

The Hertzian Herald



ON the AIR with **K8MLH**



Happy New Year to all MCRCA Club members. I hope that each of you and your families had a great Christmas and a wonderful start to 2012. I am looking forward to another interesting year of amateur radio in Monroe County and in the MCRCA.

Last month in this article I said, "It won't be long before we get our first serious snow of the year - perhaps even before you get to read this newsletter or before our next meeting." I won't make that mistake again (although I do hear it is supposed to sock us the next few days). We have yet to have seen any serious snow, but if the National Weather Service is correct in saying that we are going to have a "wetter and colder" season, we have LOTS of making up to do. I still advise that you make sure that you have your snow blower (along with a FRESH tank of gas) and/or shovel ready, the ice melt for the walkways and the emergency kit for your automobile staged. On the radio front, make sure you have spare batteries all charged up. If you have an electrical generator verify you have enough FRESH gas and all the electrical connections to get the electricity to the load you intend to power. Winter surely will come (??), so make sure you are ready.

Last Thursday night at our ARPSC meeting we distributed and reviewed an updated draft of the Code of Conduct. One last comment was received has been incorporated. That document will be ready for signature for all members next month. Also another document called the "Monroe County ARPSC Requirements" was distributed and discussed. This describes the qualifications of the 5 levels of ARPSC members and the requirements to maintain each position. More registration forms continue to be received. Please consider joining us to get the ARPSC active and growing again so we can provide superior service to our served agencies. Our next monthly meeting will be February 2nd. Listen for additional information as that date approaches.

News from our section Manager, Larry Camp, WB8R: The Michigan Section of the ARRL will be presenting a Ham Radio Club Leadership Workshop at the Red Cross building in Ann Arbor. The purpose of the workshop is to assist hams who are in or aspire to be in a leadership position of some sort within their club, emergency preparedness organization or within the ARRL. We welcome hams from anywhere who would like to attend. I have attached a flyer with detailed information.

I will have copies of the flyer available at the meeting Thursday night for those who are interested. I am looking forward to this workshop.

We will see you at the meeting Thursday night.

73, Mike Hall - K8MLH MCRCA 2011 President

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MCRCA Minutes:

December 15, 2011

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: No new members, upgrades or guests.

MINUTES: Motion by Mike N8KUF, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Bill KC8KFY, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

TESTING: Next session Saturday, December 17th.

FOX HUNT: May 2012

ARPSC: Mike K8MLH will be sending letters asking if people want to join the ARPSC. Next meeting will be January 5th, 2012 at the Red Cross, and will continue every month on the first Thursday of every month.

RRRA: Dale announced everything is working OK.

OLD BUSINESS: January is election month.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANOUNCEMENTS: Dale asked for help loading and removing amateur radio equipment, donated to the club, this Saturday at 9 am in Petersburg.

ADJOURNED: 8:47 pm

PROGRAM: Christmas Party

ATTENDANCE: 15

Nick	AF8CS	Mike	K8MLH	Fred	KA8EBI
Neil	KA8PQH	Brenda	KB8KQC	Jeff	KB8ZRX
Linda	KC8IRB	Peter	KC8AZZ	Bill	KC8KFY
Wes	KC8SKP	John	N8DXR	Mike	N8KUF
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Happy
New Year!

Committees

Classes

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Club Station

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DX Net

Olimpio Varsogea WB8SEZ

Field Day

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Finance

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HamFest

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School Liaison

open

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

Membership Dues

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.

Membership / Change of Address Form

2012 is the 71st year for the Monroe County Radio Communications Association. We invite you to join in the fun! Membership is a real bargain. Dues are \$10.00 annually for a regular membership or the SUPER BARGAIN — "*FAMILY MEMBERSHIP*" where the first family member pays \$10.00 and all other family members pay only \$5.00. **WHAT A DEAL!** How do you join? Fill out the form below and send it with a check or money order to the return address listed below.

NAME: _____ CALLSIGN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

RENEWAL [] ADDRESS CHANGE [] NEW or 5+ YEAR LAPSE []

FAMILY [] ARRL MEMBER [] RRRRA MEMBER []

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS _____

SEND TO:

M.C.R.C.A.
PO BOX 237
MONROE, MI 48161-0237



Ham Dog

During a recent trip my wife and I were on, we drove around the back woods of East Texas. On one back road I saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty style house: "Talking Dog for Sale." Well I needed a break so I stopped to see what the deal was. I went into the backyard and saw a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" I asked.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

Well after I got over the shock of hearing a dog talk, I asked "So, what's your story?"

"Ah shucks there ain't much to tell. Is that a VUU screwdriver antenna on your truck out there?"

"How did you know that?" I asked.

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I'm a ham radio operator. I got my Ticket when I was a young pup and in no time at all I had my 5 band DXCC on Phone and CW. The CIA heard about me and asked me to do some spy work for them. I would hang around the communications centers and with my keen hearing, I could copy the transmissions. Because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping, I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years." Copying high speed CW all day really tired me out and I knew I wasn't getting any younger, so I decided to settle down. I retired from the CIA (8 dog years is 56 CIA years) and joined a ham radio club. In fact I won first place in the Oklahoma QSO Party two years in a row. Then I had a mess of puppies and got away from Ham Radio for a while. I sure miss my radio. Why don't you buy me and I'll be your CW operator in the Texas QSO Party.

I said, "Let me see what I can do."

I went back in and asked the owner what he wanted for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars, this dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar, he never did any of that stuff. He's just a NO Code Technician."

(Thanks to Tom KG8P for this article.)

HAZEL PARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 46th ANNUAL HAMFEST

Hazel Park High School - 23400 Hughes - Hazel Park, Michigan 48030

January 15, 2012 - 8:00 AM til 12:00 NOON

W8HP - Talk-in 146.640(100hz.pl) D.A.R.T. Repeater

Tables \$15.00 TICKETS \$5.00 Plenty of Free Parking

Vendor Setup : 6AM WITH PAID ADMISSION

Amateur Radio Quiz: As Seen on TV!

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX

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With ham radio getting a little exposure in the form of [Mike Baxter, KA0XTT](#), on the hit ABC comedy [Last Man Standing](#), let's have some fun remembering some other hammy appearances in the media (Thanks to the [AD7DB](#), [KB9MWR](#) and [AC6V](#) websites for the references!).

- 1) Which of the [Munsters](#) sometimes operated a ham radio?
 - a. Lily
 - b. Herman
 - c. Grandpa
 - d. Eddie
- 2) In the movie [Frequency](#), which manufacturer's radio was used?
 - a. Hallicrafters
 - b. EF Johnson
 - c. Heathkit
 - d. Collins
- 3) In the movie [Independence Day](#), military officers used which mode of ham radio?
 - a. SSB
 - b. AM
 - c. CW
 - d. RTT
- 4) What call sign does Ellie Arroway use in [Contact](#)?
 - a. W9GFO
 - b. W9WNV
 - c. W9GFZ
 - d. W9AW
- 5) Who played the ham in the [Twilight Zone](#) episode [The Monsters are Due on Maple Street](#)?
 - a. Leslie Nielsen
 - b. Claude Akins
 - c. Ronald Reagan
 - d. Hedy Lamar
- 6) Doris Day used ham radio to contact "Pop," played by what real-life ham in the movie [The Glass Bottom Boat](#)?
 - a. Andy Devine, WB6RER
 - b. Joe Walsh, WB6ACU
 - c. Barry Goldwater, K7UGA
 - d. Arthur Godfrey, K4LIB

- 7) Which late-night TV show host sponsored a contest between two hams (K7JA and K6CTW) using Morse code and two text-messaging champs?
 - a. David Letterman
 - b. Johnny Carson
 - c. Jay Leno
 - d. Craig Ferguson
- 8) Which comic strip character's girlfriend thought a ham radio license would increase his sex appeal?
 - a. Garfield's owner, John
 - b. Dilbert
 - c. Mark Trail
 - d. BD of *Doonesbury*
- 9) In [The Simpsons](#), which of the following characters does *not* have a ham radio license?
 - a. Principal Skinner
 - b. Homer
 - c. Selma
 - d. Moe
- 10) Which show featured a ham radio phone patch between a soldier and his girlfriend back home?
 - a. [M*A*S*H](#)
 - b. [McHale's Navy](#)
 - c. [Combat!](#)
 - d. [Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.](#)

Bonus Question: Who were the Tennessee Valley Indians?

Answers

- 1) b — Herman used the call sign W2XRL4 or W6XRL4
- 2) c
- 3) c
- 4) a
- 5) b
- 6) d
- 7) c — The episode that aired on May 13, 2005.
- 8) b
- 9) d
- 10) a — Klinger is married to his sweetheart back home by Father Mulcahy via ham radio during the third season

Bonus Answer — Hams used this phrase to refer to TVI phonetically as a sort of code when using AM, because the person whose TV receiver was receiving the interference could understand the detected audio.

Rare Pedestrian Mobile Contact with UK

[Paul Signorelli \(WORW\)](#) on July 26, 2005

This rare contact took place between Monument, Colorado, and Essex, UK. It was the annual gathering of HFPack'ers at the PPRAA Swapfest in Colorado.

Jake, NOLX/Bike Mobile, said he just heard Tom, GOSBW/Pedestrian Mobile, on 18157.5 kHz. I thought it was a joke, the bands seemed dead for the past week. Then Gary (N5ANF/pm) heard him. He was really there! I tried to contact him with my 50W backpack radio and 10-foot whip but he could not hear me.

The Swapfest was being held at the local high school and they had two baseball fields nearby, so I headed for the field. There was no game being played on the field at the time. I heard Tom calling and walked to the focus of the baseball backstop fence, near home plate.

The backstop was about 45 feet high and 'pointed' northeast. Tom heard my call and responded. It was weak but readable. I saw another 30-foot backstop that was 'pointed' in a slightly different direction in a different field and walked over to it; it worked much better.

Tom was able to understand that I was on a Cricket Field. The backstop was a truncated corner reflector and the focus probably gave me +10 dB gain, 500W ERP. (It was kind of like standing in front of the FPS-50 in Clear, Alaska).

Gary, N5ANF, was standing there too and tried to make contact with his QRP pedestrian mobile with a half wave antenna but Tom could just barely hear him in the noise. This baseball backstop is the ultimate HF Pack antenna accessory. The groundskeeper did want to know what was going on.

Tom, GOSBW, added the following comments:

After an afternoon spent with my XYL visiting local gardens I got home in time to dash out to try and catch the last of the 1630Z HF Pack net whilst operating pedestrian mobile. I tried 17m first. This looked promising, as I had heard at my QTH a Mali station, TZ9A some 2000 miles away, running a big pile up on 18160.

I put out a call on 18157.5 and was very surprised to be answered by MIOMRV, Marv in Northern Ireland. He was followed by GM7JOM/M in Scotland who in turn was followed by G7JVG and M3OCE both in the NE of England. This was a new experience for me to work stations 200 to 350 miles away in the UK on 17m. Normally, on this band, I only work UK stations close by on ground wave. Despite hearing the Mali station no one else came back to my calls.

Then, at about 1750Z, I heard "Romeo Whisky", "Mobile" and other interesting words just above the noise level. Eventually I heard my call sign and "Whisky Zero Romeo Whisky." A difficult QSO with Paul followed. At first I did not understand why he was on a sports field — hmmm must be a very talented HF Packer — operating /PM AND playing baseball at the same time! Time to get out my cricket bat, add a coil and some wire and try and add to my DXCC score. Paul was in Colorado some 4500 miles away.

For this Pedestrian Mobile contact, GOSBW, used a Yaesu 817, Tokyo HL-50B amplifier and LDG Z11 autotuner. 50w of SSB to a 12 foot whip antenna. He was in Essex, UK. Thanks to Mark, KIOPF, who took some great pictures of the operation. For more information about pedestrian mobile operation see www.HFPack.com.

Paul, WORW

This article about pedestrian mobile to mobile came from Tom, KG8P and he stated that he had worked both stations in the past few days and found they knew each other.

Thanks to Tom, KG8P for this article.

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 07/01	9XOPY: Rwanda	1076	January	CE2/CX1EK: Chile	1079
till 07/01	CT9/MJOASP: Madeira (AF-014)	1077	January	CE9VPM: Antarctica (Presidente Videla Base)	
till 07/01	JD1BMH: Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara		January	JG8NQJ/JD1: Minami Torishima (OC-073)	
till 07/01	T88XC: Palau (OC-009)	1077	January	OH2FFP/p: Antarctica (Nordenskiold camp)	
till 07/01	TO5G: Ile Royale (SA-020), French Guiana		January	OJ1ABOA: Antarctica (Aboa Station)	
till 08/01	DG8HJ/p: Fehmarn Island (EU-128)		January	PJ4/PE1MAE: Bonaire (SA-006)	1070
till 08/01	T88OW: Koror (OC-009), Palau	1075	January	SM/OH2FFP: Antarctica (Wasa Station)	
till 08/01	T8CW: Palau (OC-009)	1077	January	VU3BPZ: Antarctica (Bharati Station)	
till 08/01	W5GIX: Grand Isle (NA-168)	1078	03/02-17/02	ZK2C: Niue (OC-040)	1063
till 09/01	3D2AG/p: Rotuma (OC-060)	1074	05/02-10/02	TWOF: Futuna Island (OC-118)	
till 09/01	HH2/HB9AMO: Haiti	1073	06/02-07/02	TX6T/p: Mangareva (OC-063), French Polynesia	
till 10/01	A6/VE6LB: Dubai, UAE	1075	08/02-10/02	TX6T: Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia	
till 10/01	VP9/WW3S: Bermuda (NA-005)		09/02	E51BKV: Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks	
till 16/01	V5/DJ2BQ: Namibia	1073	10/02-15/02	E51BKV: Mangaia (OC-159), South Cooks	
till 16/01	V5/DJ2HD: Namibia	1073	11/02-23/02	FWOR: Wallis Island (OC-054)	
till 26/01	J79XB: Dominica (NA-101)	1071	11/02-24/02	H40FN and H40FK: Nendo (OC-100), Temotu Province	1075
till 13/02	9M2MRS: Penang Island (AS-015)	1065	11/02-20/02	V31SG: St George's Island (NA-073)	
till 15/02	ZS7KX: Antarctica (SANAE IV Base)		14/02-21/02	3B9/OE4AAC: Rodrigues Island (AF-017)	
till 29/02	OR4TN: Antarctica (Princess Elisabeth station)		14/02-22/02	8P9VX, 8P9WH, 8P9CS, 8P5Y: Barbados (NA-021)	1077
till February	IIOMZ: Antarctica (Mario Zucchelli Station)		16/02	E51BKV: Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks	
till February	VP8DMH: Halley Stations V and VI (Antarctica)		18/02-25/02	FK/F4BKV: Ouvea (OC-033), New Caledonia	
till 10/03	4S7KKG: Sri Lanka (AS-003)	1075	21/02-29/02	3DAOPW: Swaziland	1078
till March	EA1CYK/p: South Shetlands (Gabriel de Castilla base)		23/02-08/03	8P9CI and 8P9CK: Barbados (NA-021)	
till 30/04	VK0TH: Macquarie Island (AN-005)		26/02	FK/F4BKV: Noumea (OC-032), New Caledonia	
till April	KC4AAC: Palmer Station, Anvers Island (AN-012)		29/02-09/03	9N7FOX: Nepal	1079
till 30/06	5P12EU: special callsign (Denmark)	1069	February	CE2/CX1EK: Chile	1079
till July	TN9SN: Congo	1072	February	CE9VPM: Antarctica (Presidente Videla Base)	
till 20/09	YT16ARDF and YU16ARDF: special callsigns		February	JG8NQJ/JD1: Minami Torishima (OC-073)	
till 20/09	YT16IARU and YU16IARU: special callsigns		February	KH3/W7KFI: Johnston Atoll (OC-023)	
till 31/12	4GOLD: special event call (Philippines)	1079	February	OH2FFP/p: Antarctica (Nordenskiold camp)	
till 31/12	9A20: special prefixes (Croatia)	1078	February	OJ1ABOA: Antarctica (Aboa Station)	
till 31/12	DL150BH: special event station	1079	February	PJ4/PE1MAE: Bonaire (SA-006)	1070
till 31/12	GB80PW: special callsign	1079	February	SM/OH2FFP: Antarctica (Wasa Station)	
07/01-08/01	PJ2N: Curacao (SA-099)	1078	February	T33HA: Banaba (OC-018)	1060
07/01-21/01	TM10E: special call	1079	05/03-18/03	PJ7PT: Sint Maarten (NA-105)	
07/01-08/01	VK3SAT: French Island (OC-136)		08/03-13/03	ZL7/VO1AU: Chatham Islands (OC-038)	
08/01-12/01	HK6PRO/1: Palma Island (SA-078)		10/03-15/03	TX5Q: Clipperton Island (NA-011)	
08/01-22/01	PJ4B: Bonaire (SA-006)	1078	15/03-21/03	3D2YA: Yanqeta Island (OC-156), Fiji	
08/01-16/01	PJ7/IK2QPR: Sint Maarten (NA-105)		16/03-18/03	DM50IOTA: Fehmarn Island (EU-128)	
10/01-16/01	AA8LL/4 and KORMK/4: Cedar Keys (NA-076)		16/03-20/03	JW2XNA and JW8HGA: Spitsbergen (EU-026), Svalbard	1077
11/01-19/01	T88SM, T88CP, T88BI, T88HK: Palau (OC-009)		28/03-10/04	E51M: Manihiki (OC-014), North Cook Islands	
11/01-24/01	YS3/IW2CXJ: El Salvador	1079	March	CE2/CX1EK: Chile	1079
12/01-09/05	9Q7: Democratic Republic of the Congo * by UV5EVJ	1079	March	JG8NQJ/JD1: Minami Torishima (OC-073)	
12/01-23/01	PJ4C: Bonaire (SA-006)	1079	April	CE2/CX1EK: Chile	1079
12/01-26/01	T2HA: Tuvalu (OC-015)	1060	April	JG8NQJ/JD1: Minami Torishima (OC-073)	
14/01-17/01	XU7AEN and XU7HJI: Cambodia		28/06-30/06	K6VVA/KL7: Bethel County group (NA-240)	
14/01-22/01	XU7AVO, XU7CJA, XU7UJR, XU7ARJ: Cambodia		Nov-Dec	KH5: Jarvis Island (OC-081)	
15/01-16/01	TX6T: Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia				
17/01-02/02	T32CO, T32LJ, T32AU: Kiritimati (OC-024)				
17/01-02/02	T32WW, T32TR, T32TX: Kiritimati (OC-024)				
20/01-03/02	6W7SK: Senegal	1079			
20/01-04/02	VP6T: Pitcairn Island (OC-044)				
21/01-08/02	HK0NA: Malpelo Island (SA-007)				
22/01-31/01	TN2T: Congo	1079			
25/01-05/02	8Q7HU: Maldives (AS-013)				
25/01-04/02	FWOR: Wallis Island (OC-054)				
25/01-25/02	II3CV: special event callsign	1077			
27/01-30/01	3D2HA: Fiji	1060			
27/01-29/01	T32XX: Kiritimati (OC-024)	1073			
28/01-05/02	TO4M: Mayotte (AF-027)	1075			
29/01-10/02	HU2DX: El Salvador	1077			
31/01-23/02	T30HA: Western Kiribati (OC-017)				

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.

2012 Schedule:

February 18 April 21
June 16 August 18
October 20 December 15

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

January 19th 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.