

THE G.C.A.R.C. WIRELESS



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From The President

Hi all. I'm not sure you're ready for this but Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Yes and after that — Christmas already! Where did the year go? I hope you had a great year of HAMMING. Perhaps you made Field Day, the Tech Classes, Extra Classes, HAMS in the Park or just enjoyed Radioing on your own — I hope you had a great year of Radio.

Nominations were made at the last meeting for next year's officers. Those present at the meeting nominated the same slate of officers currently sitting. IF ANYONE out there has any desire to step up and become an integral part of your club and serve as an officer, please see any one of us and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Our by-laws #3 state that club officers shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum at the annual election meeting held in November. So elections will take place (I'm sure at lightening speed). Food for future thought I would still like to see us have a Special Events Chairman/woman and Equipment Chairman/woman. Lets work to bring our club up a notch.

As published in last month's newsletter, Fred (K8KUZ) is stepping down as Editor of the Wireless Newsletter effective the end of December. We need someone to step up and take a turn at the wheel for the Wireless. Fred and myself will be here to help. No one is alone in any task. Don't forget! We have a net on every Sunday night at 9:00 p.m. Set your alarm clocks! For some strange reason we only had 10 last week and that included the 2 Net Control Coordinators.

Lastly, if you are reading this and have not yet paid your dues — you are delinquent. Please see Frank Philpot to stay in good standing.

Until then — I am out of town for work for our next meeting so I'll see all of you in December.

Roy, W8ROY



On October 28th, State Representative Lindberg introduced state House Bill 5556, a bill to incorporate PRB-1 into Michigan State zoning laws. Now is the time for you to contact your state representative and ask for his or her support of this bill! As of this writing, the bill has not yet been introduced in the State Senate. Contact your State Senator to sponsor this bill in the State Senate. See the article on page 4 for additional information and sample letters.

We still need a new editor for the newsletter. The newsletter is vital to the club, and the job is not difficult! All you need is a keyboard, a couple of ideas, and an hour or so a month!

If you look at several past issues you can see that most of the writing is nothing more than updating the previous month's edition, plus tossing in a few ARRL news items. Very little actual writing is required.

Toys-for-Tots:

Last month I mentioned that I may not be able to attend the November and December meetings, and asked for a volunteer to handle the toys this year. No one bothered to contact me, so I don't know if there will be a toys-for-tots drive this year or not! Shame on this club if not one person is willing to collect a few toys and drop them off at the police station after the December meeting!

Help another club member:

One of the club members, John Jones, KC8THD, needs a ride to and from the club meetings on a monthly basis. John lives in the Thomson Towers on Michigan Avenue, just west of Inkster road. Contact John at: JohnJones1_2000@yahoo.com. Please help him out.

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Garden City Repeater Association
146.860 / 444.725

GCARC Sunday Night Sunday evenings at 9:00 PM, GCARC Repeater, 146.860

Net Control Stations

October 2009

25 Mark N8WFX

November 2009

22 Paul KA8UZE

29 Matt AB8VJ

December 2009

06 Mark N8WFX

13 Paul N8WY

20 Don W8EZL

27 Roy W8ROY

January 2010

03 Paul KA8UZE

10 Matt AB8VJ

17 Mark N8WFX

24 Paul N8WY

31 Don W8EZL

GCARC Sunday Nite Net Check-Ins for October

Sparky	WD8ETX	4*
Don	W8EZL	4*
Ben	K8KV	4*
Allen	KC8QZQ	4*
Paul	KA8UZE	4*
Roy	W8ROY	4*
Mark	N8WFX	4*
Bob	K8WX	4*
Tim	KC8HR	3
Shanon	KA8SPW	3
Chuck	N8WDH	3
Chris	N8FZT	2
James	K8TXW	2
Sean	KA8POZ	2
Paul	N8WY	2
Ray	N8ZU	2
Jim	N8DHC	1
Kim	KBOLVT	1
Aurel	KE8NH	1
Matt	AB8VJ	1
Rich	KC8WDV	1

Total Check-Ins: 56

* Denotes Perfect Attendance.

Net reports submitted by
Ben Haney, K8KV Net
Control Coordinator



Contest Corner

This is a *selected* list; for the full list see the *Contest Corral* in *QST*.

December 12 - 13

Croatian CW Contest, contact: www.hamradio.hr

December 12 - 13

UBA Winter Contest, contact: users.telenet.be/on6ly

December 13

Colorado Snowshoe Run Contact: www.cqc.org/contests/snow2009.htm

December 19

RAC Winter Contest, contact: www.rac.ca

December 19 - January 3

Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party, contact: qrparci.org/contests

December 31

So. Dakota QSO Party. Contact: www.w0blk.org

December 31

ARRL Straight Key Night Contact:

Agenda for the November 17th Meeting

Call to order @ _____ Eastern

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call : _____ members, _____ guests

President's / Special Announcements

Nominations & Elections

Dues

Approval of minutes

Treasurer's report

Old business

Current/Upcoming Classes (Fred)

Club Clothing (**Shanon**)

Inventory and Trailer Disposal (Shanon)

New Business

Upcoming swaps / hamfests (Mat): Open Floor (General Discussion)

Close meeting @ _____ Eastern

50/50 Raffle

Entertainment: TBD

*You may think you can,
or you may think you can't.
Either way, you're right!*

Dues are due !

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

**Garden City Amateur Radio Club
PO Box # 482**

Garden City, Michigan 48135-0482

To avoid the reinstatement fee and continue my club membership

I wish to pay my dues by mail.

Renewal \$ 15.00

Name.....Call Sign.....Date.....



Michigan PRB1 Law

A bill in the Michigan House of representatives (HB-5556) the "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act," was recently introduced by Rep. Lindberg and forwarded to House Committee. If passed, this Bill will help codify PRB-1 into Michigan zoning laws.

The Bill also includes a "height clause" (i.e. if we stay below the specified height, local governments are not allowed to challenge us except in unusual circumstances.) For more information and a link to the Bill, see www.prb1michigan.org.

There is a snag: It has not yet introduced in the State Senate, and we need your help getting this Bill sponsored in the Senate. Contact your State Senator and ask him/her to sponsor this bill in the State Senate.

Now is the time act. Contact your Representative and Senator and him/her to Co-Sponsor the Bill. Their contact information and a sample Contact Letter can be found at: www.prb1michigan.org



WRC-12 Agenda has been set.

For those who may have missed it last September:

The agenda for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) which will be held in January and February of 2012 has been set. Several agenda items are of interest to amateur operators:

Of most interest to amateurs is agenda item 1.23, "to consider an allocation of about 15 kHz in parts of the 415-526.5 kHz band to the amateur service on a secondary basis." We may get a 600 meter band!

Two agenda items hams may have to be concerned about are 1.14, to consider requirements for and the implementation of a radiolocation service (radar) in the band between 30-300 MHz; and item 1.15, to consider possible allocations between 3-50 MHz for oceanographic radar applications.

ARRL Technical Relations Manager Brennan Price feels that "Oceanographic radar is perhaps our biggest defensive issue. Fortunately, its proponents have acknowledged that sharing with Amateur Radio would be problematic."

Stay tuned to see how these three items play out

Membership Dues are Due

See Frank, KE8MM for membership renewals.

Club Calendar

Meeting: November 17th!

Upcoming Dates:

November 17th, Meeting
Election of officers in November
 December 15th, Meeting
 December 23 VE Exam Session

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Happy Birthday

Dan Alli, KC8VNV

Are You on the Birthday List?

Are you on the Birthday List? If not, email your birth month, and the month and year first licensed to k8kuz@aol.com.

Corkboard

Hank Kress, K8KBW has a Hy-Gain Thunderbird up for grabs.

This is a three element tri-bander.

\$150 or make offer.

Contact Hank at 734-397-8174 or at: dadkress@hotmail.com



Near Area Events

Thank You!

On behalf of the staff of the International Friendship Camporee I would like to thank Steve Nelson of the Garden City Amateur Radio Club, for his efforts in bringing Amateur Radio to approximately 200 Scouts and Scouters from the U.S. and Canada that participated in the Camporee in Amhurstburg, Ontario. Steve Nelson operated an HF station from the campground during the Jamboree On The Air weekend in October. He camped with us braving the cold weather and threatening rain. As a result of his efforts, I have several young scouts that have expressed an interest in obtaining their amateur radio license. His great personality and efforts are a credit to him, the Garden City Amateur Radio Club and to Amateur Radio as a whole. Again, thank you!

Scout Deykes

Campfire Chief

International Friendship Camporee

Monitoring Times

Monitoring Times Magazine had an interesting article about Howard Hughes and ham radio in the August 09 issue. If you can find a copy, it's worth reading.

Bob, N8NLI



There are no classes scheduled this month.

Exams

There are five exam sessions scheduled in the near area within the next few months:

Nov 28th, South Lyon ARC 9:00 AM
Dec 1st, Hazel Park ARC, 7:30 PM
Dec 23rd, Garden City ARC, 6:30 PM

For South Lyon exams contact
Christian Anderson
248-437-3088
email K8VJ@ARRL.NET

For Motor City exams contact:
Don Novak at:
734-281-7030
email K8THU@ARRL.NET

For Hazel Park exams contact:
Dee Flint at:
248-981-8145
email N8UZE@ARRL.NET

For Garden City exams contact
Ken Wardell at
734-421-7730
email gsnapsnot@aol.com

All exam sessions allow walk-ins, but **pre-registration is highly recommended**. Pre-registration guarantees an exam will be available for you!

BE A VE!

You got your ticket through the courtesy of the VEs-Teams. Now consider giving something back, join the GCARC VE-Team. Contact Ken Wardell, AB8ZD, at 734-1-7730 to become a member of the

L'Anse Creuse ARC

December 6th
L'Anse Creuse High School
38495 L'Anse Creuse Street
Mount Clemens, MI
Talk-in: 147.080 (PL 100)
Contact:
Marty Folz, K8HVI
586-268-0544
Email: k8hvi@arrl.net

Hazel Park ARC

January 17th
Hazel Park High School
23400 Hughes
Hazel Park, MI
Talk-in: 146.640 (PL 100)
Contact:
Mike VanBuren, WD8S
248-399-7970
Email: WD8S@arrl.net

Livonia Swap-n-Shop

February 21st
Civic Park Seniors Center
15218 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI
Talk-in: 145.35 (PL 100)
Contact:
Doris Kelterborn, KD8DXJ
734-941-5043
Email: President@livoniaarc.com

Monroe County

June 20th
4 Cark Drive
Monroe, MI
Talk-in: 146.72/12
Contact:
Fred VanDaele, KA8EBI
734-242-9487
Email: mcrc.a.org

GCARC Meeting Minutes -- October 20, 2009

Call To Order @ 19:00 EST

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call (28 members, 1 guest)

President's Announcements: None

Last Month's Meeting Minutes Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Read and accepted

Old Business

Club Radio Room: No major changes this month.

Classes: Extra class in progress. Feel free to stop in, join in.

Club Clothing: Second order is in, awaiting arrival.

New Business

Upcoming swaps discussed (USECA 10/25, Lanse Cruese Dec)

Dues for this new year are now overdue. See Frank (KE8MM)

Rich (W8DOW) won the "What the heck is it?" contest, won a soldering iron (courtesy of Bob, N8NLI)

Nominations for officers: the current slate of officers was nominated. Nominations will remain open until the next meeting ... so please volunteer, recommend!!!

Open Floor

Free Press Marathon and Races Next Month. Shanon (KA8SPW) reported on the race.

Some electrical items and a computer were available

DXpedition (Midway) was available last week.

Meeting closed at 17:19 EST

50/50 Raffle: ½ of the \$27 pot won by Mark (N8WFX). Also raffled were a soldering iron and solder (courtesy of Bob, N8NLI).

Immediately after the raffle we enjoyed some refreshments, coffee and doughnuts.

Entertainment was a video on contesting, brought by Chuck (N8WDH).



Not your typical Novice Station

These are the 8 and 12 MHZ CW transmitters at KSM, Point Reyes, California, just north of San Francisco.

Both are 15 kW, and were manufactured by Westinghouse in the 1940's.

Both are still operating in one of the few remaining maritime radiotelegraph stations in the US today.

GCARC Information

The GCARC meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through June, at 7:00 p.m. at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, on Maplewood between Ford Rd and Warren Roads just west of Merriman Road.

The club meets at the Big Boy Restaurant on Ford Road in Garden City every Saturday morning for breakfast at 9 AM. Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to join us.

The GCARC also meets every Sunday night at 9:00 p.m. on the Garden City Repeater (146.860). All licensed amateur operators are welcome to check in.

Scanner owners, monitor 146.860.

Club nets are through the courtesy of the Garden City Repeater Association:

146.860, -600 kHz, PL 100

and

444.725, +5 MHz, PL 107.2

We're on the web at:
WWW.GCARC.NET



Email the club at
GCARC@Live.com

Wayne County

The Wayne County ARES/RACES meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Metro Airport Police Station on Middlebelt Road between the Ford Hanger and the Nomad Building. See net Below and www.wa8eoc.org



Westland RACES

The Westland Races is undergoing reorganization and not currently meeting. For information about Westland Races contact Mark Schultz, N8TUO at:

n8tuo@comcast.net



Local VHF / UHF Nets

Day	Time	Club	Freq.
Daily	22:15	S.E. MI Traffic Net	145.330
Sun	20:00	Ford ARL	145..270
Sun	21:00	Garden City ARC	146.860
Mon	20:00	GM ARC (PL123)	443.075
Tue	21:00	Motor City Radio Club	147.240
Tue	20:00	Stu Rock (2nd Tues of the month)	146.920
Wed	21:00	Wayne County ARPSC/RACES	147.160
Your Favorite Net Here			
If you have a net you'd like to see listed, let us know.			

ARRL Web Surveys

Do you participate in the ARRL Web Surveys on the ARRL homepage?

At the bottom of the survey box you can view the result for both the current survey question, and past questions.

If you've not participated in the past surveys you may find the result of many past surveys interesting. Take a look



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