

The Hertzian Herald



Off The KUF:

Having been re-elected for a second term as President, I'd like to thank the other 2nd term members of the board (see meeting minutes for detail) for their willingness to support me for another year. My mission remains essentially unchanged from last year (make the hobby fun and somewhere you WANT to be), and my goal is to increase opportunities for involvement of the board and of the membership in general.

Many of you have heard me say (more than once) that having four weeks in February seemed such a waste, and that two of those weeks should be relocated to June where we would make better use of them. I find myself now forced to rethink those words as THIS month of February has come on stronger than a "March Lion". I find myself thinking that a few extra weeks in February (although certainly NOT from June) would come in quite handy right now.

With the Muskrat Run on Feb 13th, MCRCA meeting on Feb 18th, and the one day Technician license class on Feb 27th, on top of a busy HS Basketball schedule, I've not had a problem coming up with things to do on the weekends.

Many hours have been spent (with more to come) on getting prepared to teach the Technician Class license course material. I've set my sights on a 100% passing percentage (as a stretch goal) for those that will be taking the license exam immediately following the course. Being the first time for me teaching the material, 100% is certainly a lofty goal ... but one worth shooting for none the less. You'll certainly hear me bragging next month if we manage to meet that challenge.

As I'm writing this article, we still have a week to go before the Muskrat Run. I am coordinating the communications support efforts this year on behalf of our Emergency Coordinator (EC) Jerry WB7RUM who has decided to make a trial run for the next stage of his retirement in the sunny south. Hopefully the weather will cooperate (by not being an arctic blast as has been the case in the past), and things will go smoothly (as they mostly do). Certainly there will be more detail next month.

February's MCRCA meeting will be held on Feb 18th. Usual time, usual place. Paul W8PI and Dale WA8EFK will be teaming up on a presentation entitled HF-101 (or whatever catchy title they come up with). The presentation will cover operating below 30MHz (the HF bands), and includes useful information on equipment, antennas, tips, techniques, modes, methods, and I expect a pinch of madness thrown in for good measure. The presentation will prove very useful if you are a newer ham, and may serve to reground you if you are an old timer that's been around the amateur block a couple dozen times.

As you surely know by now, the rules for meeting attendance are:

- 1: All weapons of mass embarrassment MUST be checked at the door and,
- 2: All who are willing to have a good time are welcome

I hope to see YOU at the meeting

Mike - N8KUF 2010 President - MCRCA

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MCRCA Minutes:

January 21, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm, by Mike N8KUF
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Introductions: no new members or upgrades or guests

PROGRAM: Election of officers

BREAK

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Fred KA8EBI, Brenda KB8KQC and Nick AF8CS

50/50: Nick AF8CS donated his winnings to the scholarship

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 N8RWI, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Paul reported that there is some out there but not much, 160m contest last weekend of January, ARRL CW DX contest February 20-21 and the Phone contest 2 weeks later March 6-7th. E51WWB is on Isl. Pacific.

CLASSES: One Day class February 27th 9:00am to 3:00pm Bedford Gov't center corner of Dean and Jackman roads. Contact Rita WB8FBG if you plan on coming.

TESTING: Next session February 20th.

ARPS: Muskrat run Saturday Feb. 13th meet at Red Cross 9:30 am or 9:45 at park. Race starts at 10:30 am.

RRRA: Dundee remote needs upgrade (pl on repeater) First Saturday in May is annual Repeater Assoc meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Club should send Grat Gray's family a thank you note for their donation to the club.

NEW BUSINESS: Election of officers. A motion was made by Bill WB8ULF and supported by Neal KA8PQH to accept the slate as written (same as last year). Motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNED: sometime between 8:00 pm and midnight.

ATTENDANCE: 16

Nick	AF8CS	Mike	K8MLH
Fred	KA8EBI	Neil	KA8PQH
Brenda	KB8KQC	Terry	KC8RQI
Wes	KC8SKP	Joseph	KD8AAK
Mike	N8KUF	John	N8RWI
Paul	W8PI	Dale	WA8EFK
Rita	WB8FBG	Bill	WB8JAI
Bill	WB8ULF	John	KC8CRK

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

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Hertzian Herald

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Public Relations

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

School Liaison

Eric Worstell KC8QAH

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

Become an Amateur Radio operator in one day

Saturday, February 27, 9 am to 3 pm

Bedford Township Government Center
8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI

The Monroe County Radio Communications Assn. will be holding a *one-day*, amateur radio license class Saturday, February 27, 2010. The class will begin at 9 am and last until 3 pm. Immediately after the class, you will take the Technician Class license exam.

Pre-study is encouraged! You don't need to be an electronics genius to get your ham radio license in one day, but you will increase your chances of passing the test if you read through our study guide beforehand. You can download a PDF file of the study guide for no charge (at www.kb6nu.com/2006techstudyguide.pdf). Printed versions of the study guide can be purchased for \$13 at www.booklocker.com/books/3408.html.

There is a license examination fee of \$15, payable when you take the test. Two forms of photo ID are also required to take the test.

For more information, or to register, contact: Rita Baker, WB8FBG,
734-289-2023 or wb8fbg@chartermi.net

2010 ARRL Contest Calendar

February	20-21 ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
March	6-7 International DX Contest - (Phone)
June	12-14 ARRL June VHF QSO Party 19 Kids Day 26 ARRL Field Day
July	10-11 IARU HF World Championships
August	7-8 ARRL UHF Contest 21-22 ARRL 10 GHz and up Contest
September	11-13 ARRL September VHF QSO Party 18-19 ARRL 10 GHz and up Contest
November	6-8 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW) 20-22 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
December	3-5 ARRL 160 Meter Contest 11-12 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

Livonia Amateur Radio Club

Swap-n-Shop February 21, 2010

<http://www.livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>

Talk-In: 145.35 (PL 100)

Contact: Doris Kelterborn,
KD8DXJPO Box 51532
Livonia, MI 48151-0532
Phone: 734-941-5043
Email: president@livoniaarc.com

Livonia, MI

Civic Park Senior Center
[15218 Farmington Road](#)

Get to know the club members questionnaire:

Rita Baker WB8FBG

History:

How did you first learn about Amateur Radio?

Originally from my father. Then finally Husband, Allen Baker - W8TZZ and N8RE, helped me get into it.

How old were you or in what year? Allen, W8TZZ, N8RE - helped in 1969. Joe Sterling gave me my Novice test.

What were your first impressions? It looked like fun. And to please husband.

Did you become involved in AR right away or later? Right away.

Which modes did you use? Mostly CW and then SSB on 80.

Did you build your own equipment? What kind? At first I had a DX 37 $\frac{1}{2}$. Allen had modified the DX 35. Later we had a Heathkit HW100 and eventually receiver HX 1680 and transmitter HX 1681.

Did you join any clubs? What were they like? Memories remember only the good times in the clubs and activities. The MCRCA and Saturday luncheons at the Old Bennett Red Cross Bldg.

Did you help anyone else get into AR? A few, thru classes.

Are they still active in AR? Some are.

When did you join the MCRCA? Several times, dues did lapse.

Have you ever been an officer of the club? Which and when? Yes - President and lots of times Secretary or treasurer. Currently a trustee of the club station. Also active in the RRRRA, ARPSC and TMRA.

Have you held any other call signs? When? Yep. Novice back in 1969 - WN8FBG. Some one saw my call sign at Dayton and commented it had prestige cuz it shows i had to have known CW at one time.

For you lifers, what do you think of the changes over the years? Equipment has become so complicated that very few hams can repair their equipment any more. As husband, Al, used to say - we are now appliance operators.

Now:

How much time do you spend involved with AR? Doing What? It seems that Public Service has become my life. Nets, net control and liaison times take up most of my operating time.

Which is your favorite mode of operation? Why? I guess, it is 2 M because the other rigs are not hooked to the vertical antenna.

Do you remember your first contact? Where from? No, yet I do remember a few early friends that I made on Novice CW which continued onto the General band on SSB 80M. Joe Wing, K8AMU called me several times to remind me to ID when we talked too long. :)

What was your most memorable QSO? Well, it wasn't a QSO as such - I sent a CW CQ on Novice 15M and heard the tail end of my signal when I switched back to receive. It had gone around the world. A long delayed echo. Really neat.

Have you ever done RDF or Foxhunting? Nick AF8CS, and I did a variation of this with the scouts at the fair grounds. As a young lady said, 'Hide and Seek'.

Have you ever built an antenna or a kit? Yes, - a Heathkit Calculator and a power Supply and some boards in the Heathkits.

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Do you have a station at home? What bands? Well, it needs to be rehooked to the antenna. IF I get off my duff - it will be on 80 thru 10. There is also a mobile Yeasu used for 2M hooked to a Ringo Ranger.

Were you on the air today? Yes, traffic net and picked up a message for Temeperance.

Do you go to hamfests? How often? Just a few. Dayton, TMRA and work the Monroe Hamfest.

Have you been involved in any public service during a disaster? When? Back in 1971/72 during the flooding. The last time water came up with in 5 minutes and we barely got the cars out. Then we worked at the Jefferson shelter. Also during the Comair crash I helped for almost a week.

Do you have any interesting stories about your involvement in AR? A QLF contest at Monroe County Community College during a hamfest - People were getting used to the contests and several hams had become quite proficient at it. A Ringer was entered one time, who was very upset when he lost.

The text was from "JABBERWOCKY" which caused quite a bit of confusion on spelling. The text reader had to almost spell all the words to those who could not read it themselves.

What do you like about AR? What do you dislike? AR brings so many different types of people together. Someone is almost always knowledgeable about interesting subjects. Then to, there are those who bring a 11M mentality into the ranks.

What changes would you like to see in AR? Less complicated gear.

What would you like to learn more about in AR? A very good question. Unfortunately, I have no answer.

What programs would you like to see at the MCRCA meetings? There is a video in the radio room dealing with how antennas radiate. We have enough new people that it might be time to show it again.

Thanks to Rita for responding to my Questinaire. I hope this will be a regular column for the Hertzian Herald. Next month will be Dale WA8EFK.

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

NAME: _____ CALL: _____

ADRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

Programs I'd like to see:

Yes, I would like to join the MCRCA. Regular dues \$10.00
Additional family members \$5.00 each. Amount paid: _____

I would also like to join the River Raisin Repeater Association
RRRA Dues \$20.00 each. Amount paid to RRRA: _____

Send to: MCRCA, PO Box 237, Monroe, MI 48161
RRRA form will be forwarded to RRRA.



Ham radio's roll expanding in Haiti

Amateur radio's effort to assist in earthquake ravaged Haiti continues to expand.

Amateur Radio Newsline's Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, has more:

The role being played by radio amateurs in post quake relief efforts is far from over. This with word through the ARRL that Doug Lapin, K1OY, and the Dominican Radio Club's team returned there earlier this past week to install another repeater which will serve as a major upgrade to the system.

There are two fixed sites at the Dominican Embassy and the UN Logistics Base. The system is used primarily by the Dominican Red Cross. Lapin and the Dominican group were to be in Haiti for two days and hoped come back the following week to upgrade the power plant.

Lapin says that he attended a recent United Nations weekly status meeting where was deluged with requests by the UN and others to use the network. He notes that there are still severe communications problems in Haiti, especially as more aid organizations get organized.

Meantime, Julio Ripoll, WD4R, reports that the University of Miami Hospital's Amateur Radio teams have been very busy passing messages between Florida, the hospital ship Comfort, and around the airport in Haiti. He notes that the University of Miami Hospital's hams have also been put to work repairing radio and medical equipment for other relief groups.

Ripoll says that landline communications are still down and that cell phone service is "only about 80%. And says Ripoll, the latter is only in the immediate area of Haiti's main airport.

Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF

SKYWARN 2010

presented by

Monroe County
Office of Emergency Management

and

The National Weather Service

February 24, 2010

7 - 9 PM

Meyer Theater

La-Z-Boy Center of Monroe County Community College
1555 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe Michigan 48161

Monroe County is offering Skywarn Spotter training free of charge to anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested in being trained in severe weather identification, protection, and reporting procedures. Unique Skywarn Spotter identification codes are issued to all who complete the program. Certified Spotters may report severe weather events directly to the National Weather Service and local public safety agencies. Trained Spotters are an important component of the severe weather warning process.

Due to limited space, PREREGISTRATION is REQUIRED. Please reserve your spot today!

http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/emailform/skywarn_registration.html

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 13/02	J5NAR: Guinea-Bissau (incl. AF-093)	975
till 13/02	Z21DXI: Zimbabwe	978
till 14/02	C21DL and C21YL: Nauru (OC-031)	979
till 14/02	JD1BMV and JD1BNB: Ogasawara (AS-031)	975
till 14/02	JM1YGG/JD1 and JA2ZL/JD1: Ogasawara (AS-031)	
till 14/02	KP2/VA3QSL: US Virgin Islands (NA-106)	978
till 14/02	XK1RST: Yukon	979
till 15/02	E51WWB: Manihiki (OC-014), North Cooks	976
till 15/02	JD1BMM: Minami Torishima (OC-073)	971
till 15/02	PJ4/N4RR and PJ4R: Bonaire (SA-006)	979
till 15/02	XU7AFU: Cambodia	975
till 16/02	5W00U and 5W0YA: Samoa (OC-097)	979
till 16/02	T88SM and T88HS: Koror Island (OC-009), Palau	
till 16/02	XU7KOH: Koh Russei (AS-133)	979
till 18/02	C6ABB: Bahamas (NA-001)	979
till 19/02	BA4DW/4: Changxing Island (AS-136)	979
till 19/02	H40FK: Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu	969
till 19/02	H40FN: Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu	969
till 19/02	H40MS: Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu	974
till 20/02	KC4USV: McMurdo Station, Ross Island (AN-011)	
till 22/02	9Y4/DF8AN: Tobago (SA-009)	979
till 23/02	6V7V: Senegal	980
till 23/02	J38XX: Grenada	977
till 23/02	V31SU: Belize	978
till 24/02	HC1MD: Ecuador - Rick Dorsch	NE8Z
till 24/02	TX4T: Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia	975
till 25/02	5Z0H: Kenya	975
till 25/02	OR4TN: Antarctic base "Princess Elisabeth"	977
till 28/02	V31YN and V31GW: Belize	976
till 01/03	PH50YA: special callsign	976
till 02/03	V31RI: Belize	980
till 03/03	J37BO and J38A: Grenada	979
till 20/03	5X1NH: Uganda	975
till 26/03	XR9JA: South Shetlands (AN-010)	979
till 27/03	PJ5NA: St. Eustatius (NA-145)	974
till 31/03	6W2SC (Senegal) and J5UAP (Guinea-Bissau)	975
till 31/03	J79XBI: Dominica (NA-101)	975
till 31/03	VG, VX, XJ, XK: special prefixes (Canada)	978
till 31/03	VG7G: special callsign	963
till March	FG/F6AUS and TO4D: Guadeloupe (NA-102)	967
till March	PJ4/PE1MAE: Bonaire (SA-006)	973
till March	VP6AL: Pitcairn Island (OC-044)	968
till 30/04	C6ANM: Bahamas (NA-001)	974
till 30/04	PI65RTD, PA65xx, PD65xx, PH65xx: special callsigns	977
till April	T6AG: Afghanistan	964
till 11/05	5Z4/LA9PF (Kenya) and 7Q7PF (Malawi)	980
till May	VK9WBM: Willis Island (OC-007)	970
till 30/06	3ZOFCH: special event station (Poland)	975
till 30/06	GB50ATG: special event callsign	957
till 12/07	ZS10WCS: special callsign	956
till 31/12	3ZORADIO: special event callsign	974
till 31/12	DR2010L, DR2010O, DR2010N: special callsigns	977
till 31/12	HA2010S: special callsign	976
till 31/12	LM50NRK: special event station	976
till 31/01/11	DT8A: King Sejong Base, South Shetlands (AN-010)	977
till March 2011	AT10BP: Maitri Base, Antarctica	967
13/02-28/02	TM7AAW: special callsign (France)	977
14/02-20/02	VK8MM: Groote Eylandt (OC-141)	979
15/02-22/02	C6AKQ, C6APG, C6ARU, C6AUM: Grand Bahama (NA-080)	980
15/02-28/02	IU2ANT: special callsign (Italy)	977
16/02-08/03	HS0ZJF: Thailand	975
16/02-25/02	YN2WW, YN2DD, YN2TX, YN2LJ: Nicaragua	
17/02-24/02	9H3TX: Malta (EU-023)	980
17/02-20/02	E51WWA: Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks	975
17/02-24/02	KP2/K3CT, KP2/K3TEJ, KP2M: Virgin Islands (NA-106)	980
17/02-23/02	V31RR: Belize	980
17/02-10/03	ZK3: Tokelau (OC-048) * by N7OU and W7YAQ	
18/02-01/03	6V7T: Senegal	980
18/02-26/02	CN2MR: Morocco	979
18/02-15/03	J88DR: St. Vincent (NA-109)	980
18/02-24/02	VP5/K6VVA and VP5Z: Caicos Islands (NA-002)	
18/02-22/02	YN26Y: Nicaragua	980
19/02-23/02	XU7KOH: Koh Russei (AS-133)	979
20/02-20/04	H44MS: Solomon Islands	974
20/02-05/03	HI3/IK4QJF: Dominican Republic	979
20/02-27/02	VK9X/G6AY: Christmas Island (OC-002)	963
21/02-25/02	S21DX: St Martin's Island (AS-127)	969
21/02-28/02	ZF2MN/ZF8: Little Cayman Island (NA-016)	
22/02-06/03	9U1KI, 9U1RSI, 9U1VO, 9UXEV: Burundi	979
22/02-03/03	V88/DL7JAN: Brunei (OC-088)	973
24/02-28/02	9M2/OE1WWL: Langkawi Island (AS-058)	979
24/02-11/03	J7N: Dominica (NA-101)	979
24/02-17/03	SV5/DJ7RJ: Dodecanese (EU-001)	975
24/02-08/03	TO2T: Guadeloupe (NA-102)	979
24/02-03/03	V31JZ/p: Turneffe Islands (NA-123)	977
28/02-13/03	VP2MPR: Montserrat (NA-103)	973
02/03-11/03	J68JA: St. Lucia (NA-108)	971
03/03-11/03	VP2MPL: Montserrat (NA-103)	973
04/03-09/03	YN2EA, YN2MG, YN2TKI, YN2UO: Nicaragua	
05/03-24/03	C56KR: The Gambia	971
05/03-16/03	J6/G3PJT: St. Lucia (NA-108)	979
10/03-17/03	VP2MCC: Montserrat (NA-103)	977
11/03-15/03	5W00U and 5W0YA: Samoa (OC-097)	979
12/03-20/03	TM7CC: Ouessant Island (EU-065)	980
12/03-23/03	ZL4TY and ZL4M: Stewart Island (OC-203)	971
16/03-25/03	CE0Z/LA9SN: Juan Fernandez (SA-005)	977
17/03-20/04	T32: OC-279, OC-280, OC-281 and OC-282	980
21/03-29/03	EJ8GQB: Bere Island (EU-121)	979
26/03-31/03	VY0V: East Pen Island (NA-231)	975
31/03-07/04	MJ/OP9X/p: Les Minquiers (EU-099)	973
03/04-11/04	YI9PSE: Iraq	973
10/04-18/04	3W6C: Con Co Island (AS-185)	959
April	3COC: Annobon Island (AF-039)	978

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.

2010 Schedule:

February 20	April 17
June 19	August 21
October 16	December 18

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

February 18th 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.