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ON the AIR with **K8MLH**



The final MCRCA Foxhunt of the 2011 season is now history. On Saturday, October 22nd we had 5 hunters in 3 teams hunt for Mike, N8KUF and Dale, WA8EFK as they found a great location downtown Monroe for their lair. Rita, WB8FBG and Mike, K8MLH found the fox in the shortest distance - 3.7 miles. Second place was Paul, W8PI at 4.6 miles and third was Fred, KA8EBI and Brenda, KB8KQC with 5.6 miles. Our foxes placed the transmitter at the base of a tree then went across the street dressed in coveralls with brooms in hand acted as city workers cleaning up the pavilion. GREAT job guys!!!

The top 4 place holders for the foxhunting season are: Mike, N8KUF, Dale, WA8EFK, Paul, W8PI and Mike, K8MLH each with 24 points - a 4-way tie for first place!!! Time to put away the hunting equipment until next year - better get it all fixed up and tuned up ready for the first hunt for 2012. Just 6 months from now - May we will start again! Come out and join the fun!!

It is hard to believe how fast time is travelling. It seems that summer just started last week and now it is time for the nasty white stuff to start flying again - won't even use that 4 letter word yet. But it is coming and soon. Make sure you are prepared for it at your home, in your vehicle, at your work, wherever you will be. Be ready to lend a hand to neighbors and friends as necessary.

I attended an Emergency Coordinator's meeting at the National Weather Service in White Lake this past Saturday. They are predicting a colder and wetter winter this year compared to the average. They reviewed this past year and reported that we were slightly busier than in previous years, but with less catastrophic events. Support for the weather nets is much appreciated. If you are not a member of the Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) - which includes our Skywarn Spotters, please consider joining today.

The MCRCA also supports the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). Current members of these organizations will be contacted in the near future to review and update information currently on file. Anyone who was not previously a member but is interested in becoming a member should contact me so we can get our members credentialed and trained to support our served agencies in times of emergencies or just to provide communications during one of their events. Watch for more on this in the coming months.

We will see you at the meeting Thursday night.

73, Mike Hall - K8MLH

MCRCA 2011 President



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MCRCA Minutes:

October 20, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm, by Mike K8MLH

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: One new member N8DXR no upgrades or guests.

PROGRAM: Video

BREAK

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Mike K8MLH, Clarence KA8OAR, Rita WB8FBG

50/50: John N8RWI donated to club

MINUTES: Motion by Mike N8KUF, supported by Rita WB8FBG, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by John N8RWI, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: By Tom KG8P DX is improving on 10 and 12 meters contacts with 1-5 watts possible. T32C very active in South Pacific, 3XY1D Guinea South Africa, TX7M Marquesas Isl., VK9CX Cocos Keeling Islands, CQ World Wide DX Contest in November.

CLASSES: Toledo classes canceled. Two hams from Toledo went to the Sandusky Extra class and passed.

TESTING: Next session December 17th.

FOX HUNT: Saturday, October 22nd 9am Red Cross

ARPSC: Mike K8MLH reported that the S.E.T. went very well this year. Rita reported that the Boy Scouts did very well and earned their Merit Badges.

RRRA: Mike N8KUF announced that a couple of the satellite links are down but the system is functioning OK.

OLD BUSINESS: Paul W8PI is planning the 70th anniversary party to be held in early December.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Spook patrol in Dundee Monday the 31st meet at Wendy's at 4:30pm, trick-or-treat runs 5:30 to 7:00pm, 146.46 simplex.

ADJOURNED: 8:29 pm

ATTENDANCE: 13

Nick	AF8CS	Mike	K8MLH
Fred	KA8EBI	Clarence	KA8OAR
Neil	KA8PQH	Brenda	KB8KQC
Wes	KC8SKP	Tom	KG8P
Mike	N8KUF	John	N8RWI
Paul	W8PI	Rita	WB8FBG
John	N8DXR		



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Rita Baker WB8FBG

Club Station

Rita Baker WB8FBG

DX Net

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Field Day

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Finance

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Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

Field Day 2011 Results

It is now November and the 2011 Field Day results are now official and published in QST. MCRCRA participated in Field Day once again this year and due to the efforts of our stalwart operators, we finished very well both nationally and in Michigan section.

Weather and band conditions were decent this year, no rain during operations.

As usual we operated in class 2A, which means we had two transmitters on the air using gasoline powered generators. All the antennas were installed at the site, Vienna Park, on the day of Field Day, tents and campers set up, generators tested and transmissions started somewhere about 2:00 PM, give or take a bit. Using the call sign W8PI we had one transmitter on phone bands and the second on CW bands. A special third transmitter called a GOTA (Get On The Air) station using the call sign W8DWL was also used by those operators that were new to the hobby and/or have not been on the air recently. This year we also had an extra station on the VHF bands which gave us some additional points. The VHF station did not count against our 2A classification due to new rule changes this year.

After 24 hours of non-stop operations we made 1,714 contacts combined both with phone and CW. This placed us in the first place for class 2A in the Michigan section, with a total of 6,322 points. In the 16 years that I have been keeping records of MCRCRA Field Day operations, this was our second best year. 2002 was best year and in 2007 the worst year. This year we had 30 people work Field Day. It really takes lots of work to keep on the air for 24 hours, so we need to have more operators ready for next year. Hopefully we can have some operator training classes at club meetings before the next field day.

Nationally, there were 2,666 club/individual entrants in the Field Day operations, with 37,765 amateurs working these stations. In the Michigan section we had 92 stations on the air. Many of these groups had up to 14 transmitters on the air simultaneously. In the Michigan section we placed number 7 overall even against the bigger clubs with many more operators and transmitters. On a country wide basis, MCRCRA placed in the top 6 % nationally or out of the 2,666 entrants we were 172.



N8UAS & N8VGC



K8SB & W8PI

Now we have to start thinking of how we can do even better next year. The more members we can get to help out with Field Day, the better we can finish. Remember, even if you do not want to operate one of the stations, there are plenty of other ways to help with this extremely fun program in your club. We always need help with putting up and taking down antennas and equipment, working the public service table, showing the non-amateurs that stop by the Field Day site how amateur radio actually works, and most importantly helping with the food for the operation.

Hope to see everyone again next year at Field Day 2012, the last weekend of June. Thanks to everyone that helped with Field Day to make this one of the club's most successful events.

Paul Trouten W8PI

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Michigan QSO Party

Sponsored by the
Mad River Radio Club



This Certifies That Station

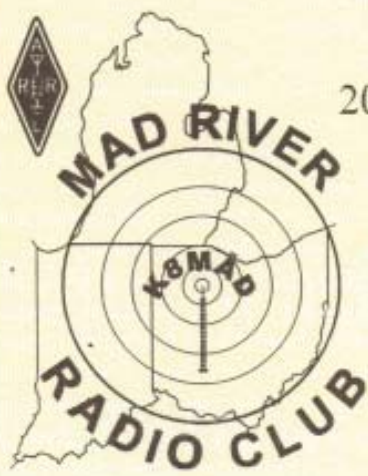
W8DWL

Has Achieved

**Top Single Operator
Monroe County**

In the

2011 Michigan QSO Party



Mr. J. Van Buren W D8S
Contest Chairman

Clay - K8MM
President

VE7NH 04/11



2011 MCRCA Foxhunt Scorecard

Name Call Sign	Points Total	Hunt 1 5/14/11		Hunt 2 6/11/11		Hunt 3 7/23/11		Hunt 4 8/27/11		Hunt 5 9/24/11		Hunt 6 10/22/11	
		Miles	Points	Miles	Points	Miles	Points	Miles	Points	Miles	Points	Miles	Points
Mike N8KUF	24	Fox	3	6.7	4	8.7	3	8.2	4	5.7	7	Fox	3
Dale WA8EFK	24	Fox	3	6.7	4	8.7	3	8.2	4	5.7	7	Fox	3
Paul W8PI	24			6	7	Fox	3	7	7	Fox	3	4.6	4
Mike K8MLH	24	6.7	7	Fox	3	7.8	4			9.5	3	3.7	7
Fred KA8EBI	17	9.9	4	7.1	3			Fox	3	9.1	4	5.6	3
Brenda KB8KQC	17	9.9	4	7.1	3			Fox	3	9.1	4	5.6	3
Rita WB8FBG	10			Fox	3							3.7	7
Shiela K8AJ	7					6.4	7						
Tom K8TB	7					6.4	7						
Tom KB8PAI	5			19.6	2			9.9	3				
Jeanne KB8TAT	5			19.6	2			9.9	3				
John N8RWI	4									9.1	4		
Ben KD8QVG	3									9.5	3		
John KD8NTR	2			19.6	2								
Frank's Son	1					DNF	1						
Frank N8UAS	1					DNF	1						
Missing Hunter	0	This is where the score belongs for all of those who have not come out to join the fun.											

		# of players each month					
Place	Points	5	10	8	7	8	7
Fox	3						
1st	7						
2nd	4						
3rd	3						
4th & up	2						
DNF	1						



Its Party Time!!

Any good old excuse for a party, eh? Well, we have three of them. We have the golden opportunity to celebrate three Ham Radio related events early in December.

First, the River Raisin Repeater Association was notified by ARRL that the group is celebrating 25 years of ARRL affiliation. Secondly, 2011 is the Monroe County Radio Communications Assn's 70th anniversary. And, the Repeater Association celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

To commemorate these three events, both groups will team up and we will be enjoying dinner and entertainment on Friday December 2 beginning at 7:00 PM. The event will be held at "The Links on Lake Erie", located at 14727 Laplance Road, Monroe, MI 48161-3873. Doors will open at 7:00 PM.

This celebration is open to **members and their significant others**. Selected community leaders have been invited to join us as well. Costs? You can't beat the price: Ø, zip, nada. There will be a cash bar as well. Please RSVP to ka8ebi@yahoo.com or 734-652-3843, so we have an accurate count of those attending. We do need to provide The Links with an accurate head count. The due date for your RSVP is November 23.

Don't miss W8PI's MCRCA History talk, we'll also take a look down memory lane for the Repeater Association as well. There will be some commemorative awards, and doubtlessly some well deserved "roastings".

Don't miss it - it's better than a free lunch!



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)

till 05/11	HR9/AI5P: Roatan Island (NA-057)	till 30/04/12	VK0TH: Macquarie Island (AN-005)
till 05/11	V47JA: St. Kitts (NA-104)	till 20/09/12	YT16ARDF and YU16ARDF: special
till 06/11	AH0/AB2RF: Mariana Islands	callsigns	1062
till 06/11	HF36POL: special event station	till 20/09/12	YT16IARU and YU16IARU: special
till 06/11	TM44RT: special event station	callsigns	1062
(France)	1069	05/11-10/11	GP0STH: Guernsey (EU-114)
till 07/11	VK7ZX: King Island (OC-233)	05/11-19/11	K4E: special event station
till 08/11	EA6/HA6PS and EA6/HA7JJS:	(Puerto Rico)	1069
Balearic Islands (EU-004)	1069	05/11-06/11	N3QQ/p and KE7V/p: Waadah Island
till 08/11	EA6/HA7PL and EA6/HA6PJ:	(NA-169)	1070
Balearic Islands (EU-004)	1069	05/11-06/11	PY7GK and PY7VI: Itamaraca
till 09/11	3D2A and 3D2T: Fiji	Island (SA-046)	1070
till 09/11	PJ4J: Bonaire (SA-006)	05/11-07/11	VK9CM: Cocos-Keeling (OC-003)
till 09/11	PJ7X, PJ7NK, PJ7J: Sint Maarten	06/11-25/11	FG/DK9PY: Guadeloupe (NA-102)
(NA-105)	1033	07/11-21/11	8P9MS, 8P9DL, 8P9HP: Barbados
till 09/11	VE2/JA8BMK and VE7MID/VE2: Zone	(NA-021)	1070
till 09/11	VK9CX: Cocos (Keeling) Islands	07/11-12/11	XF1C: Coronados Island (NA-165)
(OC-003)	1066	08/11-11/11	VK9XM: Christmas Island (OC-002)
till 11/11	6V7Q: Senegal	08/11-22/11	ZD8ZZ and ZD8F: Ascension Island
till 11/11	CE0Y/LA5UF: Easter Island	(AF-003)	1070
till 11/11	PJ7/K4UWH and PJ7/W4BUW	11/11-08/12	T2T: Tuvalu (OC-015)
till 11/11	TU2T: Cote d'Ivoire	11/11-17/11	YB26SEAG: special event station
till 12/11	8Q7CC: Maldives (AS-013)	13/11-04/12	PJ5/DL7VOG: Sint Eustatius (NA-
till 13/11	7Q7GM: Malawi	145)	1070
till 13/11	8Q7EJ: Maldives (AS-013)	14/11-24/11	9N7MD: Nepal
till 13/11	A52DL and A52VM: Bhutan	15/11-17/12	5R8IC: Sainte-Marie Island (AF-
till 13/11	HG5BNV: special event station	090)	1070
till 16/11	VP9KF: Bermuda (NA-005)	16/11-29/02	OR4TN: Antarctica (Princess
till 21/11	9A20V: special callsign	Elisabeth station)	1070
till 23/11	7Q7HB: Malawi	17/11-25/11	7Z7AA: Jabal Al Lith (AS-191)
till 30/11	7U1MA: special callsign	17/11-30/11	FS/F5AHO: Saint Martin (NA-105)
till 30/11	8J1MORSE: special callsign	17/11-30/11	PJ7/F5AHO: Sint Maarten (NA-105)
till 30/11	HB9STEVE: special callsign	18/11-06/12	VP2MGO, VP2MWT, VP2MTA:
till 30/11	IR3MD: special callsign	Montserrat (NA-103)	1069
till 30/11	R300ML: special station	18/11-06/12	VP2MTL, VP2MOR, VP2MWG:
till 30/11	T5/TA1AMC: Somalia	Montserrat (NA-103)	1069
till 30/11	VE3FRST: special callsign	19/11-20/11	FS/F5AHO/p: Tintamarre Island
till November	9Q6CC: Democratic Republic of	(NA-199)	1067
the Congo	1017	20/11-29/11	C50C and C5A: The Gambia
till 12/12	XV2RZ: Vietnam	20/11-23/11	CE4A: Pupuya Island (SA-095)
till 20/12	ZK2V: Niue (OC-040)	21/11-02/12	ZD8N: Ascension Island (AF-003)
till 23/12	TT8PK: Chad	21/11-29/11	ZD8W and ZD8X: Ascension Island
till 31/12	BP100: special callsign	(AF-003)	1069
till 31/12	BV100: special callsign	22/11-04/12	9LOW: Banana Island (AF-037)
till 31/12	CW5RV: special callsign	23/11-28/11	TK/DJ2MX, TK/DJ4MZ, TK/DK4YJ, TK/
till 31/12	CY0/VE1AWW: Sable Island (NA-	DK5TX: Corsica (EU-014)	1065
063)	1065	23/11-28/11	TK/DK9TN, TK/DL2MLU, TK/DL6RAI:
till 31/12	GB65ISWL: special callsign	Corsica (EU-014)	1065
till 31/12	HB60LU: special event callsign	24/11-13/12	PJ2/PA0VDV: Curacao (SA-099)
(Switzerland)	1029	24/11-28/11	V26K: Antigua (NA-100)
till 31/12	HG15IPA: special callsign	26/11-27/11	FS/F5AHO/p: Tintamarre Island
till 31/12	HG200LST: special event callsign	(NA-199)	1067
till 31/12	IA7MM: special event station	November	CE9VPM: Antarctica (Presidente
till 31/12	II1ITA, II5ITA, II0ITA: special	Videla Base)	1069
callsigns	1022	November	PJ4/PE1MAE: Bonaire (SA-006)
till 31/12	II1TO: special callsign	November	SU/HA3JB: Egypt
till 31/12	II4LXV: special event callsign	November	VK100ARV: special callsign
till 31/12	PD04ISLE: Tiengemeten Island	02/12-07/12	GJ6UW: Jersey (EU-013)
(EU-146)	1043	04/12-11/12	6W/AA1AC: Senegal
till 31/12	PI30ETL: special event callsign	04/12-12/12	J6: St Lucia (NA-108)
till 31/12	RI1ANC: Antarctica (Vostok	19/12-04/01/12	5V7MA: Togo
Station)	1019	19/12-31/12	E51AND: Rarotonga (OC-013),
till 15/02/12	ZS7KX: Antarctica (SANA E IV	South Cooks	
Base)	1066		

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.

2011 Schedule:

February 19	April 16
June 18	August 20
October 15	December 17

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 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.