

The Hertzian Herald



Off The KUF:

Driving to work this morning I happened to notice a 31 number showing up where the outdoor temperature is supposed to be. Now come next February, a 31 will be looking pretty good, but for now I'm convinced that, other than a few inches of snow on Christmas morning I've already seen enough of winter.

I hope that everyone who's been paying attention to the advice has gotten the firewood piled high, the gas cans filled, and the generator prepped and running. Also flashlight and smoke detector batteries replaced, fire extinguishers checked / replaced, chimney swept if appropriate, and jumper cables and windshield scrapers in the trunk along with the other recommended emergency supplies. You may also want to look up phone numbers for important services (power / gas company, tow service, personal physician(s), etc) and get them programmed into your cell phone or at least written down and stored in your glove box or stuck on the fridge for easy and rapid access. Having named only a few ... the list of to-do's is long, but we all know that the potential consequences are significant so please make the effort to be prepared.

While house fires, illness, deaths, layoffs, and other tragedies happen throughout the year, they seem particularly devastating during the holiday season, and I hope that if you are able that you consider supporting relief agencies (food banks, churches, Red Cross disaster services, Salvation Army, homeless shelters, etc.) so that others less fortunate might receive some support / relief during a time of need.

Those who were at the November meeting saw a cool video on the Desechio DXpedition, including prep, setup, operation, and results. Attendees also heard the story of the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee and their use in a lesson presented by a very wise professor.

The annual nominating committee was established at the November meeting, in preparation for the January election of the 2010 MCRCA officers / directors. Feel free to approach the committee to be placed on the slate for any club office that you might hold an interest in running for.

Look for details on the December meeting (the annual MCRCA Christmas celebration) elsewhere in this issue of the Hertzian Herald. Be sure to make time to stop by for a few cups of coffee with friends.

Once again, in case you've forgotten, allow me to remind you of the rules for meeting attendance:
1) All tomatoes (and other such fruit/veggies) MUST be checked at the door, (unless of course they are part of a tray targeted for the potluck), and
2) All who are willing to have a good time are welcome.

HO-HO-HO I'm anxious to see all the good boys and girls (along with the rest of you) at the December Meeting.

Mike - N8KUF President - MCRCA and designated sled driver for the evening.

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MCRCA Minutes:

November 19, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm, by Mike N8KUF

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: no new members, upgrades or guests

PROGRAM: Dxpediton video

BREAK

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Brenda KB8KQC, Dale WA8EFK, Neil KA8PQH

50/50: Bill WB8ULF donated his winnings to the Scholarship fund.

MINUTES: Motion by Wes KC8SKP, supported by Paul W8PI, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Mike K8MLH, supported by Jerry WB7RUM, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: By Olimpio, TX3A Chesterfield Islds till 12/6, Antartica on again, VK9XX - VK9XW Christmas Isl. Thru 12/5

FUTURE PROGRAMS: Christmas party in December bring a dish to pass.

HERTZIAN HERALD: Fred sent out a questionnaire in the November Herald, to help us get to know the members and has only received two back, please fill them out and return them so we can get you articles in the Herald.

CLASSES: One day Tech class to be held in Bedford again February 7, 2010 more later.

TESTING: Next session December 19th.

ARPSC: Jerry 12/5/09 Skywarn recognition day, weather stations active on HF down to 80m. 00:00 to 24:00 you will get a QSL card if you follow directions. Fermi hostile action event test coming up soon.

RRRA: Dale announced everything working except packet into internet.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: A nominating committee was selected including Jerry WB7RUM and Rita WB8FBG. If you would like to run for office please contact these people.

ANOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNED: 8:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: 16

Nick	AF8CS	Mike	K8MLH	Fred	KA8EBI
Neil	KA8PQH	Brenda	KB8KQC	Bill	KC8Kfy
Wes	KC8SKP	Tom	KG8P	Mike	N8KUF
Paul	W8PI	Dale	WA8EFK	Jerry	WB7RUM
Rita	WB8FBG	Bill	WB8JAI	Olimpio	WB8SEZ
Bill	WB8ULF				

Committees

Classes

Rita Baker WB8FBG

Club Station

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DX Net

Olimpio Varsogea WB8SEZ

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

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Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Historian

Nick Peth AF8CS

Public Relations

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

School Liaison

Eric Worstell KC8QAH

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

Get to know the club members questionnaire:

Tim Rehahn KC8ZTI

History:

How did you first learn about Amateur Radio?

I'm not sure, I've known about Amateur Radio for years. Even as a child I was very interested in radio and a big scanner buff. It probably stemmed from listening to the Fire Radio, my Dad being a fireman on the Frenchtown FD. He was also a truck driver, so I heard the CB while he was on the road.

How old were you or in what year?

Young, not sure how old I was.

Who introduced you?

Don't remember, I knew about it before a Ham actually introduced me.

What were your first impressions?

I loved radio, any band any form, listening, talking didn't matter.

Did you become involved in AR right away or later?

I was too young, and didn't think I could. At 13 I did have a CB in my bedroom, which I raised the money to get, a 23 channel with a magnet mount on the roof. I stuck a lawn mower flywheel in the corner of the gutter to hold it there. I also had handheld Radio Shack CB walkie talkies. They were 3 channels, you had to buy the crystals for. It came with one frequency, and I ordered the crystals for a 2nd channel, and every time they said they'd be in they weren't. I was so upset! We eventually did get them free, after complaining to Tandy Corp, they mailed them to me with an apology.

Which modes did you use?

CB, 23 channels on the radio in my room, the walkie talkies I can't remember, but I ordered channel 14 I think.

Did you build your own equipment? What kind?

No but I tore enough of them apart! LOL

Did you join any clubs? What were they like?

To young, no transportation.

Did you help anyone else get into AR?

Yeah, my cousin. He's blind, he found out I was a ham and renewed his interest in getting his license.

Are they still active in AR?

Yeah he's very active, he still attends all the meetings with the Motor City club, he lives in Southgate. He also has upgraded his license, even though he doesn't have a radio in the house he can use. The Motor City club members have been great with him, providing him with transportation, help installing equipment such as his weather station etc.

When did you join the MCRCA?

Right after I got my license, I believe it was 2004 or so.

Have you ever been an officer of the club? Which and when?

Yeah, a year after I joined.

Have you held any other call signs? When?

Not yet, and not sure if when I finally upgrade I'll change or request to keep my original call, it's grown on me!

Now:

How much time do you spend involved with AR? Doing What?

Right now I'm not as active as I once was, but am starting to get back into it a bit. I don't have a radio in the house, or car and can't have any antennas on the house, due to neighborhood rules. I have to look into the car, since I have no room, but I am looking into hopefully getting the kit to mount the face plate. We'll see, with limited space it's tough!

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Which is your favorite mode of operation? Why?

2m, it's more active than 440, the other band I use. It doesn't matter to me which band I use, if I want to talk, I'll talk on any band.

Do you DX?

No, I don't. I don't have a radio or the license.

Do you operate using CW?

No, I would like to learn it someday.

Do you work the satellites?

No, I did try to work the cross band repeat on the space station, never got in though.

Do you remember your first contact? Where from?

Yeah I do, it was Bill in Toledo. I was at home in Newport, he was on a Toledo repeater. His call was N8ORF I believe.

What was your most memorable QSO?

I don't know, probably my first contacts. My first contact on ham bands, and my first contact at hamfest, only because I was so nervous. It took me awhile before I would key up, I was shaking so bad!

Have you ever done RDF or Foxhunting?

Tracked a signal once, nothing more.

Have you ever built an antenna or a kit?

Not myself no.

Do you operate mobile? What bands?

Yeah 2m mainly, occasionally 440 though it's not used much.

Do you have a station at home? What bands?

No with the antenna rule it'll be a challenge.

Were you on the air today?

Not for a few weeks.

Do you go to hamfests? How often?

I have, but not recently. My father has really become a family man, and had quite a bit of heart issues. It's obvious he's not going to be around forever, so we spend fathers day with him. I'd regret it if I didn't!

Do you have any family members that are AR operators?

My cousin, as mentioned earlier. His call was KD8BVH, he's upgraded now so his call is AC8DZ.

Have you been involved in any public service during a disaster? When?

No, but I would like to.

Do you have any interesting stories about your involvement in AR?

Can't think of any.

What do you like about AR? What do you dislike?

I like talking on the radio, always have. Dislikes, probably the number of people who listen, but never talk. Many of them will complain there's nobody on air, but they're not either.

What programs would you like to see at the MCRCA meetings?

I can't really think of anything, with my health I missed many of them so I don't know. The wind power demo was great though!

Thanks to Tim for quickly responding to my Questionnaire and being the first in what I hope will be a regular column for the Hertzian Herald. Next month will be Jeff KA8NCR.

December Meeting

This month's meeting will be December 17th at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross Bldg. on North Dixie Hwy.

This is our annual Christmas Party and Crazy auction. The club will supply Deli trays with cold cuts, breads, condiments, pop, plates and plastic ware. Bring your favorite goodie, snack or dish to pass and join us for a fabulous fun time.

If we're lucky maybe we can get Mike to lead us in some Christmas Carols.....NOT!



Best Wishes



It's that time of year again...membership dues are due by January. Please check the web page or with the Treasurer to see if your dues are paid for 2010.

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Program I'd like to see _____

Interests ___DX___ Contests ___UHF/VHF___ Nets ___ARPSC

Yes, I would like to join MCRCA. Dues Regular \$10.00

Additional Family members \$5.00 each Amount Paid _____

I would also like to join the River Raisin Repeater Association

RRRA Dues \$15.00 each. Amount Paid to RRRA _____

Send to: MCRCA, PO Box 237, Monroe, MI 48161

MCRCA membership form. RRRA will be forwarded to RRRA.

More Michigan Facts:

Michigan's state stone, the petoskey stone, is the official state stone. It is found along the shores of Lake Michigan and there is a town named Petoskey, Michigan where the stone is bountiful.

The Mackinac Bridge is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. Connecting the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. It spans 5 miles over the Straits of Mackinac, which is where Lake Michigan and Lake Huron meet. The bridge is named "The Mighty Mac" and took 3 years to complete and was opened to traffic in 1957. Thousands of participants "walk" The Mighty Mac every Labor Day weekend (closed to all vehicle traffic for 6 hours).

Gerald R Ford grew up in Grand Rapids and became the 38th president of the United States. He attended the University of Michigan where he was a football star. He served on a World War II aircraft carrier and afterward represented Michigan in Congress for 24 years. He was also an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

The Kellogg Company has made Battle Creek the Cereal Capital of the World. The Kellogg brothers accidentally discovered the process for producing flaked cereal products and sparked the beginning of the dry cereal industry.

The painted turtle is Michigan's state reptile.

The western shore of Michigan has many sand dunes with the largest being The Sleeping Bear Dunes which rise 460 feet above Lake Michigan. Living among the dunes is the dwarf lake iris the official state wildflower.

Vernor's ginger ale was created in Detroit and became the first soda pop made in the United States. In 1862, pharmacist James Vernor was trying to create a new beverage when he was called away to serve our country in the Civil War. When he returned, 4 years later, the drink he had stored in an oak case had acquired a delicious gingery flavor.

The Detroit Zoo was the first zoo in America to feature cageless, open-exhibits that allowed the animals more freedom to roam.

Michigan is the only place in the world with a floating post office. The J. W. Westcott II is the only boat in the world that delivers mail to ships while they are still underway. They have been operating consecutively for 125 years.

Indian River is the home of the largest crucifix in the world. It is called the "Cross in the Woods".

Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world. Michigan has more shoreline than any other state except Alaska.

The Ambassador Bridge was named by Joseph Bower, the person credited with making the bridge a reality, who thought the name (Detroit-Windsor International Bridge) was too long and lacked emotional appeal. Bower wanted to symbolize the visible expression of friendship of two peoples with like ideas and ideals.

Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes and more than 36,000 miles of streams.

Michigan has 116 lighthouses and navigational lights. Seul Choix Point Lighthouse in Gulliver has been guiding ships since 1895. The working light also functions as a museum, which houses early 1900's furnishings and maritime artifacts.

Forty of the state's 83 counties adjoin at least one of the Great Lakes. Michigan is the only state that touches four of the five Great Lakes. Standing anywhere in the state a person is within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes.

Michigan includes 56,954 square miles of land area; 1,194 square miles of Inland waters; and 38,575 square miles of Great Lakes water area.

Sault Ste. Marie was established in 1668 making it the oldest town between the Alleghenies and the Rockies.

Michigan was the first state to provide in its Constitution for the establishment of public libraries.

Michigan was the first state to guarantee every child the right to Tax-paid high school education.

Four flags have flown over Michigan — French, English, Spanish and United States.

Isle Royal Park shelters one of the largest moose herds remaining in the United States ...

Some of the longest bulk freight carriers in the world operate on the Great Lakes. Ore carriers 1,000 feet long sail Michigan's inland seas.

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 12/12 E51BWL, E51LEO, E51NAA: Rarotonga (OC-013) 966
till 12/12 E51PMR, E51SNL, E51XIW: Rarotonga (OC-013) 966
till 13/12 PB500GT: special event station 969
till 14/12 5R8IC: Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090) 967
till 14/12 CEOZ/SM6CUK: Juan Fernandez (SA-005) 971
till 14/12 K2V: US Virgin Islands (NA-106) 969
till 14/12 XU7KOH: Koh Russei (AS-133) 970
till 15/12 HH2/VE2TKH: Haiti 969
till 15/12 PC60TROLLEY: special event callsign 967
till 15/12 TJ3SL: Cameroon 968
till 15/12 TO1BT: Martinique (NA-107) 970
till 15/12 V5/DJ4SO: Namibia 968
till 16/12 JD1BMM: Minami Torishima (OC-073) 971
till 16/12 VP2V/W3HQ: British Virgin Islands
till 18/12 5P15COP: special event station (EU-029) 969
till 20/12 BT3WX: special event station 970
till 20/12 HR2/N8OO and HR2/NP3D: Honduras 970
till 20/12 PD450OBL: special event callsign 967
till 20/12 V31WV: Belize 969
till 27/12 D2CQ: Angola 970
till 27/12 HF150LZ: special event station (Poland)
till 31/12 3V10A: special station (Tunisia) 971
till 31/12 9A09P: special event station 932
till 31/12 9A48IFATCA: special event station 926
till 31/12 9A800VZ: special event callsign 933
till 31/12 6B250RB: special event call (Scotland) 925
till 31/12 6B40WAB: special callsign 922
till 31/12 HE8 and HB8: special prefixes (Switzerland) 921
till 31/12 HF35PEA: special event station (Poland) 961
till 31/12 IA3GM: special callsign 927
till 31/12 II2RAI: special callsign 924
till 31/12 IY7GM: special callsign 953
till 31/12 IY7NGM: special callsign 944
till 31/12 LZ50BNT: special event station 940
till 31/12 VE3PARK: special event callsign 969
till 31/12 VR2009EAG: special event callsign 947
till 31/12 YL90AIR: special callsign 948
till 31/12 Z30MCWG: special callsign 928
till December P29CW: Papua New Guinea (OC-034) 956
till December T6YA: Afghansitan 962
till 03/01/10 C56SMT: The Gambia 971
till 31/01/10 IY2M: special event callsign 955
till 31/01/10 OR4TN: Antarctic base "Princess Elisabeth" 970
till 31/01/10 VG7W: special callsign 963
till 10/02/10 EA8/ON5JV and EA8/ON6AK: Tenerife Island
till 20/02/10 KC4USV: McMurdo Station, Ross Island (AN-011)
till March 2010 F6/F6AUS and TO4D: Guadeloupe (NA-102) 967
till March 2010 V66AL: Pitcairn Island (OC-044) 968
till April 2010 T6AG: Afghanistan 964
till May 2010 VK9WBM: Willis Island (OC-007) 970
till 30/06/10 6B50ATG: special event callsign 957
till 12/07/10 ZS10WCS: special callsign 956
till 31/01/11 DT8A: King Sejong Base, South Shetlands (AN-010)
till March 2011 AT10BP: Maitri Base, Antarctica 967
12/12-17/12 CX5DNT: Uruguay 971
12/12-13/12 IQOQP: Capo Sant'Elia lighthouse 969
12/12-13/12 T70A: San Marino 967
12/12-13/12 TC2IYK: special event station (Turkey) 971
from 14/12 6B1HF: special event station (Northern Ireland) 971
15/12-17/12 9V1/DJ7JC and 9V1/IK1PMR: Singapore 966
15/12-17/12 9V1/PA0BWL and 9V1/PA3LEO: Singapore 966
17/12-31/12 CO7PH/p: Cayo Coco (NA-086) 970
18/12-20/12 J68/VE8EV: St. Lucia (NA-108) 971
26/12-29/12 YW5EID: La Tortuga (SA-044) 971
27/12-01/01/10 JD1BMH and JD1BLY: Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara 971
30/12-05/01/10 TI7XX: San Jose Island (NA-191) 969
31/12-03/01/10 DU1/HL1IWD: Philippines 971
31/12-04/01/10 VK6IOA: Houtman Abrolhos (OC-211) 964
December OH9SCL: Santa Claus Land 969
02/01-05/01/10 CO7PH/p: Cayo Anclitas (NA-201) 970
05/01-26/01/10 P40C or P40CG: Aruba (SA-036) 971
08/01-11/01/10 CE0/YV5IAL: Easter Island (SA-001) 967
10/01-25/01/10 XR9JA: South Shetlands (AN-010) 965
19/01-02/02/10 CEOZ/JA8BMK: Juan Fernandez (SA-005) 971
20/01-15/02/10 JD1BMM: Minami Torishima (OC-073) 971
26/01-09/02/10 6W/GM4FDM and 6W/PA3EWP: Senegal
01/02-31/03/10 VG7G: special callsign 963
05/02-07/02/10 VI2BI: Broughton Island (OC-212) 971
06/02-19/02/10 H40FN: Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu 969
10/02-21/02/10 5ZOH: Kenya (AF-067 and AF-040) 963
20/02-27/02/10 VK9X/G6AY: Christmas Island (OC-002) 963
21/02-25/02/10 S21DX: St Martin's Island (AS-127) 969
28/02-13/03/10 VP2MPR: Montserrat (NA-103) 969
02/03-11/03/10 J68JA: St. Lucia (NA-108) 971
05/03-24/03/10 C56KR: The Gambia 971
06/03-11/03/10 VP2MPL: Montserrat (NA-103) 969
12/03-23/03/10 ZL4TY and ZL4M: Stewart Island (OC-203) 971
26/03-31/02/10 VY0V: East Pen Island (NA-231) 966
10/04-18/04/10 3W6C: Con Co Island (AS-185) 959
Spring 2010 YI9PSE: Iraq 971
18/06-21/06/10 MS0INT: Flannan Isles (EU-118) 969
30/09-03/10/10 ZK3: Tokelau (OC-048) 945
05/10-10/10/10 T31: Central Kiribati (OC-043) 945
12/10-14/10/10 FW: Wallis Island (OC-054) 945



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

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

December 17th 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.