

The Hertzian Herald



Off The KUF:

Now that it's April, those that perhaps didn't know or believe when I wrote last month that anything can happen with the weather in Michigan, have had an opportunity to become believers. Where else might you find sun, snow, sleet, hail, thunder, lightning, snunder, snightening, rain, snain, snush, slush, slop, warm, chilly, cold, danged cold, way too danged cold, gloomy, cheery, breezy, gusty, windy, flooding, and dare I say nice all in the same month, or on the same day, heck sometimes even within the same hour.

My kindergarten teacher taught us that March comes in like a LION and goes out a LAMB. My seventh grade science teacher (many of you would know him if I were to mention the name) attempted to explain to us why. I'm sorry to say that both have long since passed and are no longer here to answer to what in the heck happened this year. I'm thinking they would likely both be challenged but would just as likely have come up with a believable answer. NOWlet's see what's up with this April Showers thing and whether that theory is able to hold water.

Depending upon when this newsletter gets published, you may still have time to attend the skywarn spotter training taking place in Monroe County, as well as a number of neighboring locations. Learn to pick out the worst of the above mentioned weather features that need reporting to the NWS and/or local officials. Just a few moments of precious early warning time, of a storm traveling up to 50 MPH (that's almost a mile per minute), has the potential of sparing a huge population by providing an opportunity to seek shelter ahead of the storm.

If you missed the March MCRCA meeting, you missed a great presentation by Bernie, K8VLT, about antique engines and some of the features of their design and operation. There was a healthy crowd, and a lot of good questions thrown at Bernie who did a great job of responding, enabling most of us to leave the meeting a bit smarter.

Those that were paying close attention also learned the story of boll weevils and their transition to fame, fortune, and eventually (now for page 2)the sad story of those left back home.

This coming month's (April) meeting provides an opportunity to learn a bit more about repeaters, what they are and why we need them, pictures of local repeater sites and equipment, and an opportunity to ask questions and perhaps even to get some answers. It is HIGHLY likely that there will also be another human interest story that you WONT WANT TO MISS (or perhaps that you'll wish that you HAD missed).

Remember the rules ... All tomatoes MUST be checked at the door and all who are willing to have a good time are welcome.

I'll see you at the meeting,

Mike - N8KUF

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MCRCA Minutes:

March 19, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Mike N8KUF

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: One new member Mike KD8KHV, no upgrades and no guests.

PROGRAM: Bernie K8VLT gave an interesting presentation on the old hit-or-miss engines and how they operated.

BREAK

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Bill KC8KFY, Clarence KA8OAR, Pete KD8DMJ

50/50: Paul Trouten, donated his to the Scholarship fund.

MINUTES: Motion by John N8RWI, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Terry KC8RQI, supported by Olimpio WB8SEZ, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

HAMFEST: Vendor letters were mailed out and fliers were passed out at the local swaps. So far we have received three orders for tickets and trunk space through the mail.

FIELD DAY: Shelter C is reserved at Vienna park in Temperance. C is up front in the trees. Nick suggested putting the GOTA station in a tent this year. CW ops will be needed. Potluck at 6:00pm.

DX REPORT: By Olimpio, J5UAP: Guinea-Bissau will be on the air until the end of the month. TT8CF the country of Chad in Africa, until July 2nd.

HERTZIAN HERALD: Thanks to Mike, Pete, and Nick for sending in articles. I can find plenty of info on the net, but it would be better if we had news from club members, so send in your articles.

TESTING: Next session April. 18th. 3 took the test in February and all passed. At the One day class held last month, 11 tests were given and 10 were passed.

ARPSC: Pete talked about the River Raisin flood. Skywarn training will be held at ISD April 20th at 7:00pm. New requirements for hail size will be discussed. You can register online at the Monroe county skywarn website. <http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/monroe/default.aspx?PageId=318>

RRRA: Dale announced everything is working good, Dundee is back online, and he will be working on Ottawa Lake before the severe weather starts. The Annual meeting will be held Saturday May 2nd everyone is invited to come.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: new badges need to be made for members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 2009 MI QSO party will begin April 18th. our club sponsors a plaque for this event. More info at the web site: www.miqp.org

ADJOURNED: 8:35 pm

ATTENDANCE: 24

Nick	AF8CS	Mike	K8MLH	Bernie	K8VLT
Fred	KA8EBI	Clarence	KA8OAR	Neil	KA8PQH
Brenda	KB8KQC	Bill	KC8KFY	Terry	KC8RQI
Wes	KC8SKP	Ed	KD8BBF	Pete	KD8DMJ
Ted	KD8HYT	Tom	KG8P	Mike	N8KUF
John	N8RWI	Paul	W8PI	Dale	WA8EFK
Jerry	WB7RUM	Rita	WB8FBG	Bill	WB8JAI
Olimpio	WB8SEZ	Bill	WB8ULF	Joseph Van Dyke	KD8AAK

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)

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Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

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Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

School Liaison

open

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

The Mike and Dale Show returns to the MCRCA

Yes, it is true that the next MCRCA meeting will host Mike N8KUF and Dale WA8EFK as they present an overview of the River Raisin Repeater Assn. repeater systems in the county. Join with us as Mike out foxes Dale's attempts to get the technical details covered and sends him into oblivion. They will use a Power Point presentation to illustrate the finer points of the repeaters we use every day and show us how everything fits together. You will also see what the components parts look like and how the systems achieve the coverage they have. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and some may be actually answered. Please note the Red Cross prefers that no tomatoes are thrown within the building.



MCRCA Welcomes New Hams

On February 28, the MCRCA hosted a "Get Your License in One Day" class at the Bedford Township Government Center. This 6 hour session resulted in a 90% pass rate and we welcome nine new hams in to the community: KD8KHT Dwayne; KD8KHU Kevin; KD8KHV Mike; KD8KHW Gail; KD8KHX Tim; KD8KHY Bob; KD8KHZ Margaret; KD8KIA Lehr; and KD8KIB Jeremy. Several of these folks are part of the Bedford CERT and are already involved in community service. Now we all have the obligation to mentor these new hams, so let's be sure to see that they are invited to our club meetings, Field Day, Fox Hunts and other social events. The MCRCA has extended full club membership to all of the successful examinees.

THE FIVE "PRINCIPLES" OF HAM RADIO

Whenever anyone starts talking about the purpose of ham radio, I refer them to Part 97, the rules which govern amateur radio. You can find Part 97 at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/news/part97/>

Part 97.1 reads:

97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this Part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

I think this pretty much says it all.

73! Dan KB6NU

River Raisin Flooding



Elm Street and Telegraph Road



Ida-Maybee Rd Bridge



Terry KC8RQI's private flood



Waterloo Park Off M-50

Thanks to John N8RWI
for flood pictures

2009 Michigan QSO Party

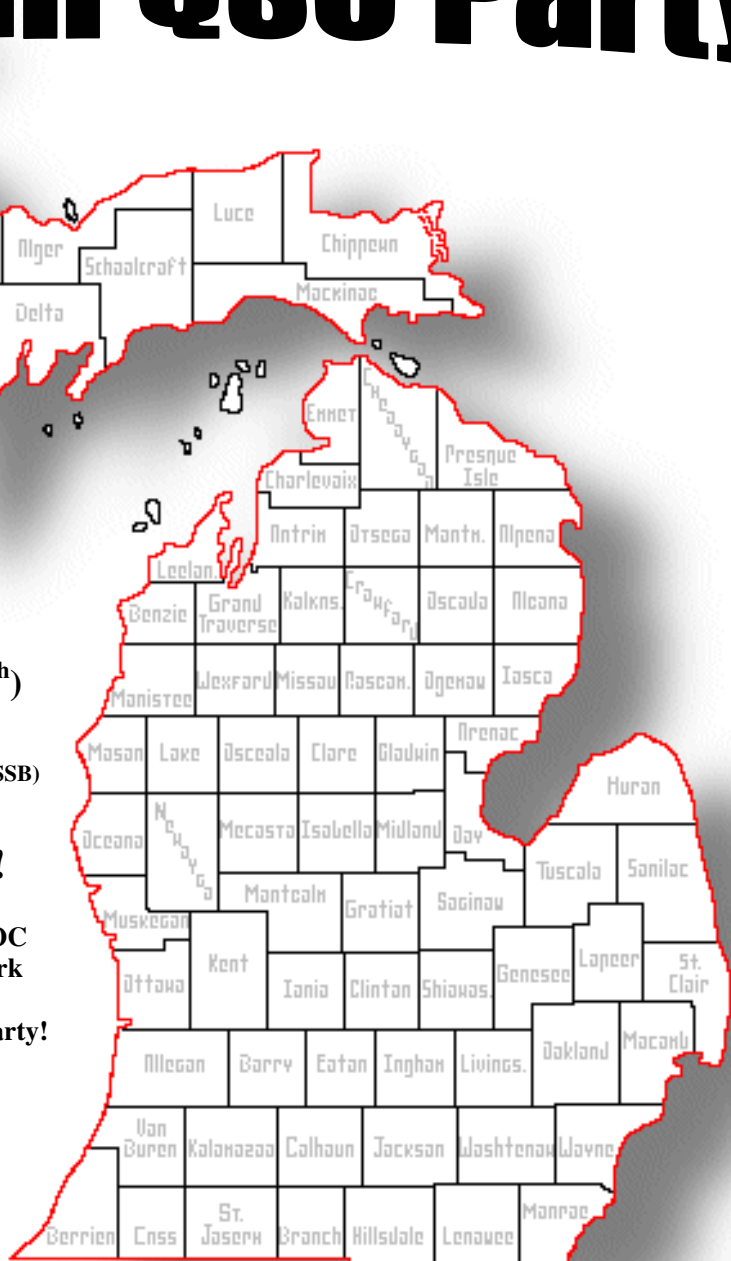
What? Michigan QSO Party

When? April 18th, 2009
16:00z (18th) to 04:00z (19th)

Where? 10 thru 80 Meters (CW & SSB)

Why? Just Have Some Fun!!!!

- **Chance to get on the air**
 - Single Op, Multi Op, Mobile, EOC
 - Be the station others want to work
 - Maybe activate a rare county?
 - ARRL Year of the State QSO Party!
- **Excellent Club Activity**
 - Reason to get together as group
 - Excellent Training opportunity!
 - Get new members on the air!
 - Friendly Competition



The ARRL has declared 2009 “The Year of the State QSO Party”
Help make Michigan “radio-active” so other’s can get the Michigan Flag for the ARRL Award

Sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club -- Info: See MiQP Website <http://www.miqp.org/>



Brave or dumb?

Ham Comics



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		
till 11/04	FG/F4EBT: Guadeloupe (NA-102) 929	12/04-17/04	S04R: Western Sahara 929
till 11/04	JA1X6I/VK9: Christmas Island (OC-002) 934	12/04-30/04	TS1LYMC: special event station (Tunisia) 936
till 11/04	OH3OJ/p: Kustavi Island (EU-096) 936	13/04-19/04	EG2IPY: special event station 936
till 11/04	PJ2/PA4JJ: Curacao (SA-006) 927	15/04-17/04	DKORZ: Hooge Island (EU-042) 936
till 12/04	5Z4EME and 5Z4/PA3EWP: Kenya 933	16/04-19/04	3ZOWARD, 3Z2009WARD, HF2009WARD,
till 12/04	FJ/EB1HF and FJ/EC1DPM: Saint Barthelemy	16/04-19/04	HF84WARD: Poland 935
(NA-146)		16/04-19/04	HF9WARD, SN0WARD, SN2009WARD,
till 12/04	LA/ON6QR: Moskenesoy Island (EU-076) 935	16/04-19/04	SPOWARD: Poland 935
till 12/04	SX8P: Samos Island (EU-049) 934	16/04-19/04	SP2009WARD, SQ0WARD, SQ2009WARD:
till 12/04	T88CW and T88NF: Palau 935	Poland	
till 12/04	VK96MW: Mellish Reef 936	17/04-24/04	C6AAA, C6AYL, C6DX: Eleuthera (NA-001),
till 13/04	4T6I: Isla La Leona (SA-098) 935	Bahamas	
till 13/04	C91FC: Mozambique 935	17/04-19/04	LN2G: special event callsign 93617/04-20/04 TI7:
till 13/04	D44TEP: Boa Vista (AF-086), Cape Verde 936	San Jose Island (NA-191) 927	
till 13/04	FR/F4EGZ: Reunion Island (AF-016) 934	18/04-25/04	GM3PYE/p and GS3PYE/p: Island of Harris (EU-
till 14/04	9H3JR: Malta (EU-023) 935	18/04-26/04	010) 936
till 14/04	OH0/OH2YL: Aland Islands (EU-002) 933	19/04-25/04	JW/F8DVD: Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) 935
till 15/04	TK/F6BUL: Corsica (EU-014) 935	19/04-25/04	5C2J/p: Mogador Island (AF-065) 936
till 16/04	5P4MG and OZ7TM: Nordjylland (EU-171) 934	19/04-25/04	5C2A, 5C2B, 5C2C, 5C2F, 5C2J: Morocco 936
till 16/04	E51XBG: Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook	19/04-19/05	5C2L, 5C2SG, 5C2Y, 5C2Z: Morocco 936
Islands 934		21/04-28/04	IO9ROTA: special callsign 927
till 17/04	3B8/SP2JMR and 3B8/SP2JMB: Mauritius	21/04-06/05	JT1AWN, JT1AGO, JT1LU, JT1ZP: Mongolia
Island (AF-049) 927		22/04	ZF2ZB: Cayman Islands (NA-016) 933
till 17/04	OZ/DO1BEN: Lolland Island (EU-029) 935	22/04-24/04	5W8A and 5W0DW: Samoa (OC-097) 929
till 17/04	S79UCX: Seychelles 935	22/04-27/04	KH8/N9YU: American Samoa 929
till 20/04	KG4CN: Guantamo Bay (NA-015) 930	24/04-27/04	TC57A: special event station (Turkey) 935
till 21/04	XU7MDY: Cambodia 935	25/04	MM0BQI/p: Lunga Island (EU-108) 925
till 24/04	8P6DR: Barbados (NA-021) 933	27/04-29/04	3D2AD and 3D2DW: Fiji Islands 929
till 24/04	PA30EPC: special callsign 931	29/04-05/05	T30M and T30DW: Western Kiribati 929
till 28/04	H44MS: Solomon Islands 923	29/04-03/05	JD1BLK and JD1BLY: Ogasawara (AS-031) 933
till 30/04	OE100M: special event station 931	April DU: Philippines tour * by MOGHQ 933	ZW8BBC: Ilha das Canarias (SA-072) 935
till April	OD5/IV3YIM: Lebanon 915	01/05-15/05	
till April	VK2LNX and VK2FSNJ: Maatsuyker Island (OC-	01/05-12/05	OZ/I2AE/p: Danish islands tour 933
233) 909		02/05-05/05	PE25KP: special callsign 933
till April	VQ9JC: Diego Garcia (AF-006) 921	02/05-12/05	JD1BMT: Ogasawara (AS-031) 933
till April	ZS8T: Marion Island (AF-021) 925	04/05	JD1BMH: Ogasawara (AS-031) 933
till 05/05	5X1NH: Uganda 931	08/05-16/05	3D2AD and 3D2DW: Fiji Islands 929
till 31/05	XL, XN, XM, XO: special prefixes (Canada) 934	10/05-11/05	9A0CI: Vela Palagruza Island (EU-090) 929
till June	5X4X: Uganda 923	16/05-20/06	SX2CM: special callsign (Greece) 927
till June	AP2AHSF: Pakistan 929	20/05-24/05	ZK2V: Niue (OC-040) 923
till 02/07	TT8CF: Chad 930	24/05-25/05	TK/IZ5FDD and TK/IW5ELA: Corsica 935
till 24/07	5N0OCH and 5N0EME: Nigeria 933	30/05-06/06	SX2CM: special callsign (Greece) 927
till 31/07	HG160FNY and HA160: special event station and	(EU-090) 931	9A/OE3WGC and 9A/OE3ZK: Palagruza Island
prefixes 935		30/05-06/02	
till 31/08	LY1000: special prefix 924	May	IL7G: Tremiti Islands (EU-050) 933
till 31/08	VR2/F4BKV: Hong Kong Island (AS-006) 908	10/06-15/06	MM0RAI/p: Rockall (EU-189) 935
till September	LZ8WHST and LZ17ARDF: special event stations	13/06-28/06	ZY0F: Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) 929
till 30/11	FT5WO: Crozet Islands (AF-008) 916	19/06-05/07	IY1GMN: special event station 931
till November	HFOAPAS: South Shetlands (AN-010) 921	20/06-21/06	5J0M: San Andres (NA-033) 911
till November	OD5/W5YFN: Lebanon 915	27/06-28/06	SX2MT: special event station 931
till 31/12	9A09P: special event station 932	05/07-07/07	SX2MT: special event station 931
till 31/12	9A48IFATCA: special event station 926	22/07-29/07	SX2CM: special callsign (Greece) 927
till 31/12	9A800VZ: special event callsign 933	23/07-05/08	V31UR and V31WL: Caye Caulker (NA-073) 915
till 31/12	GB250RB: special event call (Scotland) 925	27/07-27/07	KL7RRC: Ogluiga Island (NA-233) 935
till 31/12	GB40WAB: special callsign 922	27/07-29/07	MM0NDX/p: St. Kilda Islands (EU-059) 915
till 31/12	HE8 and HB8: special prefixes (Switzerland)	31/07-11/08	OY/IW4BLZ: Faroe Islands 935
921		07/10-14/10	TF/IW4BLZ: Iceland 935
till 31/12	IA3GM: special callsign 927	Island (NA-063) 925	N0TG/CY0, WA4DAN/CY0, AA4VK/CY0 Sable
till 31/12	II2RAI: special callsign 924	09/10-19/10	K4M: Midway Island (OC-030) 935
till 31/12	Z30MCWG: special callsign 928	19/10-17/11	VK7ACG: Tasmania (OC-006) 929
12/04-21/04	9A/VE3ZIK: Croatia 935	22/10-09/11	P29NI: OC-102, OC-231, OC-205 * by G3KHZ
12/04-13/04	E21IZC/p: Lipe Island (AS-126) 935		

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

April 16 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.