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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Let me introduce myself, especially to those who may not have met me. I'm Mike, N8MR. I've been licensed since 1988 (no I did not get into ham radio because of "Novice Enhancement"), after being an SWL for about six years. I like DXing (especially on 160 Meters), occasional contesting, satellite operating, and digital modes. I am a member of LARC, SEMDXA (South East Michigan DX Association), AMSAT (Amateur Radio Satellite Corp), FISTS (International CW Organization) and ARLHS (Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society). I am past president and past vice president of the Motor City Radio Club. I am a WAZ (Worked All Zones award) QSL card Checkpoint and a member of the Michigan QSO Party committee. My wife, Lynette, K8LCR, and I activate (operate from) Eagle Harbor Lighthouse (Grid EN57 - Keweenaw Peninsula) each August during International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend. I am now President of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club.

Thanks to Sharon, KA8SRC, who has taken care of the club for the past three years. Also, many thanks to Ivan, N8AMT (Vice President), Doris, KD8DXJ (Treasurer), as, KD8DXK (Recording Secretary, Tom, N8LY (Corresponding Secretary) and the rest of the board who volunteered to hold their offices. Their advice and expertise will be invaluable.

Our club will be co-sponsoring a Skywarn training session along with the Livonia

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MICHIGAN QSO PARTY—APRIL 18TH

Make sure you sign up to participate in the Michigan QSO Party which will be held April 18th from noon local time until midnight local time. Please let your president know if you are planning on attending, either as an operator or as an observer. We will be operating from the Livonia EOC from within the Livonia Police Department. We will have a phone (SSB) station and a CW station. Please notify the president or board before April 15th if you plan on attending for any part of the event. Stay as long as you want.

<http://www.MIQP.org>

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CERT. This free training session is open to the public and will be held on Monday, March 30 (the Monday after our general meeting) at 7:00pm in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium. This is valuable training, especially now that we are entering the part of the year with the most active weather.

Next month, our club will be participating in the Michigan QSO Party - a 12-hour event, held on Saturday, April 18th from 12 noon till midnight EDT.

In this event, all Michigan stations are contacted by others across the state, North America and the world. The MiQP (as it is known) is a contest that can be operated as an emergency training event. This year, the LARC will be set up in the Livonia EOC and operating with the help of the Livonia CERT. John, K8AZT, and I have met with Livonia police department personnel to agree on antenna locations and operating positions. We are planning on having a CW station as well as a Phone (SSB) station, both with their own antennas. We are using the event to demonstrate

to the LPD as well as the local CERT team the ability of amateur radio to be an effective means of communication.

You can join in on the fun! Let us know ahead of time that you'd like to participate and we will put your name on a list of people allowed down to the EOC during the event. Participants will need to check in at the front desk of the LPD. You do not need to be present during the entire event. Even if you plan on operating for an hour or two, or to stopping by to see how we're doing, you'll need to be on that list. So pass your name along to John, me or one of the board members to get involved in this event.

We are in need of a newsletter editor. If you're interested in helping us get a proper newsletter going, please let me know.

This month's meeting will be held March 23rd @ 7:30 at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Lynette and I will be giving a presentation on activating lighthouses. If you have any suggestions for presentations, please let me know.

73,

Mike, N8MR

THIS MONTH ON THE AIR

March 2009

10-10 Int. Mobile Contest 0001Z-2359Z, Mar 21
 BARTG HF RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 23
 Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 21 to 1200Z, Mar 22 QRP
 Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 23
 CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 28 to 2400Z, Mar 29

April 2009

Missouri QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 4 to 2400Z, Apr 5
 Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 11 to 2359Z, Apr 12
 TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 18
 Estonia Open HF Championship 0500Z-0859Z, Apr 18

Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19
 Europe Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 18
 Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 18 to 1800Z, Apr 19 Y
 YU (Serbia) DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 18 to 1700Z, Apr 19
 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Apr 20
 SP (Poland) DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26
 QRP to the Field 1500Z, Apr 25 to 0300Z, Apr 26
 Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 25 to 2159Z, Apr 26
 Nebraska QSO Party 1700Z, Apr 25 to 1700Z, Apr 26

HANDY WEB SITES

Local Hams in your Neighborhood

<http://hams.mapmash.com/hammap.php>

National Weather Service Detroit

<http://www.orh.noaa.gov/dtx>

Logging Programs

<http://www.n3fjp.com>

<http://www.logger32.net/>

Amateur Radio Reference

<http://www.ac6v.com/>

Antennas

<http://www.pi4cc.nl/link/bc.htm>

<http://www.cebik.com/radio.html>

<http://www.w8ji.com>

Contests And DX

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

<http://www.ng3k.com/>

DX Spots

<http://www.dxsummit.fi/>

International Call Look-Up

<http://www.qrz.com>

Mega ConverterWeb Page

<http://www.megaconverter.com/mega2>

Aurora Activity Map

<http://www.solarcycle24.com/>

R A D A R

<http://www.qsl.net/wr8dar>

Repeaters Frequencies Charts, and Maps

<http://www.geocities.com/usrepeaters>

<http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/>

There are more links on the club web site:

<http://www.livoniaarc.com/links.html>

UPCOMING SWAPS

April 18

Milford Swap N Shop

Milford High School 2380 Milford Rd, Highland, MI Talk In 145.49 -

(67Hz PL) back up Freq 146.55 Simplex

May 15-16-17

Dayton Hamfest

Hara Arena Dayton, OH

Talk In 146.940

June 7

Chelsea Radio Swap n Shop

Chelsea Fairgrounds 20501 Old US Highway 12 Talk In 145.450 (PL100)

June 20

Midland Swap

Midland, MI

Talk In 146.72/12

June 21

Monroe Hamfest

Monroe Cty Fairgrounds

M-50 at Raisinville Rd. (2 Miles west of Monroe)