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The Livonia Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, who says lightning can't strike in the same place twice. Following in the footsteps of the July meeting, the September meeting just happened to be on a day when the power went out in the Livonia Civic Center Library. Though, this time, we had to cancel the meeting entirely. This set our timeline back a month, read on regarding the important dates that are approaching fast.

LARC Night Out is November 14th at G.Subu Leather Bottle, 20300 Farmington Road (between 7 Mile and 8 Mile Roads) in Livonia. We need to have RSVP and payments by the October 26th meeting. Cost of the dinner is \$15 per person, with a cash bar.

Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were e-mailed to everyone on the roster. We will be discussing the changes and voting on them at the October 26th meeting. Please be sure to attend so that we can pass some of these needed changes.

November 7th is our annual special event station, commemorating the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. This event is held in conjunction with the N8F and K8F special event stations at Whitefish Point, put on by the Stu Rockafellow Club. Our Special Events Coordinator, Bruno, WA8DHP, has the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle reserved for us once again to set up and operate from 1500 UTC to 2000UTC. Why not stop by and help us set up or operate? And Dossin is a great museum to walk through on operator breaks. Sign up sheet will be at the October 26th meeting.

The annual Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 4th, at the residence of John, KN8B, and his wife. Further details will be furnished by John shortly, so QRX.

On September 22nd, the Livonia YMCA contacted our club about providing comms for their annual Rival Run, which took place October 3rd. Despite the short notice, the rain and this being the first time the LARC by itself had provided comms for a race like this, our club proved once again that hams are stellar in our ability to gather and disseminate information. I would like to personally thank Ivan - N8AMT, John - K8AZT, Jerry - W8WQU, Rodney - K8SGL and Lynette - K8LCR for taking time out of their weekend to help the organizers of the Rival Run keep track of the participants. The lead organizer, Michelle, commended us for our effort and was impressed by our inherent capability to efficiently disseminate information. Thanks to all of you for making the Livonia Amateur Radio Club shine.

On Saturday, October 10th, John Mathey, K8AZT, and I once again set up a portable QRP station in Rotary Park, using John's K1 QRP rig, a G5RV dipole, and

cell battery and solar cell. And again, we had a blast operating DX into Europe with only 4 watts maximum power output. John and I will plan on having more similar outdoor setups in 2010.

The 39th LARC Swap-N-Shop will be held February 10, 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.

The month of October ushers in the "contesting season," which starts with the CQ WW DX Phone Contest (which was this past weekend) and ends at the end of March with the CQ WW WPX Phone Contest. Those of us who are working on our DXCC, U.S. state or CQ Zone counts can use this period to get in some QSOs with a captive audience. Often times, relatively rare countries and states can be heard and worked before, during and after the contests. Remember that you don't need to actively participate in the contests to contact these stations. Contests provide the opportunity for you to sharpen your communication skills, discover new ways to use your filters, get a few new ones, or simply check out the capabilities of your antenna system. Give it a try.

73,

Mike, N8MR

Former LARC Member, Roman Matuszczak, N8MHN - SK

James Keller, W8WW tells us that Roman Matuszczak, N8MHN, passed away on Saturday, October 17th. His health limited his participation in the club and hobby over the past few years. The Detroit News contained the following information:

Age 87, October 17, 2009. Beloved husband of Emilie. Dearest father of Paula Johnson, Bonnie and Emily Matuszczak. Loving grandfather of Damon Czajkowski, Laura Johnson, Theo Caperon, Leo and Josh Skelly and great grandfather of Paige and Trever Czajkowski and Olive James. Generations Funeral Services.

Four Radio Amateurs Killed in Plane Crash En Route to CQWW Phone Contest

From: The ARRL Letter for October 22, 2009

Just after take-off -- around 6:30 AM on Wednesday, October 21 -- a twin-engine plane carrying four Amateur

Radio operators crashed into the woods, only 250 yards off the end of the runway in Jedburg, South Carolina, about 20 miles northwest of Charleston. The plane -- piloted and owned by Peter Radding, W2GJ -- carried Ed Steeble, K3IXD, Dallas Carter, W3PP, and Randy Hargenrader, K4QO. The four men were on their way to the Bahamas to operate in this weekend's CQ World Wide Phone Contest as C6APR, competing in the Multi/2 category. Radding, of North Charleston, South Carolina, was 69; Steeble, of Summerville, South Carolina was 68; Carter, of Laurel, Delaware, was 67 and Hargenrader, also of Summerville, was 55. All were ARRL members; Radding and Steeble were Life Members. [Click here for more information.](#)

Robert Biss, W8ZA, of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, accompanied Steeble, Carter, Radding and Hargenrader to the Bahamas for the 2008 running of the CQWW SSB Contest.

SumbandilaSat Designated as SO-67

From: AMSAT News Service Bulletin 294.01
AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD.
October 21, 2009

AMSAT's OSCAR Number Coordinator Bill Tynan, W3XO announced he has received an e-mail sent to the AMSAT-NA Board of Directors by Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV, Secretary SA AMSAT requesting that an OSCAR number be allocated to SumbandilaSat.

In the e-mail Hans states that the amateur radio transponder on SumbandilaSat was successfully switched on from the ground by ZS6BPZ during the test phase on Sunday 18 October 2009 and that several QSOs were made through the transponder.

The amateur radio payload on SumbandilaSat was developed by SA AMSAT and incorporated by the University of Stellenbosch into the main payload. The SA AMSAT payload was officially coordinated through the IARU Satellite Frequency Coordination Panel with an uplink of 145.880 and downlink of 435.350 MHz

Bill replied, "Therefore, by the authority vested in me by the AMSAT-NA President, I hereby designate this latest amateur radio satellite as SumbandilaSat Oscar 67 or SO-67. On behalf of AMSAT-NA and the world's amateur radio satellite community I congratulate those responsible for building, testing and launching this new satellite. May it have a long and successful life."

[ANS thanks Bill Tynan, W3XO for the above information]

THIS MONTH ON THE AIR

Contests & Special Events

October 2009

Ukrainian DX Contest, RTTY - 1200z Nov. 7 to 1200z Nov.8.

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW - 2100z, Nov. 7 to 0300z Nov 9

DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest - 1100z-1700z, Nov 8

WAE DX Contest, RTTY - 0000z, Nov 14 to 2359z, Nov 15

JIDX Phone Contest - 0700z, Nov 14 to 1300z, Nov 15

OK/OM DX Contest, CW - 1200z, Nov 14 to 1200z, Nov 15

Kentucky QSO Party - 1400z, Nov 14 to 0200z, Nov 15

CQ-WE Contest - 1900z-2300z, Nov 14 (CW/Digital)
0100z-0500z, Nov 15 (Phone)
1900z-2300z, Nov 15 (Phone)
0100z-0500z, Nov 16 (CW/Digital)

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB - 2100z, Nov 21 to 0300z, Nov 23

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

DX

VK7ACG - Australia, Tasmania - Oct 19 to Nov 17; 160 - 10 Meters; Mainly SSB; QSL via G0WFH direct or buro

YJ0CCC - Vanuatu - Oct. 30 to Nov 5 - Focus on 160, 80, 60 Meters; QSL via VK2CCC direct or buro

XR0Y - Easter Is. - Oct. 31 to Nov 15 - QSL via LoTW

FP/KV1J & FP/W8TOM - St Pierre & Miquelon - Nov 7 to Nov 15; 160 - 10 Meters; SSB, CW RTTY, PSK31; QSL via home call direct or buro or LoTW

T30 - West Kiribati - Nov 10 to Nov 16; 60 - 6 Meters; SSB and CW; QSL via N1EMC

D68F - Comoros - Nov 13 to Nov 23; 160 - 10 Meters; Focus on low bands; SSB and CW; QSL via F6AML direct or buro

9G5TT - Ghana - Nov 13 to Nov 27; QSL via I2YSB direct

VP8BUH - Falkland Islands - Nov 14 to Nov 21; Focus on low bands and WARC; SSB and digital; QSL via EB7AEY

FT5WO - Crozet Island - Nov 15 to Nov 23; 20 and 17 Meters; SSB; 0600-1300z 14260-14280 kHz; QSL via F4DYW

A31A - Tonga - Nov 13 to Nov 23; 160 - 10 Meters; Focus on low bands; SSB and CW; QSL via F6AML direct or buro

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

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.

There's always more DX than those listed here.

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>