellites QO-100, AO-07, FO-29, RS-44 on CW and SSB. They will also be on HF with a 5W rig using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

SOUTH SUDAN, Z8. Sigfrido, IW9FMD is QRV as Z81S while working with the United Nations Mission here. His length of stay is unknown. Activity is in his free time. QSL direct to IT9YVO.

ALBANIA, ZA. Sandro, IN3PPH is QRV as ZA/IN3PPH from Qerret. Activity of late has been on 80, 40 and 20 meters using FT8. QSL via operator's instructions.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The WAE DX Contest RTTY, PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint, 10-10 International Fall Contest Digital, JIDX Phone Contest, SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest, OK/OM DX Contest, CQ-WE Contest, Homebrew and Old-time Equipment Party and the Run for the Bacon QRP Contest are all on tap for this weekend. The K1USN Slow Speed Test and RSGB FT4 Contest Series are on November 16.

Please see November QST, page 74, the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM Contest websites for details.



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 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

November 19th at 7:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

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