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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The annual Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 4th, at the residence of John, KN8B, and Judy Dellinger. Please RSVP by November 27th. An e-mail was sent out to all LARC members with John's contact information. Give them a call and let them know what "dish to pass" you are planning on bringing.

Thanks to all who showed up at LARC Night Out on November 14th. Twenty seven members showed up for the largest LARC Night Out in several years. It was our first time at G. Subu, and the food was excellent. Members lingered to chat till 8:30pm. Thanks to Bruno for suggesting that restaurant and to Doris for handling the business end.

November 7th was our annual special event station at Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, commemorating the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. The annual event was held in conjunction with the N8F and K8F special event stations at Whitefish Point, put on by the Stu Rockafellow Club. I'm not certain of the total number of contacts we made, but the bands seemed a little better this year. There were definitely more visitors and it certainly was a glorious day for setting up antennas and operating. We also had a news crew there from the Detroit News. You can see their work at the web site below (uses Flash Player): <http://apps.detnews.com/apps/multimedia/includes/featuredvideo.php?id=3912> Thanks to Bruno, WA8DHP, John, K8AZT, Tas, K8TAS, Doris, KD8DXJ, Lynette, K8LCR, Jerry, W8WQU, Stan, N8SP and his wife Patty for stopping by, helping and fielding questions from the visitors. Photos of the event are on the last page of this newsletter.

CERT participation - On Saturday, November 14th, Wayne County set up a clinic for dispensing H1N1 vaccine at Schoolcraft College. CERT was asked to provide support for the 10,000+ people they anticipated for the event. The Livonia Amateur Radio Club answered the call and Bob, WX8YZ, Bill, KD8KTF, Lynette K8LCR and I volunteered to help maintain an orderly line, run communications, provide assistance and answer questions. It was a worthwhile effort and our participation was very much appreciated.

Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were e-mailed to everyone on the roster. We have incorporated all the suggestions from the October meeting into documents that we will be voting on at the November 23rd meeting. Please be sure to attend so that we can pass some of these needed changes.

John, KN8B and Dick, KW8B, know of several young people who would love to get their amateur radio Technician licenses. We are in the planning stages of a Technician-in-a-Day class, to be held sometime in early 2010. The class will be

followed by a VE-administered exam session. If you are interested in either planning or teaching part of the class, please let me know.

The 39th LARC Swap-N-Shop will be held February 21, 2010 at the Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center. We are starting to contact vendors for the event. If you have a vendor in mind that you think would be interested in setting up at our swap, please let us know.

Dues for 2010 are due in January, but you don't have to wait till then to pay. We will be accepting dues payments at the November meeting.

We've decided to change the format of the weekly LARC 2-Meter Net to make it more conducive to discussion. Tune in to the net each Thursday at 8pm on the Livonia repeater, 145.35, and let us know what you think. And check into the net on Thanksgiving evening and get a certificate.

Is your roster information correct and current? Please take a look at the roster on the LARC's Yahoo Group and let us know.

This month's presenter will be James, W8ISS, who will be talking about operating on the microwave bands.

73,

Mike, N8MR

PRB-1 Michigan Developments

From: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary
November 16, 2009

PRB-1: The ARRL Michigan Section PRB1 Committee would like to announce some developments in our efforts to get the PRB-1 exemption codified into Michigan Law. Representative Steve Lindberg, N8UZP, (D-Marquette) forwarded our proposed bill, the Michigan Emergency Communications Preservation Act to the Legislative Services Bureau to be drafted into the proper language for submission to the House.

The Bill has now been given the proper form, a new title and has been submitted to the Committee for Inter-Governmental and Regional Affairs, with Representative Lindberg as Sponsor. It is now known as House Bill # 5556, an amendment to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. How did the Bill become a Zoning Act? Representative Lindberg felt that our proposed bill was in fact a Zoning Act versus a Communications Act. His plan is to modify an existing law, the Michigan Zoning Enabling

Act. The Michigan PRB-1 Committee and your Section Manager discussed this and determined that we would enthusiastically support Rep. Lindberg's strategy. The Bill now also includes a "height clause" (i.e. if we stay below the specified height, local governments would not be allowed to challenge it except in unusual circumstances). A copy of Bill 5556 can be found at <http://www.prb1michigan.org/id17.html>.

It is the PRB1 Committee's intention to introduce a similar bill through the Michigan Senate. We are currently seeking support from several potential Senate Sponsors. Should you have a solid connection with your Senator, we ask you to consider working directly with us to solicit the Senator's support for our Bill. If you would like to tackle this approach, please contact PRB-1 Committee Project Manager Len Todd, N8AGS, at n8ags@arrl.net. The process of getting PRB-1 codified is a long and involved one, but we are making headway. If you'd like to lend your services to the effort or to make a supporting contribution, please contact Len, N8AGS at the address above.

PLANS: In the discussion phase right now is a plan for the ARRL Michigan Section to host some advanced training sessions. Our initial look is at some amateur radio --related microprocessor applications. This would include some easily programmed micros which can be readily applied to specific uses. At this point, we need to get a feel of the level of interest this may produce. Please let me know if you would like to attend such a class. (WA8EFK@ARRL.NET) Location and dates will be set after we determine the level of interest and put the class lesson plan together.

NCVEC to Release New Technician Question Pool in January

From: The ARRL Letter for November 19, 2009

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) is due to release the new Technician class (Element 2) question pool to the 14 VECs on December 1, 2009; it will be released to the public in January 2010. Each question pool for the three Amateur Radio license classes -- Technician, General and Amateur Extra -- is reviewed on a four-year rotation. This new Technician class pool will become effective on July 1, 2010.

THIS MONTH ON THE AIR

Contests & Special Events

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW - 0000z, Nov 28 to 2400z, Nov 29

ARRL 160-Meter Contest, CW - 2200z, Dec. 4 to 1600z, Dec. 6.

TARA RTTY Melee - 0000z - 2400z, Dec. 5

ARRL 10-Meter Contest (CW and SSB) - 0000z, Dec. 12 to 2400z, Dec 13

International Naval Contest - 1600z, Dec. 12 to 1559z, Dec. 13

OK DX RTTY Contest - 0000z - 2400z, Dec. 19

RAC Winter Contest - 0000z - 2359z, Dec. 19

ARLHS Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party - 0001z, Dec. 19 to 2359z, Jan. 3

South Dakota QSO Party - 0000z to 2400z, Dec. 26

Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge, 160M CW - 1500z, Dec 26 to 1500z, Dec 27

ARRL Straight Key Night, CW - 0000z to 2359z, Jan 1

ARRL RTTY Roundup - 1800z, Jan. 2 to 2359z, Jan 3

DX

VK9XX - Christmas Island - Nov 21 to Dec 5; 160 - 10 Meters; SSB, CW and digital; QSL via DL1RTL, buro or LoTW

K2V - Virgin Islands - Dec 2 to Dec 14; 160 - 6 Meters; SSB, CW and digital; QSL via K7WZB

VP2V - British Virgin Islands - Dec 4 to Dec 16; 160 - 10 Meters; CW only; QSL via W3HQ

VP9/AA1AC - Bermuda - Dec 6 to Dec 12; QSL via AA1AC, buro or direct

E51PMR - South Cook Islands - Dec 6 to Dec 13; 160 - 10 Meters; SSB, CW and digital; Focus on low bands; QSL via TBA

JD1BLY (JI5RPT) and JD1BMH (JG7PSJ) - Ogasawara - Dec 27 to Jan 1; 160 - 10 Meters; SSB, CW and digital; QSL JD1 calls via buro or direct via home calls

Antarctic - Now to Spring 2010; Check 14.070, 14.188, 14.203, 14.243 and 21.032 from 1600z for activity. Several bases will be active throughout our fall/winter/spring.

The week before the **CQWW DX CW Contest** is also a good time to look for DX, as the various stations set up for the contest. These stations do appear on SSB and even digital during the week before the contest.

There's always more DX than those listed here. The sun is finally starting to wake up and there are more sunspots. Tune across 10, 12 and 15 Meters during the day and early evening for some surprises.

UPCOMING SWAPS

Dec 6

L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club
L'Anse Creuse High School, Mount Clemens, MI;
Talk-In: 147.08 (PL 100); <http://www.n8lc.org>

Jan 17

Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club
Hazel Park High School, Hazel Park, MI; Talk-In:
146.64 (PL 100); <http://hparc.org/swap/>

Feb 21

Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Civic Park Seniors Center , Livonia, MI; Talk-In:
145.35 (PL 100);
<http://www.livoniaarc.com/Swap.htm>

2009 EDMUND FITZGERALD SPECIAL EVENT

