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HI EVERYONE:

Summer is over and time for the leaves to fall. But, I think maybe we will still have a few weeks more of somewhat warm weather. Just enough to get things done around the house, before old man winter shows his face.

We have a few things going on, like The Special Event Station on Belle Isle, LARC Nite Out and the Christmas Party. We are starting to get ready for the SWAP next year, and I am looking for some of the members to head up committees. Parking, Kitchen, and helping where you can and when you can.

We are trying to arrange programs for our monthly meeting; we will have one this month Bruno is working on that. And we will have a program for the November meeting also, but nothing for December in lieu of the Christmas Party therefore no meeting that month. Hope that we have a really nice turn out, like we did last year at Dave and Connie Randall's house. Also if you're going to bring a gift, please make it for between 5.00 and 10.00 dollars. This year it will be the guys bring for the guys, and the girls bring for the girls.

Technical Section:

I recently purchased a new Kenwood TS-570D HF rig. One of the features of the new radio is that it has the AM/FM modes. This week, after 30 years in the hobby, I made my first AM contact. The elderly gentleman was in Newaygo, Michigan and is in poor health. The QSO lasted almost an hour, as it seemed he just wanted to talk to someone. I was amazed at the clarity of the AM mode. You won't work any rare DX using this mode, but it is very nice short-range communication.

Because of the bandwidth, my rig reduces the power automatically from 100 watts down to 25 when placed in the AM mode. This bandwidth issue makes AM unpopular with some hams because they claim it is a waste of band space and it is an obsolete mode of communication. The clarity was very noticeable, and interference (QRN) was at a minimum. While most of the users are "old-timers", a few of us new kids (I am 70) just might enjoy the experience. Try it, you just might like it.

Ivan, N8AMT

Budget Basement:

For Sale: New in the Box 17 inch Computer Monitor asking \$20.00 never been used. Sharon KA8SRC 734-427-3934 Call anytime if not home, please leave a message.

If you would like to have your Call Sign embroidered on a Shirt or Jacket, see Ivan Love and he can have it done for you at the cost of 10.00 dollars.

Special Events: Station W8F will be Commemorating the Anniversary of the sinking of the **Edmund Fitzgerald**. We will be operating at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** on Belle Isle November 3 1500 till 2000 UTC (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDST). We hope to have two HF stations. This would give us the possibility of both SSB and CW operations. Our plan is to operate on the 10,15,20,40 and 80 Meter bands. We would appreciate if we have volunteers to operate the HF, 6 and 2 Meter bands either at the site or their QTH throughout the day. I can't see any reason for not operating.

LARC NITE OUT: November 10 from 6:00 p.m. till???
Atlantis Restaurant of Plymouth at 39500 Ann Arbor Rd
\$15.00 per person (non-refundable) with a cash bar. We
must know how many will attend, and the money needs to be
collected at this month's meeting. **On the menu is Broiled
White Fish, Prime Rib and Chicken Marsala.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY: At Judy and John Dellinger, December 14,
2007 starting at 7:00 p.m. till????? Please bring a dish
to pass. John will send out directions to his house
later, when the time gets closer.

MEETING NOTES:

This is our new club web site, and it was set up by the
hard work of **Will Sopha** <http://www.LivoniaARC.com>. It is
really nice, and very up to date with everything going on
in our radio club. Take a look at it, and tell us what
you think especially Will. Thank you Will for all your
hard work, it is really appreciated by the Board and all
the members.

I would like to thank the following VE Members for
assisting me with the Sept.29th VE Session. They were
Will W8USR, Hank KA8TWO, Dick KW8B and Ivan N8AMT. I
would also like to thank Doris KD8DXJ and Sharon KA8SRC
for assisting us. We had three applicants: two tech's and
one extra and they all passed. **Bruno WA8DHP**

There were 15 people at this Saturday's Breakfast October
6, and two of them were not members of our club. One was
a Ham from Atlanta, Georgia by the name of Roger WB4T and
his friend Bob that he was visiting from our area
Plymouth.

They had seen all the antennas on the cars in the parking
lot along with the call signs on the license plates, and
came in asking if we were all hams. We invited them to
join us, which they did and we all had a really nice
visit with them.

We would like at this time to say **Congratulations** to **John Matley K8AZF** on his completion of the CERT program for the City of Livonia.

We also like to say **Happy Anniversary** to Ivan Love and his Wife on 51 years and Bill Pomeroy and his Wife on 56 years of marriage.

Our thought and prayers go out to Rodney Deyo K8SGL, who is now recuperating at home.

We need your **QSL cards**, please bring one to the next meeting. The reason for this is **Dick Harris** is updating our **LARC Christmas Tree**, and he needs them to do this.

Here is a web site that **Ivan Love** told me about. If you want to brush up on your code, or want to learn it this is the site to look at. Ivan said that he was very impressed with it. <http://justlearnmorsecode.com>

Our next meeting is October 22, 2007 Livonia Library @7:30 P.M. Meeting room B and we do have a program this month.

AREA SWAPS:

Saturday October 29, 2007 Great Lakeshores Super Swap
West Ottawa South Campus
3600 152nd Avenue
Holland, MI www.hollandarc.org
Talk-in 147.060 (94.89PL) Sue Seidlman 616-394-9821

Sunday October 28, 2007 U.S.E.C.A.Swap at the Polish American Club
33204 Maple Lane Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI
Talk-in 147.180 (100PL) Bob Hollingsworth 586-716-9114

There will be more in the Newsletter in the coming months, so stay tuned and see what it is.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN