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Picnic Friday With Meeting to Follow

A Picnic will be this Friday at the Care Break site. Bring the crew and a dish to pass about 6:00 PM and we'll get the meeting going around 7:00. Hot dogs and hamburgers are on the club.

Care Break Sign Ups

Be sure to check the Labor Day signup sheet included in this newsletter. Pick your best times and contact any board member. Or send email to: weirauch@chartermi.net.

From WA8GRI and the August 2009 ARRL Club News letter:

Clubs, by definition, are groups of like-minded people who share a common interest. In reality a club is an eclectic assembly of individuals each with a unique perspective of their activity. The dynamic of a club is no different than that of a large family. Think of your last family get-together and then take a look at your radio club. If everybody was the same, life would be very boring. In every club there is the usual cast of characters that add their distinctive flavors to the stew and make things interesting. It is diversity that makes a club work well. I have seen that no matter how varied the personalities are in a club, most of these personalities are also eager to help.

Helping each other is characteristic of radio amateurs. How often have you experienced something like this: Two hams will be in QSO, perhaps discussing an antenna installation or radio repair when another radio operator will break-in with a helpful suggestion?

This situation may have happened to you or you may have even been the breaking station. The same thing happens (or should happen) at club meetings. If you need help with something the closest resource is your local club. On the surface the club may appear to be dysfunctional, but once you are involved you will find that it is actually very productive.

The Pareto principle, commonly known as the eighty-twenty rule is a simple expression that 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes. As applied in the business world this would be 80% of the sales are driven by 20% of the customers. In a club the percentages may be slightly different but the fact remains that a small percentage of the membership is responsible for making things happen. This is not to suggest that eighty percent of the members do not participate, but without a "sparkplug" some things would never get started. These people are the doers. The doers don't take no for an answer and are always willing to take on more responsibility.

But where is the fun in jump-starting a project without someone telling you it would never work? Of course it would be much more fun without the negative comments but that goes against human nature. Ever since man tried to open a coconut with a rock someone was right beside him offering a thousand excuses why it won't work. "You'll smash your thumb." "The rock will break." "You should invent a wheel and roll it over the coconut." "Let's just eat the bananas." The cynics of the world are an essential part of society, and of our clubs. They challenge us and make us work harder to prove them wrong. Learn to accept these people but never let them distract you from moving forward.

You only get as much from a club as you put into it. A majority of the club bashers tend to be long time hams with a "been there, done that" attitude asking what a club has to offer them for them. To borrow from President John F. Kennedy, "ask what you can do for your club."

Of course we took more than we had to offer when we were younger and inexperienced. But over the years we have gathered knowledge that we can share with the newcomers. Based upon my countless interactions with hams of all levels of experience, the novice has much to offer the old-timer even if it is just reliving the joy of discovery. The local radio club has something for everybody who is willing to get involved.

LABOR DAY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, Sept 4	Saturday, Sept 5	Sunday, Sept 6	Monday, Sept 7
12 – 3 am		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
		Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
3 - 6 am		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
		Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
6 - 9 am				Duane, KD8AUY
9 - 12 noon	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB
	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	
12 - 3 pm		Gordy, KC8YVD		
	Roger, K8DVX	Susie Schram		
3 - 6 pm	Wayne, W7KEH	Gordy, KC8YVD	Lou, W8LPV	Wayne, W7KEH
	Muriel, KD6TVY	Susie Schram	Dave, N8ERL	Muriel, KD6TVY
6 - 9 pm	Gordy, KC8YVD	Lou, W8LPV		Judy, KC8BYI Jeff, KC8BDQ
	Susie Schram		Judy, KC8BYI Jeff, KC8BDQ	
9 - 12 midnight	Rob, KC8IJN	George,N8NPW Minnie		
	Gayle Wright	Mike, KB8PNR	Mike,KB8PNR	

Club Picnic on Friday, Sept 4. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

From K8COF: Thank you Spectrum Firm, Inc.

NARROWBAND MANDATE REMINDER

For Part 90 frequencies between 150 – 174 MHz & 421 – 512 MHz

Important Deadlines

- On January 1, 2011 the following restrictions will be put in place:
 - New system applications must be 12.5 KHz or less.
 - Modifications of existing licenses that expand the authorized contour of a 25 KHz station are prohibited.
 - Manufacturing of new equipment that operates on 25 KHz will be prohibited.
 - The purpose of this interim deadline is to encourage licensees to begin planning and implementing migration to narrowband technology well before January 1, 2013.

- On January 1, 2013 the following restrictions will be put in place:
 - All existing licenses must operate on a 12.5 KHz or less bandwidth channel.
 - This does not necessarily imply that any licensee is guaranteed two 12.5 KHz channels from a previously licensed 25 KHz channel.
 - Licensees must apply for new narrowband licenses or modify existing licenses while justifying channel requirements before this deadline.

For information or assistance with narrowbanding or other spectrum, licensing or related technical services issues, contact Tina Jackson at (858) 484-8502 or tina.jackson@thespectrumfirm.com



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Drop by and visit us in Las Vegas at the APCO conference (booth #637).

We would enjoy meeting you!

For the complete order and details see:

http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-08-127A1.doc

<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/techttopics/techttopics16.html>

General Membership Meeting
American Red Cross Building
August 7, 2009

Meeting called to order by KC8BDQ at 8:15 p.m. with 19 members and guests present. The president made opening remarks, lead in the pledge of allegiance. He announced the upcoming events of club breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and Labor Day Care Break sign-up.

Motion made to accept Don Landeryou KC8PRN into membership by KA8PRX with an immediate second by KC8WZM. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes as presented in to Harmonic newsletter was made by W8LPV and seconded by W8EAB motion carried with KA8PRX voting nay.

Treasurer's Report: Was presented by KC8BYI motion to accept by KC8WZM then seconded by KB8QO. All in favor.

Vice Presidents Report: W8LPV read a letter from Dale Kildee for support of HR21 armature radio bill. No news on the S.V.A.R.A. 501c3 application, will call Lansing. Expressed thanks for support during field day. Eileen is doing well after her third visit at the hospital.

Trailer Committee Report: KC8IJN said that he checked out batteries in the trailer. They are no good.

Old Business: W8LPV read a thank you letter from the Metro youth Day announced that the event will take place on July 14, 2010.

KC8BDQ expressed thanks to those who assisted with Free Fun Day at Bliss Park.

K8DVX express concern over the relay of information within the club. Perhaps work on better e-mail notification.

New Business: Care Break sign-up sheet passed around. Turri race in Flint and Free Fun Day in Saginaw happened on July 25 some participated in both. At radio room clean up it was decided to offer the F.A.A. electronic equipment to the Castle Museum will be delivered by N8XPS.

KA8PRX relayed thanks from N8OSL for KC8YVF, W8EAB, KA8PRX, and KC8AVA responded to the fire at White Oil Co.

KC8YVD won 20.00 in 50/50 drawing

Motion to adjourn made by W8LPV with a second by KC8BDQ dismissed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
August 19, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:54p.m. with KC8YVF, KD8IOK, W8EAB, W8LPV, N8XPS, KC8BDQ, and KC8BYI present.

Presidents Report: No report to present

Vice Presidents Report: Began with the discussed suggestions for presentations to be made at future meetings. W8LPV reported to having ARRL CD ROMs with digitized videos. Good news about our 501c3 status. Packet returned and filed on June 11th. Board signed the conflict of interest resolution statement.

Secretary's Report: Called Sally Schwan at the Castle Museum about our electronic artifact but unable to make contact. A 6 week Technicians license course is planned to be conducted as a Saginaw Township Schools enrichment class by N8XPS. Assisting with testing would be appreciated. W8EAB will be added to Saginaw County VE list.

Treasurer's Report: Approved at General Meeting. Sign - up sheet for Labor Day Care was passed around.

Chairman's Report: Donated tower from Midland has been picked up. Reconditioning of the surface to coordinated. E-mail will be sent to solicit help. Letter of appreciation will be sent thanking for donation. Radio equipment for court house and 911 received. Any wishing to help with Crim race gather at 5:30 a.m. Family Preparedness Day to take place in Chesaning on September 27th with the rain date of October 4th. ARRL SET is set for October 3rd.

KC8YVF asked to prepare an end of year summary.

Old Business: W8LPV would like to see list of current members and presenting possible awards.

KD8AFM will return home before deployment to Iraq.

W8EAB discussed making a list of those whom paid dues and the possible scheduling of bi-annual VE testing.

N8ZPO will return home until being called to active duty.

Motion made by KC8BYI and seconded by W8EAB to adjourn meeting made, passed, and carried out at 8:58p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 8:00 p.m.
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday
following the general membership meeting,
8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting,
8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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